

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND  
CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF  
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS HELD AUGUST 5, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.**

The Board of Navigation and Canal Commissioners of the Brownsville Navigation District of Cameron County, Texas, held a regular meeting on **Monday, August 5, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.** The following individuals were present and absent:

**PRESENT:** John Reed, Chairman  
Sergio Tito Lopez  
Ralph Cowen  
John Wood  
Esteban Guerra

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Eduardo A. Campirano, Port Director and CEO  
Daniel Rentfro Jr., District Counsel  
William J. Irwin, Associate District Counsel

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Donna Eymard  
Ariel Chavez  
Steve Tyndal  
Jaime Martinez  
Chief Carlos Garcia  
Lieutenant Mario Esquivel  
Oscar Garcia  
Lorena Hernandez  
Jose Herrera  
Margie Recio  
Memo Rico

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rev. Andreas Lewis  
Jorge de la Colina  
Jesus Roberto Rodriguez  
Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr.  
Ken Schaefer  
Rita Hernandez  
Joseph Fleishman  
Joanna Kyle  
Sylvia Atkinson  
John Shergold  
Pat Pace  
Beth Pace  
Roberto Ruiz  
Erasmio Castro  
Jim Tipton

Nick Tipton  
Francisco Rendon  
Terry Ray  
Louis Sanchez  
Steve Clark  
Jim Barton  
Jerry McHale  
Nick Serafy  
Ariana Garza  
Prisci Roca Tipton  
Zeke Silva

### **1. Meeting Called To Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Reverend Lewis offered a prayer. The Chairman then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

### **2. Public Audience**

1. Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodriguez addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Dr. Joseph Fleishman addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
3. Dr. Joanna Kyle addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
4. Terry Ray addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
5. Francisco Rendon addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
6. John Shergold addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
7. Ariana Garza addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
8. Pat Pace addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
9. Jerry McHale addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
10. Dr. Rita Hernandez addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
11. Sylvia Atkinson addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.
12. Sen. Eddie Lucio addressed the board regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.

**3. Consideration of and Action to authorizing the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Brownsville Navigation District, Texas A&M University System of Texas and Texas State Technical College on an initiative to develop work force training programs.**

Chairman Reed spoke in favor of the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Brownsville Navigation District, Texas A&M University System of Texas, and Texas State Technical College on an initiative to develop work force training programs. Commissioner Wood then spoke in favor of the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Cowen spoke regarding the Memorandum of Understanding and expressed concerns regarding its terms. Commissioner Lopez spoke in favor of the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Guerra spoke regarding the Memorandum of Understanding and expressed concerns regarding its terms. Discussion followed regarding the proposed workforce training programs, funding for the facility, and the involvement of Texas Southmost College and other entities in the programs. Commissioner Lopez moved to authorize the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Brownsville Navigation District, Texas A&M University System of Texas, and Texas State Technical College on an initiative to develop work force training programs, Commissioner Wood seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 3-2. Chairman Reed, Commissioner Lopez, and Commissioner Wood voted "Aye" and Commissioner Guerra and Commissioner Cowen voted "Nay".

**4. Adjournment.**

Commissioner Wood moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Lopez seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:09 p.m.

ATTEST

Secretary



John Reed  
Chairman of the Board