

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §**

Esteban Guerra, Chairman
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Sergio Tito Lopez, Vice Chairman
John Wood, Commissioner

William Dietrich, Port Director and CEO

**NOTICE OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Brownsville Navigation District will meet on **January 21, 2026**, in the Board Room located at 1000 Foust Road, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas. The Board of Commissioners will convene in a **Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.**

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REGULAR MEETING:

1. Call to Order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Public Audience.

If you wish to address the Board of Commissioners during the Public Audience portion of today's meeting about either an **item on this agenda or other issue**, please print your name and the agenda item or topic of discussion you wish to address on the Sign-In-Sheet located at the Reception Desk.

In accordance with BND Policy, only those persons who have signed up on the list shall be heard. The speaker must limit remarks to three minutes. The Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes for the Public Audience portion of the meeting. Complaints and concerns for which other channels of resolution are provided shall be directed through those channels. If the Chairman of the Board determines that a person has not attempted to resolve a matter administratively, the person shall be directed to the appropriate individual for attempted resolution before bringing the matter to the Board. A complaint against specific employees or officers of the BND shall be heard in a Closed Meeting, as authorized by the *Texas Government Code Title 5 – Sections 551.074(1) and (2)*. If your topic concerns a complaint against a specific employee or officer, please note this on the sign-in sheet. You must make your points on issues in a constructive and courteous fashion pursuant to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

3. Port Monthly Operations Summary Report

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INFORMATION

4. Presentation of District's Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2025. (ZY) 8

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All Consent Agenda Items listed are considered to be routine by the BND Commission and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless at least one BND Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately in the Regular Agenda.

5. Consideration and ACTION on the following Consent Agenda Items:

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 7, 2026. 12

b. Approval to authorize payments over \$25,000. 19

	Vendor	Purpose	Amount	
1.	HDR Engineering, Inc.	Engineering services for the Cargo Dock 15 and 16 Deepening Evaluation project	\$62,372.00	20
2.	Roberto J. Ruiz Architect Inc.	Architectural services related to the Permit Building and Woodfin Building office space renovations	\$55,234.55	22
3.	Russell Marine LLC	Cargo Dock 3 – Phase I & III Demolition and Construction project.	\$2,019,548.95	23

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ACTION ITEMS

6. Consideration and ACTION to approve and authorize payment to the United States Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to the amended Project Partnership Agreement for the Brazos Island Harbor (BIH) Channel Improvement Project. (MM) 39

7. Consideration and ACTION on the Engagement Letters for the Annual Financial Statement Audits of the Brownsville Navigation District and the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the Brownsville Navigation District. (ZY) 42

8. Consideration and ACTION on Assignments, Negotiations, Easements, Subleases, and Contracts in General: (JV)

1.	Luga Petroil, LLC (New Lease)	43
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BIDS/AGREEMENTS/PURCHASES

9. Consideration and ACTION on Renewal of Agreement with Cornerstone 46 Governmental Affairs, Inc. for governmental affairs services in the State of Texas. (WD)
10. Consideration and ACTION on Renewal of Agreement with Akin Gump Strauss 47 Hauer & Feld LLP for federal governmental affairs services to District. (WD)
11. Consideration and ACTION on proposals received for Insurance Consultant Services. 48 (MR)
12. Consideration and ACTION on Joint Funding Agreement with U.S. Geological 50 Survey, of the U.S. Department of the Interior, for calendar years 2026-2028. (MD)
13. Consideration and ACTION to Ratify authorization for staff to advertise for proposals 55 for Unarmed Security Services at the Fishing Harbor. (JR)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Adjourn into Executive Session, as authorized by Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Government Code to discuss with attorneys pending or contemplated litigation, and matters in which the duty of the attorneys under the Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflict with Chapter 551; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (§ 551.072); to deliberate the deployment of security personnel or devices (§551.076); to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (§551.074); and to conduct deliberations regarding economic development negotiations (§551.087).

- 1) Discussion with attorney regarding litigation in Cause No. 2025-DCL-6334-G pending in Cameron County, Texas.

15. Possible ACTION on matters or items discussed in Executive Session.

- 1) Possible action on matters relating to pending litigation in Cause No. 2025-DCL-6334-G.

16. Adjournment.

NOTE: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to discuss any items in Executive Session whenever authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Title 5 of the *Texas Government Code*.

NOTE: The Brownsville Navigation District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the Director of Human Resources by Monday, no later than 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

I certify that a copy of the January 21, 2026 Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville Navigation District Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at the BND Building on January 15, 2026. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the BND's website and can be downloaded by accessing: www.portofbrownsville.com.



William Dietrich, Port Director & CEO
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