

**EAST END DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**June 22, 2023**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the East End District (the “District” or “EED”) met in regular session, open to the public, at 3211 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas 77003 on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. The roll was called for the members of the Board, to-wit:

Position 1	Anna Deans	
Position 2	Blanca Blanco	Secretary
Position 3	Stephen Quezada	Chairman
Position 4	Ann Bacon	
Position 5	Roy Lira	
Position 6	Joe Meppelink	Assistant Treasurer
Position 7	Lani Baker	
Position 8	Jose Valdez	
Position 9	Erik Ibarra	
Position 10	Josue Perez	
Position 11	Taryn Sims	Assistant Secretary
Position 12	Elliot Barner	Vice Chair
Position 13	Chude Chike-Obi	
Position 14	Marjorie Peña	
Position 15	Victoria Macalino	

and all of the above were present except for Directors Deans, Bacon, Lira, Sims, and Barner, thereby establishing a quorum.

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, the District’s President; Dan Joyce, the District’s Vice President; Eva Quiroz, the District’s Administrative Services Manager; Erick Retana, the District’s Director of Operations; Jack Hanagriff, the District’s Railroad Safety and Mobility Coordinator; Sergeant Alvarado and Deputy Montemayor of Harris County Precinct 6 (“Precinct 6”); Patrick Ezzell of Coastal Builders (“CB”); Jason Bullen of UPCDC; Madeline Alvarez of Bazile Creative; Art Wager, member of the public; and Laura Davis of Sanford Kuhl Hagan Kugle Parker Kahn LLP.

Chairman Quezada called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

**Item 1. Receive Public Comments in accordance with adopted procedures.**

Mr. Wager addressed the Board regarding the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (“NHHIP”) and highway ramp access in and out of the District. Chairman Quezada stated that District staff will obtain an update regarding the project.

**Item 2. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Assessments.** Receive report on collection of assessments and authorize appropriate action.

- b. **Minutes.** Approve minutes of previous Board meeting(s).
- c. **Contract Renewal with Frost Bank.** Consider and approve a renewal of services with Frost Bank,
- d. **Election of Officers.** Consider the election of Director Josue Perez as Treasurer of the District.
- e. **Committees.** Approve District committees' constituency and approve Memorandum memorializing same.

The Board considered approving the Consent Agenda. Director Perez moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Blanco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, with the exception of Director Valdez, who abstained from voting.

### **Item 3. Financial Reports.**

Director Perez presented and reviewed the monthly Financial Reports for May 31, 2023; and the District's investment report as of May 31, 2023 (the "Reports").

After discussion, Director Valdez moved to approve the Reports, as presented. Director Peña seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Item 4. Investment Report.**

President Gorczynski reviewed the investment plan. Director Perez noted that interest rates are better and that it is a good time to invest in allowable products. No action was necessary.

Director Meppelink entered at 3:40 p.m.

### **Item 5. Emergency Action Delegation to Executive Committee.**

President Gorczynski reviewed the emergency action delegation for the Executive Committee to make decisions on behalf of the District for the month of July.

After discussion, Director Perez moved to authorize Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Board with such action, if any, to be brought back to the full Board at its next meeting. Director Chike-Obi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Item 6. Security Report.**

Deputy Montemayor reported on criminal activity in the District for the month of May 2023. He stated that National Night Out is scheduled for August 1, 2023, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Mr. Joyce stated that he is following up with other Districts regarding homeless initiative. No action was necessary.

**Item 7. Railroad Safety & Mobility Report.**

Mr. Hanagriff reviewed the block crossing report and stated that the City of Houston will receive \$36.91 million in railroad crossing elimination grant funding. He stated the grant funding will ensure the reconstructing of the Navigation Boulevard railroad underpass, the construction of the Commerce Street underpass, and the construction of a new underpass on York Street. No action was necessary.

**Item 8. President's Report – District Overview.**

Mr. Retana updated the Board on the graffiti abatement program and illegal dumping.

President Gorchynski reviewed the Roundabout and the discussions held with Our Lady of Guadalupe, and stated they are moving the start date to July 10, 2023, and discussed public engagement options.

Mr. Bullen updated the Board on the Eastwood Garage project and sidewalk improvements.

Mr. Joyce reviewed marketing outreach and efforts and introduced Madeline Alvarez of Bazile Creative to the Board. Mr. Joyce stated that as of June 15, 2023, Ms. Alvarez has been helping with marketing and communications for the District.

**Item 9. Executive Session, if Necessary.**

The Board did not convene in Executive Session.

**Item 10. Reconvene in Open Session.**

The Board did not convene in Executive Session.

**Item 11. Adjourn.**

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



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