



Economic & International Development Department

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Committee on Border Relations Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021

MS Teams: Virtual online meeting

Board Members in Attendance:	Staff Members Present:
Jonathan Childress	Miranda Diaz
Mayra Maldonado	Mirella Craigo
Ann Marie Canales	Christian Lopez
Jose Ochoa	Frances Engelbaum
Michelle Esparza	
Board Members Absent:	
Marianne Rosas Ayub	
Kenna Ramirez	
Isela Castanon	
Cecilia Levine	

Agenda

- 1. Call to order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum**
Jonathan Childress called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.
- 2. Public Comment**
No one signed up or spoke up in the meeting for public comment.
- 3. Discussion & Action Items**
 - a) Approval of meeting minutes for May 18, 2021
Action: Motion made by Michelle Esparza, and second motion made by Mayra Maldonado - unanimously carried to approve the minutes for May 18, 2021 as presented
 - b) Elect the Chair and Assistant Chair
Action: Motion made by Ann Canales and second motion made by Mayra Maldonado to appoint Jonathan Childress as Chair and Michelle Esparza as Vice Chair - unanimously carried to approve
 - i. Introduction of all Board Members to familiarize themselves with one another

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4. Discussion

a) Brainstorm Areas of Impact for Committee on Border Relations

- i. Advise for the City's consideration of ARPA funds to be allocated towards infrastructure of the international bridges
- ii. Strengthen the supply chain that exists between Cd. Juarez and El Paso
- iii. Address the barriers that firms who transport goods across the border had to face throughout the pandemic, and recommend resources to improve communication, reduce wait times, and ensure a strong workforce to support these firms in the long term.

i. Work to speed up the flow of our border crossings to include:

1. Goods
2. People
3. Services

b) Future Meetings Schedule

- i. Quarterly Meetings; next meeting to be scheduled in January 2022
- ii. Explore the possibility of hosting in-person sessions at a City building

5. Identify Items & Goals for Future Agendas

a) International Bridges Department Presentation by David Coronado

b) Possible formation of Sub Committees:

- a. Cross-Border Mobility
- b. Cultural Affairs
- c. Workforce Solutions

6. Adjournment

Motion made by Jose Ochoa and second motion by Michelle Esparza with unanimous approval to adjourn at 2:20 p.m.

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