



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Raynette Gregory, President Anthony Kalvans, Vice-President
 Ward Roney, Director Hector Palafox, Director Vacancy

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**6:00 P.M. Open Session & Closed Session Following
 SMCSO Boardroom 1-6-2022**

I.	Call to Order:	6:10 PM	Video part 1/2 Time: 00:08																																				
II.	Pledge of Allegiance:	<i>Kalvans</i>	Video part 1/2 Time: 00:15																																				
III.	Roll Call:	<i>Gregory, Roney, Palafox, Kalvans, Vacancy</i>	ABSENT: <i>Palafox, One Vacancy</i>																																				
IV.	Approval of Special Meeting Agenda:		Video part 1/2 Time: 01:00																																				
	Motion by:	Director Kalvans																																					
	Second by:	Director Roney																																					
	Motion:	Voice Vote																																					
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V.	Public Comment and Communications for Items not on the Agenda:	None	Video part 1/2 Time: 01:20
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VI.	SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/OTHER:	None	Video part 1/2 Time: 02:08
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VII.	STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS – Receive & File:	None	Video part 1/2 Time: 02:12
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VIII.	CONSENT CALENDAR:	None	Video part 1/2 Time: 02:16
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IX.	BOARD ACTION ITEMS:	Video part 1/2 Time: 02:20
1.	Interview and appoint a new Director to fill the existing Board Vacancy. Recommendation: Interview and Select a Candidate to fill an existing Board of Directors vacancy for the remaining term that expires December 2022. Interim General Manager Rob Roberson read Staff Report as submitted, explained how the interview process is done, stated that six candidates submitted letters of interest, two are not able to attend due to other obligations, and there are four candidates remaining present. Director Gregory stated the names of each of the four candidates and asked if they would all step outside and proceeded to start the interview process alphabetically, with Kristin Giles first.	

Counsel Doug White clarified that the two applicants may still be considered but they will not have the benefit of their interview questions.

Director Gregory began the interview of candidate Kristin Giles with the standard interview questions Kristin Giles responded to the interview questions and discussion ensued.

Director Gregory thanked Kristin Giles and asked for candidate John Green to step in and proceeded to ask him the same standard interview questions.

John Green responded to the interview questions and discussion ensued.

Director Gregory thanked John Green and asked for candidate Crystal Lara to step in and proceeded to ask her the same standard interview questions.

Crystal Lara responded to the interview questions and discussion ensued.

Director Roney voiced his interest to Crystal Lara's answers to the interview questions.

Director Gregory thanked Crystal Lara and asked for candidate Rod Smiley to step in and proceeded to ask him the same standard interview questions.

Rod Smiley responded to the interview questions and discussion ensued.

Director Gregory thanked Rod Smiley.

Director Kalvans asked about Mr. Smiley's organization affiliations and discussion ensued.

Public Comment:

Owen Davis gave a statement about the candidates. Expressing his opinion that one candidate is a cyberbully.

Board Comment:

Director Kalvans made comment about the applicants.

Director Gregory stated it is great they have four candidates that came out, very good candidates.

Director Kalvans stated it will be difficult to choose, a lot of big issues facing them making sure they have somebody who is open to listening to different perspectives, making sure have someone who is looking forward to the future and referenced Crystal Lara's interview response.

Director Gregory made comment about finding the character that works well on a team, brought up the length of the term the candidate would be serving and discussion ensued.

Director Kalvans stated he liked Crystal Lara's response about her willingness to consider different opinions and that different perspectives might be very good for the board and as different facts come out they are able to change their opinion, some people tend to dig in their heels when the facts come out which doesn't work out very well, wants to make sure that they don't go back to some of the older ways of the board and wants to keep moving

Director Roney made comment about how he appreciated the fact that he didn't know any of the candidates coming into this meeting, hearing their perspectives and their presentations was enlightening, had seen one of the candidates on a fairly regular basis at these meetings and wondered who it was. Felt gratified to find out who that person was, we're all looking for fresh ideas and the ability to work with the team.

Director Kalvans asked if they should narrow it down or if everyone has one name decided on.

Director Roney responded that he is leaning on one candidate.

Counsel Doug White advised that they would need to make a motion to appoint the vacancy.

Director Kalvans motions to appoint Crystal Lara and reaffirms that they want someone who is willing to be open to different opinions.

Motion by: Director Kalvans

Second by: Director Gregory

Motion: To appoint Crystal Lara as Director to fill the Board Vacancy

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
W. Roney	X				
A. Kalvans	X				

R. Gregory	X				
H. Palafox					X
Vacancy					

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President Gregory called for short recess 6:45 PM

Video part 2/2 Time: 16:10

President Gregory called the meeting to be back in session 6:49PM

Interim General Manager Rob Roberson conducted the Oath of Office to appoint Crystal Lara to the San Miguel Community Services District Board of Directors. Oath of Office will be sent to the County Clerk Recorder.

X. BOARD COMMENT:

Video part 2/2 Time: 21:55

Director Kalvans welcomed Director Lara and short discussion ensued. Director Kalvans then asked Director of Utilities Kelly Dodds about the number of water basins in the state, and the suppliers, more discussion ensued.

Director Lara asked what constitutes the waste of water.

Director of Utilities Kelly Dodds responded that it is subjective but explained the difference between wasting water in a residential setting.

XI. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 6:54 PM

Video part 2/2 Time: 24:40

A. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1)

Title: General Counsel

XI. Report out of Closed: District General Counsel WhiteBrenner, LLP 9:26 PM

No reportable action out of closed session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING 01-27-2022

9:26 PM