



Minutes of the Gulf Coast Rail District Special-Called Board Meeting – May 6, 2025

A special-called meeting of the Gulf Coast Rail District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at Houston TranStar and-via video conference. In attendance at the meeting were Directors Angelique Bartholomew, Ronald A. Beeson, Faustino Benavidez, Robert A. Fry, Jr., Stephen Gilbreath, Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, Jon Keeney, Robert Maldonado, Jr., Allen Owen, and Jeff E. Ross. Absent were Directors Kendric Jones and Jean Mann. Written notices of the meeting including the date, hour, place and agenda for the meeting were posted with Harris County, with the Secretary of State, and at the Gulf Coast Rail District office located at Houston TranStar in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The inaudible portions of the recording were removed from these minutes.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Great, it is 2 o'clock. I'm going to go ahead and call this meeting to order and take us through a process. Lisa, if you're able to, I'd very much appreciate support in putting up the agenda for the meeting. Because Lisa wants to make sure that I do everything correctly, she sent me this required script. So, bear with me just one moment. I'm Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, presiding officer of the Gulf Coast Rail District. I call this meeting to order at 2 p.m. on May 6, 2025. This is a special-called meeting of the board. It is being held via videoconference on Microsoft Teams with the link provided in the meeting invites, the agenda, and public postings. The meeting is open to the public. However, there will be no public comments during the special-called meeting of the board. Board members may participate via videoconference as per Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code. Members must be visible and audible for attending and voting. Telephone-only participants do not count for quorum or voting today. I'll ask the secretary to please conduct the roll call. Please respond when your name is called.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you very much. Mr. Beeson?

Director Ronald Beeson: Yes, sir. I'm on.

Director Jon Keeney: Great. Mr. Maldonado? Mr. Benavidez?

Director Faustino Benavidez: Present.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you, sir. Mr. Gilbreath?

Director Stephen Gilbreath: Here.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you. Mr. Ross?

Director Jeff Ross: Present.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you, sir. Ms. Gorczynski is here. I'm here, I hope. Ms. Bartholomew? Mr. Owen?

Director Allen Owen: Present.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you. Mr. Jones? Ms. Mann? And Mr. Fry? One, two, three, four, five, six... We do in fact have a quorum, Madam Chair.
(Note: Directors Robert Maldonado, Jr. and Angelique Bartholomew joined after the roll call.)

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Wonderful. Thank you so much, everyone. As I stated, we called to order, and we did confirm that the meeting posting is in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. This is a special-called meeting, so we're only going to be able to deliberate with those agenda items that are posted, number four, five, and six. We do have a regularly called meeting for next Tuesday, the 13th, usual time and place, and those details will be forthcoming. I know that Lisa would very much appreciate hearing from us as to whether or not we'll be attending. There will be both financials provided in that particular meeting. Additionally, as you can tell, there's some housekeeping items that we got to get right, and I'm talented, but there's some things I'm not going to be able to get done today, so they would be presented—resolutions, formally, etc.—at the 13th meeting. And with that, if it's okay, I'd like to go ahead and move to agenda item number four, which is the discussion, consideration, authorization as appropriate for the delegation of authority for the Gulf Coast Rail District Board officers to serve as an ad hoc committee to address human capital/resource and executive director needs of the Gulf Coast Rail District. And we're presenting this agenda item on the heels of Director/Mayor Keeney. You gave us some great comments to think about in the strategic planning session, and I was hoping that I could impose on you to talk about it here with this group, so that we could discuss any considerations or concerns with agenda item number four.

Director Jon Keeney: Be glad to. The reason I suggested that is that I'm on the Board of Pilots, Governor Abbott appointee, and we specifically did exactly what Ms. Gorczynski is referring to. We delegated to the officers a whole variety of duties, including emergency meetings, and occasionally we have a ship channel incident to issue with/to deal with, and those kinds of things you need fairly instantaneous response. During this period of ambiguity for our board, there are going to be things that come up that's going to be difficult for the whole board to participate. And I requested Ms. Gorczynski to put this on the agenda for everyone's consideration with the possibility of delegating to Ms. Gorczynski, Mr. Owen... Who are the others? Myself, and who else, Ms. Gorczynski? Who are the other officers?

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: One moment, sir, I was pulling up the roll to make sure I have this correctly.

Director Jon Keeney: Yes, that's what I need.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Yes, so Ronald Beeson as vice chair, Jeff Ross as vice treasurer, myself as chair, Mayor Keeney as secretary, Director Allen Owen as treasurer, and then Jean Mann if she's able to join, although it looks like she's out of the office, she is the vice secretary.

Director Jon Keeney: Well, that's a pretty sizable group. I would suggest that we possibly limit it to the primary officers in each of those positions. If you could read just the primary officers, Ms. Gorczynski.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Sure, just one moment. And that would be Ronald Beeson as vice chair, myself as chair, Director Keeney as secretary, and Director Owen as treasurer.

Director Jon Keeney: Well, I would like to move for that group to be delegated the authority to act as the board with the possibility as soon as we have a full contingent board meeting, we bring the issues or the decisions back to the full board.

Director Jeff Ross: I second that, Ross.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Thank you. All in favor, I need your cameras. If you're voting, I need your cameras and your mics on, please. This is being recorded. All in favor, please say aye.

Board: Aye.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: And any opposed for the record? Thank you. Well, that was quick. I appreciate the expediency.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: We're going to move on to agenda item number five, which is the discussion, consideration, and authorization as appropriate to draft an offer of consulting contract for Katherine Parker to serve as a consultant for the Gulf Coast Rail District. So, to give you all an update because I owe you an update and I want to give you some additional information. Katherine Parker's last day formally with the City of Houston and as executive director for the Gulf Coast Rail District was COB on Thursday, May 1st. It did happen rather quickly. It was on good terms. And what I told Katherine is based on the feedback that we received, I might come back to her to talk about alternatives and opportunities, which is what I hope to discuss with you. I separately had a conversation with the director of City of Houston Public Works, Randy Macchi, and he was lovely. We just had a very frank exchange. And what he recommended, there was a decision tree with City of Houston. So, as you may remember that the City of Houston, as you may have read in the Chronicle—this is public information, offered retirement packages including incentives for employees to take retirement early in order to alleviate the challenges that were holding the city budget. As a result of that, City of Houston inked Katherine Parker, who was on that list. And she had been both an employee for the City of Houston for 32 years and ran Gulf Coast Rail District for 5 years.

So, in the discussion with Director Macchi, there was kind of two options, and he was open to both and asked for my feedback. And so, the first option A was to consider the designation of a replacement or recruiting a replacement for Katherine. The downside of that offer, he was very candid, is it was going to take months because they're short-staffed and staff is overwhelmed, and we'd have to get the right skill set for that. The alternative was to ask City of Houston to financially contribute as a partner we had previously against a schedule and have them to contribute financially and this board be responsible for either going through the process to hire an executive director independent and work through that process. Or in the interim, as many of you know, with a small government such as the one that I manage, there might be the opportunity to get a consultant for a reduced time that could serve in that capacity for the board. When given the time frame and understanding that we do have some really amazing opportunities, such as the \$350 million that is still successfully getting through the legislature for grade separation and other activities. METRO announced another \$100 million for pedestrian safety improvements, some of them which could go ideally where there's traffic conflict between METRO routes and freight trains. And as you may have heard, and I haven't followed the detail of this, there was an additional bill filed that would allow for pedestrian and bridge improvements by Representative Hernandez. I apologize, I don't know the detail of that bill, but I use those three as a signpost to indicate that there's funding opportunities that us in this space have been without funding in a long time. And so, taking the intersection of there's this funding available, there is an urgency or immediacy, and also making sure that we continue to operate in a professional manner.

In talking to Director Macchi, he said, very simply, “Veronica, what do you recommend that we could do?” And based on the need for just expediency and keep us moving, I recommended that the City of Houston consider, and I told them I need to come back to the board and make sure I’m doing everything right, dotting the T’s and crossing the I’s, but it would be asking for a financial contribution for City of Houston that’s comparable to the fee schedule that we have with Harris County. So, he was open to it, he said we need to send him communication with what that amount is and what that process is. We need to work through that. I have not had the time to work through that detail, but I wanted to offer you that it seemed that the most expedient solution to keep us moving was to ask for City of Houston to contribute financially. So, that’s part A.

B, in the conversation that I had with Katherine, what I walked away with from conversations in the strategic planning session and talking to this board was listening that we needed a solid transition from Katherine to whatever was next. And ladies and gentlemen, unfortunately, because of the quickness with which the retirement happened, we don’t have a transition memo, we didn’t have a formal exit interview, none of those pieces, we did not have the time to make it happen. And so, my commitment to Katherine was that I would follow up after talking to this board, and what I would recommend, and there may be other options on the table, would be at least the flexibility to approach her with some contract work for a transition period. Maybe it’s 8 to 12 weeks, where we get memos, files, documents, and get that cleaned up so that that could hold us over as we move over to the next 12 weeks in getting to a decision. Because, frankly, I can’t make a decision for the ad hoc committee. We have to talk about what’s next. And I also want to, point B, I think Bruce Mann gave us a very generous offer as well to contribute time because we can’t let the work in THE HART fall through. So, there may be an opportunity to ask for that volunteerism on THE HART committee. So, with that, I will suspend my remarks right now and make myself available to questions about items that I might have missed or additional information that I didn’t present. I’m happy to talk to you all about it.

Director Jon Keeney: Have you confirmed that we have the finances to hire someone temporarily in a consultant role?

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Great question. I think I need to lean on the treasurer and the vice treasurer because if I remember the financial statement correctly, we had 1.7 million in there. However, I don’t remember if or what amount was set aside as obligated for infrastructure projects. On the treasurer’s side, yes, Director Owen, do you have any recommendations or insight?

Director Allen Owen: I think the money’s there. I’m not completely sure, but when we looked before, I think there’s money there to do that. We have a consultant already working on other projects. I think we have the money. We’ve got to come up with an amount.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Yes, agreed.

Director Allen Owen: But I think the money’s there. I think we need to appropriate it. We don’t have a choice, really.

Director Jon Keeney: Well, I would suggest that we hire our former executive director as a consultant with at least equal to or greater than what we are paying Ms. Koslov.

Director Allen Owen: I would agree that that's probably right, Mayor. The importance of her job is probably more critical than the other one, frankly. I mean, we've got to have some leadership until we find somebody to take Katherine's place because it's critical that we have somebody for at least 6 to 12 weeks to make that transition with Katherine.

Director Jon Keeney: Can you tell us how much on a per diem basis that we are paying Ms. Koslov?

Director Allen Owen: No, I don't have that number before me. I really don't because I don't remember what the contract was.

Director Jon Keeney: Okay, that's fine.

Director Allen Owen: We need to look at that.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: With permission, we can call the ad hoc committee, and that can be the agenda item. And at this point, I just wanted to make sure that you all as board of directors would be okay with me approaching Katherine with at least asking for a rate sheet, whether she would consider a transition, and we offer at least an initial timeframe because I haven't even had the time to do that. I'm assuming she's open to it because she is highly collaborative, but honestly, I don't know.

Director Allen Owen: I would agree.

Director Jon Keeney: And I'll second that. So, effectively, that's a motion for you to have the authority to approach her and define what she is willing to accept or not accept, and a period of time to be engaged as a consultant.

Director Allen Owen: And in the meantime, we can look at that contract with our other consultant and see what we're paying her.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Agreed.

Director Jon Keeney: Okay.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: For the rest of the directors who are quiet, do you all have additional comments, or may we have a second?

Director Angelique Bartholomew: I'll second. Veronica, this is Angelique. I'm in agreement.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Thank you, Angelique.

Director Allen Owen: Angelique, do you remember how much that contract was?

Director Angelique Bartholomew: No, I did look. I was trying to look through the notes to see what it was, Mayor, but I don't have it either.

Director Allen Owen: So, I guess we're going to ask somebody because I don't remember the contract.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: It's been a minute.

Director Allen Owen: Yes, what meeting was that? And it's been a while.

Director Ronald Beeson: Is there an option to look at our payments? I'm not sure what our payment frequency to Barbara is, but could we look at past payments and conclude something from our financials on a monthly basis?

Director Allen Owen: I assume we're paying her monthly. I don't remember that it being a contracted amount. Again, we need to look at that. Sometimes consultants work for a flat fee and sometimes they're hourly, sometimes they're paid monthly.

Director Jeff Ross: Yes, I think Barbara's paid hourly based on assignment.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: She mentioned during our last meeting that she was not using the full budget, so I believe it is assignment as Jeff has indicated.

Director Ronald Beeson: Well, was there a motion for Madam Chair to approach Katherine?

Director Allen Owen: Yes. Yes.

Director Jon Keeney: Yes.

Director Allen Owen: Yes. Yes, Director Owen made the motion and the mayor seconded it.

Director Ronald Beeson: Beautiful.

Director Allen Owen: Mayor Keeney seconded it.

Director Jon Keeney: Correct.

Director Ronald Beeson: I'm in favor of that. Alright...

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Alright. Go ahead.

Director Ronald Beeson: I mean, I assume it's to engage one, if we don't already know her interest, to engage interest and to request a proposal from her. Is that...?

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Yes.

Director Allen Owen: Yes.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Okay. We'll call the question. All in favor? And I need to see you and hear you to vote. Director Bartholomew, I'm so sorry. You have to turn your camera on too. That's okay. No shame. We're grateful to all of you. Turn your mics on. All in favor, please say aye.

Board: Aye.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: And any opposed for the record? Okay. Thank you so much.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: I'm going to ask Lisa to bring up another document for agenda item six, which is a discussion. Pardon me. Lisa, while you do that, I'm going to read the agenda item for the group off of my copy. And it's agenda item...

Director Jeff Ross: Veronica?

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Pardon me. Yes, go ahead.

Director Jeff Ross: Before we go over to this, when we're talking about paying for these services directly out of Gulf Coast now, our financial accounts—they automatically reinvest our money into CDs, and there's some money management dollars as well. So, this is a good time to visit with our consultants there because our cashflow demands are going to change, and we don't want to reinvest in a CD and then find out we needed that money to spend.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: I really appreciate that comment, Director Ross, and I'm taking notes. Okay. I think I've got that. I do.

Director Allen Owen: Yes, because I don't know whether the interest is being capitalized back into the CDs or whether the interest off the CDs is being credited to another account. Yes, and that's the question we need to ask because if it's being set aside in another account, then that helps us with our cashflow. If it's being reinvested back into the CDs, we're not seeing it.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Understood. And I'm grateful for the comment. I'm writing a note. So, as an action item is we probably need to meet with the accountant, and it'll either be the ad hoc committee, if they're available, or maybe the treasurer, the vice treasurer and myself. I'm grateful to Lisa, who is really stepping up. She and I are going to be having at least

weekly meetings to check in because I am trying to fill in some of the gaps, frankly, in the absence of Katherine. And Lisa is really doing yeoman's work and making sure that the business like payments, etc., keep moving smoothly. So, just to give you assurances, what I would recommend doing is that we'll go ahead and get that appointment set. I need to get an appointment with Barbara as well to make sure that we understand the transition, that balls aren't being dropped, or if we can delicately put something on hold that we do, and there's a finite period of time for that. Fair enough?

Director Allen Owen: Yes.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Okay. So, number six, I have a discussion, consideration, and authorization as appropriate on procurement of professional independent legal services. This is a very formal way of saying we were borrowing City of Houston attorneys and legal opinions to run the GCRD. We can't do that anymore. It probably presents a conflict. And I would like to build some sustainability and independence for us, which means getting an independent law firm. This doesn't have to be the final law firm. But as you know, in my day job, I run a special district. I have a lot of faith in the professionalism of SKLaw. I don't know if you know any of the partners and you recognize them. Laura Davis runs this management district, and Laura Davis and I have worked together six years, and I have a high confidence in her ability, most importantly, to keep us legal. That our resolutions, that our agendas, that everything we do runs within the parameters of what's required by the law. Especially as we have mostly dignitaries and elected officials, I am not going to let compliance drop with this group. So, my recommendation was I called, and I had a very candid conversation with Ms. Davis, and I said, "We are the Gulf Coast Rail District, we're likely the only one like us in the state. However, we are a special district. Would you consider taking us on as a client, the GCRD, and what we need immediate need help with is, for example, the special-called meeting, the potential contract offer, writing as we move forward the resolutions to make sure they meet our legal requirements, essentially making sure our compliance is tight." And to be candid, she said, "Yes, I like working with you. I will do that as a favor to you." Ladies and gentlemen, these rates are lower because they are excellent, and they are affordable because they intentionally keep low overhead. And so, this doesn't have to be the end all be all. But if I have to stake my professional reputation on a lawyer getting it right, frankly, Laura's the person that I would recommend doing that with. She offered as they're bringing on new associates to train up an associate. And if we stay long term, they would essentially have an associate that is going to be reading and understanding everything from statute to current laws impacting the Gulf Coast Rail District. And Laura would be the final authority and signature on behalf of SKLaw and offer us true independent legal representation. So, all I can do at this point was I want to ask permission to move forward with her so I can get us the right coverage for meetings, etc. I did ask for a rate sheet. I understand this is a bit of a surprise and I want you to absolutely feel comfortable with this. So, I'm open to questions or comments or angry denunciations.

Director Allen Owen: You know, we have a former board member that's an attorney. Can we ask him, Rich Muller? He helped us do a lot of stuff early on.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: If they are willing to do that as an in-kind that we can document and with their license that they professionally sign behind it, I'd be okay with that. I don't know them, and I would need the help closing the loop to make sure that it's documented appropriately.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: I was just going to ask if there was any way during the...

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Pardon me, Director Bartholomew had a comment.

Director Jon Keeney: Go ahead, Director.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: I was just going to ask Veronica, if it's okay, was there any type of transfer of services and information from the Houston legal team that would allow that transition for a new attorney to really be able to pick up the case and get everything in order fairly quickly? I know that transitioning from an agency legal team to a private legal team is usually kind of choppy. So, I was just trying to understand if you were able to obtain all of the information or if that legal team at Houston is willing to support that transition so that there's not a lot of hours in that process.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Sure. So, the short answer is no, we didn't plan for a transition. I have one legal memo that I received from them. I don't have additional legal files. And I don't know if there was a, frankly, like a formal MOU that allowed us to use them as services. And some of that stems from in their professional capacity, the person running the Gulf Coast Rail District worked for City of Houston and would just turn to their colleagues in legal. And we've lost that connection. So, I don't want to make it sound dire, but at this point, to be completely candid, I've got one memo. I don't know if there was an MOU in place. We did not transition files. And I have not had a conversation with either the city attorney or city legal that they would commit to continue to do us this favor or this work. And that's not to say that they wouldn't if we make the ask. I think no matter what route we go, I do need an attorney quickly that is documented to protect this board's interests, even if we're paying for a couple of hours as we figure that out.

Director Jeff Ross: So, Veronica, do you need a motion?

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Well, I think there's two options. One, if we want to go with SKLaw, either for short term or long term, and then the other is whether the former board member would give us free legal work. I don't know him well enough. My bottom line is to keep this moving. So, I don't know if there's additional questions, comments, or clarity that somebody wants to offer.

Director Jeff Ross: Yes. You're talking about Rich Muller, right?

Director Allen Owen: Yes. That's who I was saying.

Director Jeff Ross: Yes, but he got off the board pretty quickly, too. I think he was overwhelmed with his other work.

Director Allen Owen: I think you're right. I just threw his name out there.

Director Jeff Ross: Okay. So, I mean, if you need a bridge to use somebody and you got somebody you're comfortable using and we don't have any other relationship, I'd say go ahead with SKLaw. That'd be a motion by Ross.

Director Jon Keeney: I will second that. And looking at these rates, that's quite reasonable. My law firm that I use for the city is slightly more than this. And as long as Veronica trusts these people and the judgment and she has experience, I think that's a good short-term solution. So, I would second that motion.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Thank you so much. And as I said, if I'm willing to stake my professional reputation on this, as I was a former compliance director at a City of Houston department, I want to make sure that we're all in a professional capacity. We got to get someone to dot those I's and cross those T's.

Director Stephen Gilbreath: Veronica, you had mentioned, would this be short or long term? It sounds like this is at least a short term at this point, right?

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Yes. I mean, Laura really is doing me a personal favor to add us to her portfolio. If we find something that's long term and sustainable, I could have that conversation with her. Her feelings would not be hurt. She would be okay with that too. She gets it. She wants us to be successful as a group.

Director Stephen Gilbreath: Thank you.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: So, calling the question, would all in favor please say aye?

Board: Aye.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Okay. And any opposed for the record? Thank you.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Okay. So, a couple of announcements. We've kept this meeting to 30 minutes, and I appreciate everyone's time, and I want to make sure that we continue to be expedient. We're going to have our business meeting on Tuesday, May 13th. We're going to approve financials and continue to have the financial report. Barbara will not be able to join us on the May 13th meeting. Additionally, I'm going to work with Lisa and I'm going to work with Laura Davis to get resolutions in place and have Laura review our documents. I do not know what resolutions look like, you all, in terms of language to paper us up, but Laura is willing to do that and to the extent possible, we're going to work on some of those resolutions and bring them to you. Then we're also going to schedule a meeting of the, I'm going to just call it the Ad Hoc Committee, the Ad Hoc Leadership Committee to come into play. I need to schedule a meeting and talk to Katherine between now and the 13th and see if we can move that agenda item further down the field. And then there's going to be a separate conversation and Director Ross, I may pull you in, from the 90A meeting with Barbara and the gentleman who is Thomas Gray. We're also requesting a meeting. So, those are the proverbial splitting plates and we're going to do okay. Fair enough?

Director Jon Keeney: Yes.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Additional questions, comments, concerns?

Director Jeff Ross: Yes, this is Director Ross. I'm out of town Monday through the end of the month.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Okay.

Director Jon Keeney: Great job. I appreciate all you're doing.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: You got it.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: I was going to just interject, Veronica. I'm not sure, Director Ross may have already provided an update, or it may be for the next meeting, but since he's leaving town, he may want to provide some insight or a recap of our meeting with Judge George in Fort Bend County on the 90A follow-up. I believe he copied you on the email.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Okay. Yes. And if I missed it, I apologize. Let me see if I can get a meeting with Lisa. And Director Bartholomew, would you be able to join if we got a Teams meeting or a Zoom meeting together?

Director Angelique Bartholomew: Yes.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Okay.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: Just let me know what a good time would be, yes.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Yes. So, it'll be Bartholomew—Lisa, I know you're taking notes—Ross, Gorczynski, and Barbara. Is that correct? On 90A?

Director Jeff Ross: Allen Owen.

Director Allen Owen: Yes, sir.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Pardon? Add Allen Owen and I'll add Barbara and see if we can get a meeting before Director Ross goes and puts his toes in the sand. I don't know. I'm having the adventure for you in my mind.

Director Jeff Ross: No, not a beach guy.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Oh, okay.

Director Allen Owen: Can we ask Katherine before she goes if we can get a copy of the contract we have with our advisors, so we know how much it is? Again, I don't know how much it is. Maybe Angelique knows or can get that before we talk.

Director Jeff Ross: Yes. Lisa might know that.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: I will talk to Lisa and see if in the record we have a copy of the agreement and our rate sheet that we've been paying monthly that'll give us an hourly.

Director Allen Owen: Yes, okay.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: One or both.

Director Allen Owen: Right.

Director Stephen Gilbreath: If we want it in the short term, you can ask Barbara, right?

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: We really could. We'll see if we can find it so we don't look completely clunky.


Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Okay. Then with that, ladies and gentlemen, may I have a motion to adjourn?

Director Allen Owen: Director Owen, so moved.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: Second.

Chairperson Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Alright. And we got a second. And so, with that, we're going to go ahead and adjourn the meeting today at 2:34 p.m. and say thank you.

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