

1 CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
2 BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

3 BOARD MEMBERS

4 Val Gomez, President  
5 William Allen, Vice President  
6 Winna Guzman, Member

7 Regular Meeting Minutes  
8 Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.  
9 Reported for Fissinger & Associates  
10 By: Lisa Pena

11 Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

12 Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez, William Allen, Winna Guzman.

13 Minutes: Special Meeting July 30, 2019  
14 Regular Meeting August 14, 2019

15 Questions/Comments: None.

16 Motion to approve July 30, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes and  
17 August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes made by William  
18 Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

19 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
20 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

21 Correspondence: None.

22 New Business:

23 MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on to New Business. First item  
24 on our agenda is Indiana State Festival Guide for Multimedia.

25 MR. SEGURA: Good afternoon. Steve Segura, Multimedia.  
We're just renewing our contract with the Indiana State  
Festival Guide. They're deadline is like now. So we kind of  
got to put things in motion.

MR. GOMEZ: This is annual?

MR. SEGURA: Yes. It's a magazine that goes throughout  
the whole State. And we get like I think 30,000 copies or as  
many copies as we want to distribute as well.

1 MR. GOMEZ: And the amount is 7,300?

2 MR. SEGURA: Yes.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

4 Questions/Comments: None.

5 Motion to approve Indiana State Festival Guide Proposal made  
by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

7 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have AT&T Centrex Line Agreement. I  
believe this is a three-year agreement.

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10 MR. KLOCEK: Good afternoon. Kevin Klocek, Assistant  
Administrator, City of East Chicago. What you have before  
you for your consideration is a three-year Centrex Agreement  
for a count of currently 208 lines.

11 These are copper analog single lines that we have  
12 throughout the City. The 36-month charge per line is 7.50  
13 per line which you see on page 2.

14 This is as I mentioned a three-year agreement. And  
this will be throughout the three years reduced substantially  
15 as we take these lines and incorporate them into our new  
phone system and communications.

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17 But for now the actual agreement actually expires  
today. So if approved, madam secretary, if I could stay and  
get a signed copy before we leave. And I could fax it over  
18 to them that it was approved today.

19 MR. GOMEZ: I think it's only signed by me.

20 MR. KLOCEK: Yes. I believe it's just the Board  
President.

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MR. GOMEZ: It's 36 months. Monthly will be 1,560?

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23 MR. KLOCEK: Yes. There are other State charges and so  
forth that apply to each line. But this is the base charge  
per line which is \$7.50 per line.

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MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

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1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Motion to approve AT&T Centrex Line Three-Year Agreement made  
by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

4 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Gariup Construction  
Improvements to Block Stadium Phase 3. We have two items.  
6 Gariup Improvements to Block Stadium Phase 3, the Notice to  
Proceed. And we also have the Contract for this project.

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8 MR. SELVIE: Good afternoon. Keith Selvie, Director of  
Public Works. Mr. President, what you have before is the  
contract which we would like to award Gariup. Total contract  
9 price will be \$1,654,757. As well as we would like to move  
forward with the Notice to Proceed as well.

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MR. GOMEZ: This is Phase 3?

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MR. SELVIE: Correct.

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MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

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Questions/Comments: None.

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Motion to approve Gariup Improvements to Block Stadium Phase  
15 3 Contract made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the Notice to Award for the  
18 Gariup Construction Improvements to Block Stadium Phase 3.

19 MR. ALLEN: Proceed.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Proceed.

21 Questions/Comments: None.

22 Motion to approve Gariup Improvements to Block Stadium Phase  
3 Notice to Proceed made by William Allen. Second by Winna  
23 Guzman.

24 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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1 MR. GOMEZ: Now we have Notice to Award for the Gariup  
2 Construction Improvements to Block Stadium Phase 3. Motion  
3 for the Notice to Award.  
4 Questions/Comments: None.  
5 Motion to approve Gariup Improvements to Block Stadium Phase  
6 3 Notice to Award made by William Allen. Second by Winna  
7 Guzman.  
8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
9 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have STM Enterprises from Public  
11 Works.

12 MR. SELVIE: What you have before you is a rate table.  
13 They do general services for a myriad of things. I just  
14 would like to get these rates approved if we would like to  
15 use them in some other things other than board up.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on STM Rate  
17 Schedule?  
18 Questions/Comments: None.  
19 Motion to approve STM Enterprises Rate Schedule made by  
20 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

21 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
22 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the Compliance Report for the  
24 Homerlee Reconstruction Project.

25 MS. CEJA-RAMIREZ: Good afternoon. This Compliance  
Report is being generated by numbers that were provided in  
the Trinology PTS System which we are now actively in live.

The project is Homerlee Avenue Reconstruction.  
General contract is Walsh and Kelly. The original contract  
amount is for \$4,073,718.84. Currently we don't have any  
change orders being processed.

Potential damages to include minority and  
residential is \$229,757.74. And this is for the time period  
between March 17 through August 11.

Anyone have any questions?

1 MR. GOMEZ: Questions or comments? Thank you very much.

2 MS. CEJA-RAMIREZ: Thank you.

3 MR. GOMEZ: This is informational for the Board of  
Works. No motion is required.

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Next item is AMG Construction, Marina Exterior  
Building Paint.

5 MS. ADAMS: Good evening. Natalie Adams, East Chicago  
6 Marina. What you have before, at the previous Board of Works  
7 Meeting we approved AMG Construction to receive the bid for  
painting all of the buildings. And we awarded the painting  
8 of all the railings to a different company.

9 However in speaking with that company they did not  
realize that they would not be able to reach the time line  
10 that we were looking for which was to get everything painted  
this year. So he pulled out.

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So then the next lowest bid for the painting of all  
12 the railings would be AMG. So basically at this point I'm  
asking the Board -- I don't know if there's something to  
13 officially rescind the other one and to move forward with the  
one for AMG for \$163,000 which is the Option 2 of the project  
14 of the railings.

15 MR. GOMEZ: What was the name of the company last  
meeting?

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MS. ADAMS: Detailed Home Improvement.

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MR. GOMEZ: I think we have to rescind that one. So the  
18 first motion would be to rescind Detailed Home Improvement's  
bid that we approved last meeting.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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Motion to Rescind Detailed Home Improvement's Bid made by  
21 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

22 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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MR. GOMEZ: Now entertain a motion to approve AMG's  
24 proposal for the exterior handrailing paint at 163,000.

25 Questions/Comments: None.

1 Motion to approve AMG Construction Exterior Handrailing Paint  
Proposal made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

3 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

4 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Magnificent Events for Special  
Events.

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6 MS. ADAMS: It's just because it's a contract. But it's  
basically entertainment actually that was for the venue for  
today.

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MR. GOMEZ: They're pretty good.

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MS. ADAMS: Yes, they are.

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10 MR. GOMEZ: And the amount is 1,500. Are there any  
questions or comments on this proposal?

11 Questions/Comments: None.

12 Motion to approve Magnificent Events Agreement made by  
William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

14 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have JLM Productions for Special  
Events.

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17 MS. ADAMS: I am not sure what's on there. Is it two or  
three items? We do a lot of work with them.

18 MR. GOMEZ: We have JLM Productions Fusic Fest back  
line. That was from August 2. Back line pickup and delivery  
and trips and wireless microphones.

19 MS. ADAMS: So I believe what you have is a total for a  
back line which is additional cost for the Fusic Fest. And  
20 then there should be two small stages. One for Butterfly  
21 Fest and one for it would have been the Polish Fest. I don't  
22 know what you were sent.

23 MS. GUZMAN: Fusic.

24 MR. ALLEN: It says Fusic.

25 MS. ADAMS: Well, I will follow up with my staff on the

1 other two because there should be two small stages.

2 MR. ALLEN: For a total of \$6,873.

3 MR. GOMEZ: And 14 cents. It's just Fusic Fest.

4 MS. ADAMS: That's fine.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

6 MS. ADAMS: The other two are probably for the next  
agenda. But it's the Butterfly Fest.

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MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments this proposal?

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Questions/Comments: None.

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Motion to approve JLM Productions Proposal for Fusic Fest  
made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

10 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

11 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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MR. GOMEZ: Now we'll move on to Outstanding Invoices.  
13 First one is for North Township Trustee for Special Events.  
We have one invoice dated 10/24/18 in the amount of \$510.16.

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MS. ADAMS: That's for the use of their handicap vans.  
15 When we scheduled the handicap vans for this season 2019,  
they looked back in their records and realized they had never  
16 invoiced us for 2018. Or if they had invoiced us, they  
didn't send it to Special Events. They sent it to some other  
17 department in the City. So I never received it. So that's  
the invoice for 2018.

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MR. GOMEZ: But services were --

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MS. ADAMS: Services, yes. We did use their vans in  
20 2018.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

22 Questions/Comments: None.

23 Motion to approve North Township Trustee Outstanding Invoice  
made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

25 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a Late Invoice from Heavy  
2 Industries. This is with the Engineering Department. We  
3 have one invoice dated 3/29/19 in the amount of 74,300.

4 MR. ALLEN: So for this work the PO is with the  
5 Engineering Department. However the project was not managed  
6 by Engineering. We never received this invoice for payment.  
7 That's why it's late.

8 As far as the services they were rendered because  
9 obviously the sculptures are erected. This is for the  
10 Roundabout Sculpture Project at Columbus Drive and Aldis  
11 Roundabout.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this Late  
13 Invoice?

14 Questions/Comments: None.

15 Motion to approve Heavy Industries Outstanding Invoice made  
16 by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

17 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

18 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a Late Invoice for Richard  
20 Fanno from the Police Department. We have a Late Invoice  
21 dated May 24, 2019 in the amount of \$1,908.96. I believe  
22 this is from the Police Department.

23 MR. RIVERA: I can speak on it.

24 MR. GOMEZ: I believe we tabled this one last meeting  
25 because on the receipts it wasn't itemized. He had his wife  
on there. But it had to be his.

MR. RIVERA: Correct. I spoke with Sandy Gomez today.  
And they corrected that. Last time it was two meals on  
there. And it was supposed to be just the one for him.

MR. GOMEZ: I believe we did get the corrected receipts,  
right? Did we get the corrected receipts?

MS. COSME: Yes. The amounts were corrected on the  
submittals.

MR. GOMEZ: Does that suffice? Any questions or  
comments?



1 Questions/Comments: None.  
2 Motion to approve Richard Fanno Outstanding Invoice made by  
3 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.  
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5 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
6 Opposed: None Motion Carries.  
7 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a contract with Dr. Gary Durak  
8 and the East Chicago Police Department.  
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10 MR. RIVERA: Jose Rivera, Deputy Chief, East Chicago  
11 Police Department. Mr. Durak or Dr. Durak is who we use as a  
12 psychologist for our new applicants. So in front of you is  
13 what his fee is which is \$365 per evaluation.  
14 Currently we're doing a hiring process. And we're  
15 looking to hire 8 to 10 officers this year. And this would  
16 be his fee all the way through December 31.  
17 MR. GOMEZ: Is he the one you use every year?  
18 MR. RIVERA: We've been using him for quite a while now.  
19 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this proposal?  
20 Questions/Comments: None.  
21 Motion to approve Dr. Gary Durak Contract made by William  
22 Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.  
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24 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
25 Opposed: None Motion Carries.  
26 MR. GOMEZ: Next from the Building Department we have a  
27 proposal from Amereco. We have two addresses, 2301-19  
28 Broadway and 1000 East Chicago Avenue.  
29 MR. PORTALATIN: James Portalatin, East Chicago Building  
30 Department. First request is for Amereco for a proposal  
31 submitted for the property located 2301-19 Broadway Avenue.  
32 It's for exploratory excavation and sub-surface in the amount  
33 of \$8,905.  
34 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this proposal  
35 for 2301-19 Broadway?  
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37 Questions/Comments: None.  
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1 Motion to approve Amereco Proposal for 2301-19 Broadway made  
by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

3 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

4 MR. PORTALATIN: The second one is also a proposal  
submitted by Amereco for sub-surface soil assessment at 1000  
5 East Chicago Avenue in the amount of \$6,900.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this proposal?  
7 Questions/Comments: None.

8 Motion to approve Amereco Proposal for 1000 East Chicago  
Avenue made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

10 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Resolution 2019-25 for 1309  
East Columbus Drive, transfer of property from the City of  
12 East Chicago to the Department of Redevelopment.

13 MR. MORRISROE: Richard Morrisroe, Assistant City  
Attorney. This is a property adjoining a building that the  
14 Housing Authority has a number of units in. It's being  
requested for parking. They prepared the quitclaim deed.  
15 The Housing Authority has already approved this transfer at  
their end.

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So they're willing to accept the lot if we're  
17 willing to give it. And we recommend that it be given.

18 MR. GOMEZ: This is without consideration?

19 MR. MORRISROE: That's correct.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on Resolution  
2019-25?

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Questions/Comments: None.

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Motion to approve Resolution 2019-25 and Accompanying  
23 Quitclaim Deed made by William Allen. Second by Winna  
Guzman.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

25 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have an Interlocal Agreement between  
2 the City of East Chicago acting through its Board of Public  
Works and the School City of East Chicago. I believe this is  
for that Truancy Program.

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4 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes. This was recently the subject of  
a Council Ordinance which I think has been signed by the  
Mayor approving the Truancy Program.

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6 Funding hasn't been established for the Program.  
It is contemplated a contribution from the City of \$75,000, a  
contribution from the School City of \$25,000 and a successful  
7 grant application from the Foundations of East Chicago for  
\$75,000 for a total of \$175,000 for the balance of calendar  
8 year 2019.

9 This is an agreement with the School City  
10 acknowledging the two Governmental contributors to the  
Truancy Program.

11 I was just reading an e-mail from the Council  
attorney, Common Council attorney. And there may be some  
12 other further proceedings that will take place before the  
Council. Sorry for the long-winded -- concerning maybe an  
13 additional appropriation or creation of a fund so that the  
Controller's Office, you, Mr. Gomez, can appropriately  
14 account for the money in and out contributed for the Program.

15 MR. GOMEZ: And this is for calendar year 2019 not to  
exceed 75,000. And the City can make a lump sum payment for  
16 75,000.

17 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes. I apologize for that, Olga.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this Interlocal  
Agreement?

19 Questions/Comments: None.

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21 Motion to approve Interlocal Agreement between City of East  
Chicago acting through its Board of Public Works and the  
School City of East Chicago made by William Allen. Second by  
22 Winna Guzman.

23 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.  
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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25 MR. GOMEZ: Next we come to the INDOT Aldis Avenue  
Roundabout Project Closeout from Engineering.

1 MR. ALLEN: This is a final inspection document to  
officially closeout the project that has now been completed  
2 for almost a year.

3 And this is the Aldis Roundabout Project. That was  
a project that was partnered between the City and the State.  
4 They provided funds as well as us for the construction.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on the INDOT Aldis  
Avenue Roundabout Project Closeout?

6 Questions/Comments: None.

7 Motion to approve INDOT Aldis Avenue Roundabout Project  
Closeout Proposal made by William Allen. Second by Winna  
8 Guzman.

9 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

10 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Next we come to Right of Way Applications.  
We have City of East Chicago Board of Public Works Permit  
12 Applications 19-03288 through 19-03296. Any questions or  
comments on these Permit Applications?

13 Questions/Comments: None.

14 Motion to approve Permit Applications 19-03288 through  
15 19-03296 made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

17 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

18 Other Business: None.

19 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Wednesday, September  
11, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.

20 Motion to adjourn made by William Allen. Second by Winna  
Guzman.

21 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

22 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

23 \* Meeting ended at 4:54 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Approved and Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Val Gomez, President

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William Allen, Vice President

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Winna Guzman, Member

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Olga Cosme, Board Secretary

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lisa Pena, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 8th day of September, 2019.

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Lisa Pena  
Notary Public Porter County  
Certified Shorthand Reporter  
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