



**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (“BCIC”) will be held on **Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** at **eBridge Center for Business & Commercialization**, located at **1304 East Adams Street, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520** or via **Zoom by logging on at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86079072871?pwd=1111SUGl02ZyhM9P0E5lwYyNvg4aq1.1>

Meeting ID: 860 7907 2871

Passcode: 421024

Pursuant to Section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more Board Members or employees may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology. The video and audio feed of the videoconferencing equipment can be viewed and heard by the public at the address posted above as the location of the meeting.

This Notice and Meeting Agenda are posted online at: <https://brownsvilleedc.org/meeting>.

Members of the public who submitted a “Public Comment Form” will be permitted to offer public comments as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

At any time during the posted meeting, the Board of Directors of the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation may retire into Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 to confer with legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Board of Directors under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during this meeting, the Board of Directors may retire to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more exceptions to the Texas Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1 Roll Call

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Non-Agenda Items: Kindly submit a “Public Comment Form” stating the items of public concern that you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with the BCIC staff. Forms are not reserved for anyone, nor may time be deferred to anyone. PowerPoint presentations may not be accommodated. This period is limited to five (5) speakers with a time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker. The form can be requested by calling the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation office or In-Person at the meeting.

Agenda Items: Kindly submit a “Public Comment Form” stating which item(s) on the agenda that you wish to speak to an hour before the start of the scheduled meeting time with BCIC staff. Speakers will be allowed to address the BCIC Board on the agenda item before it is to be considered. The speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

Time Limits: The BCIC Board shall have the discretion to modify its regulations regarding time limits on public comment if necessary. For example, the time limit may be shortened to accommodate a lengthy agenda, or it could be lengthened to allow additional time for discussion on a complicated matter or if there is a need for an interpreter.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: All items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. If requested by a Board Member, any item may be taken off the Consent Agenda by the Chair for individual consideration.

3.1 Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

a) Minutes of September 9, 2024, Regular Meeting

3.2 Approval of Accounts Payable Reports from August 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024.

3.3 Acknowledgment of BCIC Staff Reports.

3.4 Consideration and action on the purchase and installation of an outdoor illuminated sign for the ebridge center for business and commercialization in the amount of \$8,000 with Signs and More.

3.5 Approve the following individuals to incur travel expenses for the following:

| Employee/Board Member | Destination | Event | Dates |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Nathan Burkhart | San Antonio, Texas | Alamo Angels Pitch Event | Oct 16-17, 2024 |
| Samantha Morales | San Antonio, Texas | Alamo Angels Pitch Event | Oct 16-17, 2024 |
| Samantha Morales | Laredo, Texas | SATOP Recruitment | Oct 17-18, 2024 |
| Rudy Hinojosa | Laredo, Texas | SATOP Recruitment | Oct 17-18, 2024 |
| Nathan Burkhart | Kansas City, MO | Ecosystem Builders Forum with InBIA and Kauffman | Oct 21-24, 2024 |
| Samantha Morales | Kansas City, MO | Ecosystem Builders Forum with InBIA and Kauffman | Oct 21-24, 2024 |
| Eric Quintero | Austin, TX | TEDC Sales Tax Workshop | Nov 8, 2024 |
| Alexandria Eckert | Austin, TX | TEDC Sales Tax Workshop | Nov 8, 2024 |
| Samantha Morales | San Antonio, Texas | TEDC - Basic Economic Development Course | Nov 12 -15, 2024 |
| Rudy Hinojosa | San Antonio, Texas | TEDC - Basic Economic Development Course | Nov 12 -15, 2024 |

4. BCIC STAFF PRESENTATION:

- a. President's Update (*Cori Peña, President/CEO*)
- b. End-of-the-Year Marketing Update (*Nelson Amaro, Director of Marketing and Communications*)
- c. Community Development Programs Report (*Eric Quintero, Community Development Manager*)

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

5. Discussion, Consideration, and Acknowledgment of the August 2024 Financials Report.
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Establishing a Recurring Date and Time for BCIC's Monthly Board Meetings.
7. Consideration and Action to approve the following FY2024 Business Improvement & Growth ("BIG") Rent Reinvestment Program Application:
 - a. 1105 E. Washington Street /Tenant: La Reve French American Restaurant/Applicant: Ramblas Hospitality Group LLC in the amount of \$15,000 for rental reimbursement.
8. Consideration and Action to approve the following FY2024 Business Improvement & Growth ("BIG") Property Improvement Application(s):
 - a. 832 E Adams St/Tenant: Dulce Bodeguita/Property Owner: Solaris Management Solutions in the amount of \$60,000 for standard rehabilitation.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Board/Staff announcements or comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of accommodation is encouraged to contact the Organizational Development & Human Resources Department at 956/548- 6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Wednesday, September 25, 2024, no later than 12:00 p.m. to make proper arrangements.

By: Jill Dominguez
Chair of the Board of Directors of the BCIC

I certify that a copy of the September 26, 2024, Agenda of the items to be considered by the BCIC Board has been posted on the Bulletin Board Area at the Brownsville City Hall - Federal

Building at least 72 hours prior to the board meeting. I further certify that the agenda was posted on the BCIC website and can be downloaded by accessing brownsvilleedc.org/meetings/

By:

Victoria Padron

Victoria Padron, COO