



**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 **Monday, October 28, 2024, at 5:30 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/81827717405?pwd=XLwUtyInUb04BUhRTZ5ulOnNkva6Qj.1>

Meeting ID: 818 2771 7405

Passcode: BCIC

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 30, 2024, Regular Meeting

3.2 Approval of Accounts Payable Reports from September 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024.

3.3 Acknowledgment of Quality of Life Quarterly Reports.

3.4 Consideration and Action to enter into a performance agreement with the 2023 Startup Texas SBIR/STTR Accelerator Graduate Dr. Madhavan Pisharodi of Pisharodi Electronics, LLC, in the amount of \$10,000 in partnership with Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station.

3.5 Consideration and Action to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the City of Brownsville and Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation by supporting the creation of the Dignity Trailer.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

4. Discussion, Consideration, and Acknowledgment of the September 2024 Financial Report and the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending September 30, 2024.

5. Consideration and Action on the sponsorship request from the Brownsville Animal Regulation & Care Center for the Brownsville Community Spay & Neuter Event in the Amount of \$30,000.
6. Consideration and Action to carry over the FY24 Quality of Life Program guidelines into FY25 and open the program for applications starting November 1, 2024.
7. Consideration and Action to initiate the 60-day public comment period and schedule a public hearing for the Quality of Life Program.
8. Consideration and Action to enter into a performance agreement with the 2024 Startup Texas SBIR/STTR Accelerator Winner, Ethan Atlan of Accucell Biotechnology, in the amount of \$40,000 in partnership with Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station.
9. Consideration and Action to approve the following FY2025 Business Improvement & Growth (“BIG”) Property Improvement Application(s):
 - a) 1126-B E Washington St. Property Owner: Gloria Perez/Tenant: Whiskero Hospitality Group Inc (Martin Cavazos) in the amount of \$43,500 for Standard Rehabilitation.
 - b) 635 E 10th St. Property Owner: 942 Adams LLC/Leonel Zuniga in the amount of \$47,994 for Extensive Rehabilitation.
10. Consideration and Action to Approve the Following Application(s) for the Brownsville Small Business Recovery Fund, contingent upon receiving additional documentation from applicants as required by the Housing & Urban Development (“HUD”) federal agency:
 - a) Tora Coffee and Tea Bar/ Coffee and Tea Shop/Theodore Chang/Small Business Category \$20,000.
 - b) Torres Insurance Agency/Insurance Agency/ Irma Torres/Microenterprise \$10,000.
 - c) MAGA Assurance and Services LLC/Financial Services/ Maria G. Garcia/ Microenterprise \$10,000.
 - d) I Supply LLC/Construction and Remodeling Services/Juan del Toro/ Microenterprise \$10,000.
 - e) Cheers Hair Studio/Hair Salon/Elizabeth Salinas/Microenterprise \$10,000.
11. Consideration and possible Action to reschedule the regular board meeting from November 25, 2024, to December 2, 2024.
12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Board/Staff announcements or comments.

13. 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 Friday, October 25, 2024, no later than 5:00 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 October 28, 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, COO