

**URBAN RENEWAL BOARD (SPECIAL CALLED MEETING) DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Thursday, September 28, 2023**



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***MEETING MINUTES***  
***THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023***

**The URBAN RENEWAL BOARD convened on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023, at the Permitting and Development Center - 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Manuel Escobar called the Urban Renewal Board meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

Chair Manuel Escobar, Vice Chair Darrell Pierce, Commissioner Kobla Tetey, and Commissioner Tam Hawkins were present.

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

None.

**Board Members Absent/off the dais:**

Commissioners Watson, Motwani, and Skidmore were absent.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the URB's regular meeting on August 21, 2023.

**The minutes from the meeting of August 21, 2023, were approved on Commissioner Tetey's motion, Vice Chair Pierce's second, on a 4-0 vote.**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

2. Discussion and possible action to recommend support for implementing a cap and/or stitch over I-35 between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets (Chair Escobar).

**Discussion led by Chair Escobar. The motion to authorize Chair Escobar to submit a statement in favor of a cap to the council and mayor on behalf of the Urban Renewal**

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**Board was approved on Vice Chair Pierce's motion, Commissioner Tetey's second, on a 4-0 vote.**

3. Discussion and possible action related to the 2024 regular URB meeting schedule (Clerk's Office)

**The motion to approve the draft Urban Renewal Board meeting schedule for 2024 was approved with the following amendments on Vice Chair Pierce's motion, Commissioner Hawkin's second, on a 4-0 vote. The amendments were to update the schedule to note that January 22 is the fourth Monday in January in 2024, and to revise the regular called June meeting date from June 17 to June 10 (second Monday of the month).**

4. Discussion and possible action related to updates on future development of Blocks 16 & 18 from Austin Economic Development Corporation, including the Request for Proposals process, discussion of Evaluation Committee role and time commitment, meetings of and updated approval of additional candidates for the Stakeholder Working Group (Anne Gatling Haynes, AEDC)

**Anne Gatling Haynes from AEDC presented.**

**Chair Escobar recessed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. without objection.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

5. Discuss legal matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of an interest in Blocks 16 and 18 located on East 11th Street in Austin (Private consultation with legal counsel - Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code)
6. Discuss real estate matters related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of an interest in Blocks 16 and 18 located on East 11th Street in Austin (Real Property - Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code)

**Chair Escobar reconvened the Urban Renewal Board meeting at 7:11 p.m.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Manuel Escobar adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. without objection.**

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**The minutes were approved at the October 16, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Tetey's motion, Commissioner Watson's second on a (4-0) vote.**