



# April 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Greater Yuma Port Authority.

4/24/2025 8:30 AM MST

@ 1090 Union Street San Luis, AZ 85349

## **Attendance**

### **Present:**

Members: Arturo Durazo, Alejandro Figueroa (remote), Russ Jones, Matias Rosales, Javier Vargas, , Gary Magrino, Supervisor Tony Reyes

Guests: Mark Sanders, ADOT (remote), Buna George, Greg LaVann, GYEDC, Jenny Torres

### **Absent:**

Members: Chris Morris

#### I. Call to order by Chairman of the Board

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am by Chairman Matias Rosales

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

#### III. Presentations

The Executive Director of Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, Greg LaVann, presented to the GYPA board about GYEDC's role in administering the Foreign Trade Zone within Yuma County and provided an update regarding the binational consultant, Mr. Mexia.

##### A. GYEDC

Executive Director Greg LaVann will discuss the current partnership update with Rio Colorado EDC and will address Foreign Trade Zone Administration Q&A.

 [FTZ#219 Summary \(GYPA Presentation\).pptx](#)

#### IV. Consent agenda

The following items listed under the Consent Agenda will be considered as a group and acted upon by one motion with no separate discussion unless a Board Member requests otherwise. In that event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.

### **Motion:**


Motion to approve as presented with changes noted by Russ Jones on the financial reports and the generating dates.

The motion passes unanimously.


##### A. Meeting minutes for 03/26/25

 [Min.3.2025.pdf](#)

##### B. Financials, ending 03/31/2025


 Balance Sheet. Ending 3.31.25.pdf

 Checking, ending 3.31.25.pdf

 PnL ending 3.31.25.pdf

V. Executive Directors Report

 Executive Director report.pptx

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 SmartPOE Official Presentation 04.08.2025 (1).pdf

 PuenteSnLuisRioColorado.pdf VF (1).pdf

 Executive Director report.pdf

The GYPA Executive Director recapped her research on the following topics. The ED opted to move the report prior to the action items so she could obtain direction from the board regarding the projects that she is to execute for this next fiscal year.

A. Border Technology (in partnership with ADOT)

 SmartPOE Official Presentation 04.08.2025 (1).pdf

B. Dual driver program at San Luis II

C. USDA Entomology Initiatives/Lumen/additional land acquisition/RFP updates/Office remodel/travel recap/tariff impacts/writings

 USDA Dialogue.pdf

VI. Discussion and possible actions:

**Motion:**

The executive director was directed to continue researching the border wait time initiative. Mr. Jones asked that GYPA continue to advocate with the MX Government to change San Luis to a Level 1 Port instead of a Level 2 as it currently stands. ED will provide additional updates and execution plans at the next board meeting.

A. Border Technology Initiative

Asking for board authorization to allow ED to execute an agreement with Texas A&M for staff to visit the San Luis area to survey sensor placement in order for an accurate proposal to be presented to GYPA.

Work in conjunction with the City of San Luis on alternative routes for southbound traffic (Levee v. Archibald/95).

B. GYPA Technology Initiative

Asking board to authorize ED to scope application developers and technology consulting firms for a scope of work on application creation and present a more accurate ROI model at a future meeting.

C. Dual Driver program at San Luis II

Asking the board to authorize ED to work with CBP and Aduanas/SAT to execute a short-term dual driver program (5 trips/fewer) at the San Luis port to aid in the training of new drivers through San Luis Commercial and an effort to recruit new users to the area.

D. Assignment of board members to the finance committee for 2025/2026 budget draft and review of the investment models

Asking for 3 volunteers to assist the ED with the 2025/2026 budget and expenditure allocation. Current secretary is Russ Jones.

The following members volunteered for the following roles: finance committee: Russ Jones, Javier Vargas, Gary Magrino, and procurement committee: Arturo Durazo, Chris Morris, and Alejandro Figueroa.

E. Assignment of board members for the contractor review committee to review the bids prior to the end of the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Asking for three volunteers to assist the ED in reviewing RFP's from qualified candidates for the following projects:

- Accounting/CPA services
- Legal services
- Data Analytics services
- Application developers
- Internship applications

F. Arizona Mexico Commission 66th Anniversary Summit

- Sponsorship
- Board Attendance
- 6/26/2025 - 6/27/2025 (3:00 PM - 5:00 PM )
- [https://www.ectownusa.net/members/evr/reg\\_event.php?orgcode=AZMC&evvid=6172001](https://www.ectownusa.net/members/evr/reg_event.php?orgcode=AZMC&evvid=6172001)

 [AMC 2025 Sponsorship Packet.pdf](#)

VII. Chairman's report

The chairman noted that he will attend the Congressional Border Briefing on May 8th in Phoenix.

VIII. Call to the public

Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address issue(s) within the jurisdiction of each individually appointed member and their scope of knowledge. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute

§38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for further discussion and decision at a future date. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by email at: BGeorge@GYPA.org. The email forms of public comment will be accepted until 8:00 a.m. the morning of the scheduled meeting. All public comments will be read aloud during the board of directors meeting. If a person so chooses to address the board in person, they are allotted 3 minutes to address the Board.

#### IX. Summary of Current Events

Board members and Executives may discuss events attended on behalf of the Port Authority, present a summary of current events, and update the schedule for future meetings, as appropriate. No legal action will be taken pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 (K).

#### X. Adjournment

The Board of Directors may vote to go into executive session concerning any of the agenda items mentioned above during the noticed meeting. If authorized by the requisite vote of the Directors, the executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public. The executive session, if held, will be at the exact meeting location set forth above. The discussion may relate to personnel, public records, confidential legal advice or counsel, litigation, and real estate or other matters permitted under A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(1)-(7). The Chair or other presiding officer shall instruct the persons present at the Executive Session regarding the confidentiality requirements of the Open Meeting Laws. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING: Posted this 21st day of April 2025. GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY /s/ Secretary/Treasurer, Russel Jones. Notice: The GYPA does not discriminate based on disability in admission to, access to treatment of participation in its programs or activities. People with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations by contacting the GYPA's main office line at 928-248-8546. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

#### **Motion:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:39 am