Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Greater Yuma Port Authority.
6/30/2026 8:30 AMMST
@ 788 E B Stree4t San Luis, AZ 85349

Attendance

Present:

Members: Arturo Durazo, Alejandro Figueroa, Russ Jones, Chris Morris, Elizabeth Punpayuk (remote), Matias Rosales, Javier Vargas

Guests: Lyndsay W, Riveting Creative (remote), Buna George, Executive Director, Jenny Torres, City of San Luis, Gary Magrino, Member, Tony Reyes, Member

I. Call to order by Chairman of the Board

Meeting was called to order at 8:36am by Chairman Russ Jones.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Message from outgoing Chairman, Russ Jones

Outgoing Chairman Russ Jones reflected on the organization's progress over the past term, noting that overall, significant strides have been made in advancing the mission and strengthening the Authority's position. He emphasized that while much has been accomplished, there remains considerable work ahead in building a truly self-sufficient and self-sustaining organization. Chairman Jones reiterated the importance of maintaining focus on trade promotion and continued dialogue surrounding the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), recognizing these efforts as critical to the region's economic vitality. He expressed optimism for deeper collaboration with the Southwest Port Users Association and broader private-sector partnerships as a means to expand impact and engagement. He also acknowledged the successful addition of $50,000 in funding support from the City of Yuma and closed by extending his best wishes to the incoming Chairman and the Board as they continue the organization's work forward.

IV. Annual board leadership changes:

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- 15. 4th Amended and Restated Bylaws - signed 02.17.17 (1) (1) (1).pdf
- Articles of Incorp. (1).pdf

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Motion:

Motion to approve slate as voted on: Alejandro Figueroa, Chairman and Matias Rosales as Vice Chairman and Arturo Durazo as secretary/treasurer

Motion passes unanimoulsy

A. Current Chairman: Russ Jones, City of Yuma

B. Current Vice Chair: Alejandro Figueroa, Yuma County

C. Current Secretary / Treasurer: Matias Rosales, City of San Luis

V. Message from incoming Chairman

Newly elected Chairman, Alejandro Figueroa thanked the board for their trust and mentorship. He riterated outgoing Chairman's sentiment on the ground work that needs to be layed and expressed an optimistic outlook for this next coming year.

VI. Adjourn

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Meeting adjourned at 8:51am

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