

**CONSTRUCTION TRADE ADVISORY & APPEAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1201 LEOPARD STREET
THURSDAY, April 17, 2025 1:30 PM**

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jared Merdes-Chairman
Paul Cervantes-Vice Chairman
Ronald Brister
Mike Dildy
Ty Gentry
Jose Jimenez
Tommie Lee
Saul Esquivel
Brandon Harper

STAFF:

Michael Dice, Director
William Witliff, Building Official
Buck Brice, Deputy City Attorney

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chairman Merdes called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm and a quorum was established to conduct the meeting with Member Cervantes absent.
- II. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: ELECTION OF OFFICERS – CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Member Lee nominated Jared Merdes for chair. Member Brister seconded the nomination. The Vote: All Ayes. Merdes nominated.

Member Gentry made a motion to reelect Merdes as Chair. Member Dildy seconded. Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Chair Merdes made a motion to nominate Paul Cervantes for vice-chair. Member Dildy seconded. The Vote: All Ayes. Cervantes nominated.

Member Lee made a motion to reelect Cervantes as Vice-Chair. Member Brister seconded. The Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:** January 16, 2025: Member Lee arrived late, after the roll call was taken. No action taken.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 16, 2025

Member Dildy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by staff from January 16, 2025, with the change that Member Lee was not absent. Member Brister seconded. The Vote: All Aye. The motion passed.

- VI. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Discussion was held on the following items:

- **Refrigerant Concerns with A2L and 2024 IMC Code**
- **Progressive Disciplinary Action Against Contractors**
- **NM Cable Through Conduit to Island Counter**

No action was taken

VII. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT:

- Maintaining over 98% Scheduled Day Inspections
- STAR Program Progress and Training
- ICC Building Safety Month starting in May

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discuss new rule on apprentice direct supervision
- Reaction to legislation passed/failed
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IX. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.