City of Corpus Christi

Meeting Minutes

Sister City Committee

Thursday, July 10, 2025	**12:00 PM**	**Staff Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall**

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A.   Call To Order

Committee Chair Harbolovic called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

B.   Roll Call

Present: 8 -   Adria Vasquez, Vice Chair Valerie Harbolovic, Susane "Westi" Horn, Charles Harris, Heather Moretzsohn, Ana Rivera-Soto, Angelita Romero, and Wally Gonzalez

Absent: 1 -   Jessuip Avalos

C.   Public Comment

There were no public comments.

D.   Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

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Absent: 1 -   Jessuip Avalos

1.   25-1065   Minutes of the June 12, 2025 meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved.

E.   Committee Reports

2.   24-2009   Agen Subcommittee update

Subcommittee Chair Harbolovic discussed Del Mar College's support of a pilot program planned for next June to send a student to France in a culinary exchange program. Other industries will be explored.

3.   24-2010   Student Exchange Subcommittee report

Subcommittee Chair Horn reported the students arrived in Agen and Yokosuka on Sunday, July 10. The activity schedule for students would be revised to add a tour of KIII TV studios on July 25. Member Harris will fill in as chaperone during the Hooks baseball game, and Member Gonzalez will fill in as chaperone during the meeting with Mayor Guajardo. Chair Horn will update the activity schedule.

4.   25-0372   Budget & Fundraising Subcommittee update

Subcommittee Chair Harris reported the farewell event will be held at the Galvan House and this will increase budget expense to $2,000. Considering consulting fee for Mae Ferguson, the remaining budget to spend is $2367. Staff Liaison Box clarified that all expenses should be approved by the committee before purchases are made, and all purchases must be done by a committee member. Liaison Box will inventory lapel pins for U.S.- Japan summit. 100 pins needed.

5.   24-2014   Transition Subcommittee Update

Subcommittee Chair Harbolovic discussed the city drafted a contract with the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce (UCCCC) and sent it to UCCCC President Al Arreola. Chair Harbolovic also reported she has emailed Mae Ferguson to request her services.

F.   **Staff Reports**

G.   **Unfinished Business**

H.   **New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

6.   25-1066   Subcommittee restructuring

Member Rivera-Soto made a motion to restructure subcommittees: Student Exchange, International Relations and Budget Finances and Fundraising. Motion unanimously passed. Member Rivera-Soto is interested in serving on the Student Exchange subcommittee. Member Harris is interested in serving on the Budget Finances and Fundraising subcommittee. Members Harbolovic, Moretzsohn and Romero are interested in serving on the International Exchange subcommittee.

7.   25-1067   Contract with Mae Ferguson

Member Rivera-Soto motioned to approve funding for contract with Mae Ferguson for $600, seconded by Member Harris and unanimously approved.

8.   **25-1068**   US - Japan Summit registration

The committee discussed registration for the U.S.-Japan Summit and reimbursement policies for travel. Will place on agenda for further discussion.

I.   Future Agenda Items

Future items to discuss are subcommittee appointments and setting priorities; operations and policy development; and U.S.-Japan Summit gifts.

J.   Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.