



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

Sister City Committee

Thursday, March 13, 2025

12:00 PM

Staff Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

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A. Call To Order

Vice Chair Valerie Harbolovic called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Staff Liaison Stephanie Box called roll. Chairman Luis Cabrera joined the meeting virtually.

Present: 6 - Adria Vasquez, Chair Luis F. Cabrera, Vice Chair Valerie Harbolovic, Susane "Westi" Horn, Ana Rivera-Soto, and Jessuip Avalos

Absent: 3 - Charles Harris, Heather Moretzsohn, and Robert Voorheis

C. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [25-0371](#) Minutes of the February 13, 2025 meeting

The minutes were approved. Member Horne made a motion to change Member Rivera-Soto's absence on February 13th from absent to present due to her joining the meeting late, seconded by Member Vasquez and passed unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Adria Vasquez, Chair Luis F. Cabrera, Vice Chair Valerie Harbolovic, Susane "Westi" Horn, Ana Rivera-Soto, and Jessuip Avalos

Absent: 3 - Charles Harris, Heather Moretzsohn, and Robert Voorheis

Abstained: 0

E. Committee Reports

2. [24-2009](#) Agen Subcommittee update - Susan Westi Horne, Chair

Subcommittee Chair Horne reported a draft schedule and proposed agenda for the Agen delegation visit. Will follow up with Agen to confirm visit. Member Vasquez will follow up with the Port to include on the schedule for the delegation to visit. Lisa will follow up on transportation during the visit and Subcommittee Chair Horne will send a revised schedule.

3. [24-2010](#) Student Exchange Subcommittee report - Luis Cabrera, Chair

Committee Chair Cabrera reported three students have applied and been accepted into the program, looking for a fourth applicant. Orientation is scheduled for March 23rd at Broadmoor Senior Center at 2:30pm. Subcommittee will meet again next week on March 18th at 12pm, Chair Cabrera will send the invite. Next steps in planning are to purchase tickets and planning events.

4. [24-2011](#) Veracruz Subcommittee report - Valerie Harbolovic, Chair

Subcommittee Chair Harbolovic reported interest in an international economic summit but on hold for now, and recommends to include Monterrey and Playa del Carmen.

5. [24-2012](#) Yokosuka Subcommittee update - Susane Westi Horne, Chair

Subcommittee Chair Horne had nothing to report.

6. [25-0372](#) Budget & Fundraising Subcommittee update - Charles Harris, Chair

Subcommittee Chair Harris absent. Member Harbolovic recommends another member be assigned as a back-up to report on Budget and Fundraising in order to keep committee business moving forward.

7. [24-2014](#) Transition Subcommittee Update - Valerie Harbolovic, Chair

Subcommittee Chair Harbolovic recommends transitioning to the Chamber of Commerce. Staff Liaison Box will follow up with Ryan Skrobarczyk on agreement terms with the Chamber.

8. [24-2015](#) Toledo Subcommittee update

Subcommittee Chair Cabrera recommends to place Toledo on hold until after transition has occurred, and before September 30th.

F. Staff Reports

9. [25-0375](#) Introduce & welcome new committee members

Staff Liaison Box welcomed new member Jessuip Avalos.

10. [24-2016](#) Updates from Staff Liaison

Staff Liaison Box reported on ex-officio positions such as from VCC does not count towards a quorum. VCC will be appointing a new CEO in April. Member Harbolovic inquired about adding an ex-officio position for the POCC. Liaison Box will confirm with Mayor on the meet and greet, and will follow up with the City Manager on Hooks games.

G. Unfinished Business

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

11. [25-0373](#) Discuss the three Mexican sister cities

This item will be revisited in June.

I. Future Agenda Items

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.