Vice President Norma Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

The Vice President then moved to item 2: Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes (April 25, 2018). *Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

Vice President Garcia then moved to item 3: Public Comment and/or Report from Legislative Delegation. She acknowledged the recent election of Cameron County Commissioner Alex Dominguez as a State Representative and congratulated him.

The Vice President next recognized Professor Ann Millard with Texas A&M Public Health in McAllen. Prof. Millard informed the Board of Texas A&M’s efforts to prevent diabetes through economic development and multimodal transportation.

Next Mr. Salomon Torres, Program Manager for Unidos Contra Diabetes (UCD) was recognized and informed the Board about UCD’s origins and affiliations. He stated that there is an opportunity from the Center for Disease Control which would fund innovative strategies to prevent diabetes and heart disease; only fifteen (15) entities throughout the country will be awarded these funds and the application due date is July 9. UCD’s goal is to reduce the rate of diabetes by 10% and Mr. Torres stated that he may want to present a competitive proposal to the Board at the next meeting.

The Vice President then moved to item 4: Administration

A. Act on Recommendations from Nominating Committee

1. Selection of Five (5) Persons for Election as Members-at-Large to the General Membership

Vice President Garcia stated that the Nominating Committee’s recommendations for the five (5) persons to be considered by the Board of Directors are as follows:
Mayor David Suarez made a motion to elect the five (5) Members-at-Large as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Selection of Three (3) Members-at-Large to be Elected to the 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to elect the three (3) Members-at-Large to the 2018-2019 Board of Directors as presented. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

B. Executive Director Report

1. Introduction of New Staff Members
   Mr. Garza introduced:
   - Rudy Zamora, Planner 1, HCMPO
   - Crystal Gonzalez, Planner 1, HCMPO
   - Monic Galvan, Receptionist
   The Board warmly welcomed our new employees.

   LRGVDC Updates & Activities
   Mr. Garza was recognized and addressed the following items:

   2. RGV to DC 2018
      The RGV to DC trip is planned for the week of June 11 and is being coordinated by the RGV Partnership. Currently about 50 individuals have registered and 10 cities will be represented at our nation’s capital.

   3. RGV 2020 (CEDS)
      Mr. Garza stated that this project is almost complete and that there are a few more interviews to conduct, primarily with state and elected officials. During the interviews staff will ask about priorities that should be brought forth during next year’s legislative session.

   4. 2018 Road to Recycling – Reginal Tire Collection Project
      The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) met and is in favor of continuing this tire collection and recycling effort. This event will be structured similarly to the way it was done last year. The next collection event has been scheduled for July 28
5. 2020 Regional Census Taskforce
Mr. Garza stated that the Census Taskforce met on May 10 and expressed appreciation for the involvement and interest the Census Bureau has shown for this region. The Census Bureau is well aware that the Rio Grande Valley is historically an undercounted region. The Taskforce recommends that every city has a Complete Count Committee to facilitate activities for accurate counts on the 2020 Census.

6. BikeShare RGV
Mr. Garza informed the Board that the BikeShare RGV Advisory Committee would like to move forward with an RFP (Request for Proposals) for a dockless bike system across the Valley. This system would be integrated with B-Cycle, the system the City of McAllen currently uses, and this dockless system would provide a regional solution that would integrate throughout the Valley. This would be a zero cost investment to cities, and the reason we are able to do this is because of economies of scale. The way this has been discussed in the past is by the population of individual cities; now this system is being looked at as providing service to a metropolitan area with a population of approximately 1.4 million. After a vendor is selected through the RFP process, compliance measures will be created and presented to the commission or council of every city that would like to participate in this service. The cities would develop an ordinance structure to allow a permit for the vendor to operate within their city. Upon conclusion of discussion Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve releasing an RFP for a dockless bike rental system to be used throughout the Rio Grande Valley. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of Administration items, Vice President Garcia moved to item 5: Department Reports.

A. Economic Development

Economic Development Status Reports
Ms. Terrie Salinas, Economic Development Director was recognized and stated that the status reports on Kari’s Law and Keeping PACE in Texas were in the Board packet for review.

Explore RGV Status Report
Ms. Blanca Davila, Economic Development Specialist, was recognized and gave the status report on the progress of the Explore RGV project.

B. Community & Environmental Services

Community Development Status Report
Program Director Marcie Oviedo was recognized and informed the Board that the status reports on the HUD Disaster Recovery Housing Program, the Solid Waste Management Program, and Water Resources were in the Board packet for review.

C. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status Reports
Program Director Joe Gonzalez was recognized and stated that the status reports on the annual Centenarian Recognition and the Medicare Improvement for Providers and Patients Act (MIPPA) events were in the Board meeting packet for review. He added that Area Agency on Aging staff is available upon request to give presentations on Medicare or any of the benefits covered by this program.

D. Public Safety
Vice President Garcia next recognized Public Safety Director Manuel Cruz to address the following items:

Criminal Justice Program Status Reports
Mr. Cruz stated that the Criminal Justice Program reports are available for review in the Board meeting packet.

Emergency Communications Status Report

1. Consider Approval to Purchase One (1) Vehicle for Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division

Mr. Cruz stated that staff requests Board approval to purchase an eight (8) passenger vehicle that would be primarily utilized to transport staff and tow the ECOMM/9-1-1 trailer to public education events. This vehicle would also provide transportation for department staff to local and out of region events. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has approved this purchase which would be made through Texas Buy Board purchasing cooperative of which LRGVDC is a member. The Buy Board Purchasing Cooperative has selected Gunn Chevrolet through a competitive bid process to sell this vehicle at the cost of $54,777.00. Mr. Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) eight (8) passenger vehicle for the Emergency Communications/9-1-1 Division as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Pete Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Homeland Security Status Report
Mr. Cruz noted that the Homeland Security Program status reports were in the Board meeting packet for review and reminded all those present that hurricane season begins June 1.

Regional Police Academy Status Report
Mr. Cruz reported that the Regional Police Academy currently has 88 cadets slated to graduate in August.

E. Transportation

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Status Report
Andrew Canon, Director of the HCMPO, was recognized and thanked Mayor Chris Boswell for participating in the recent Motorcycle Awareness Ride. Mr. Canon announced that the final delivery of food donated at the 8th Annual Walk n Roll event was brought to the UTRGV Food Bank two weeks ago. This event garnered 3,544 pounds of food which was divided between the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses. Mr. Canon also reported that he was at a recent TxDOT meeting and they were able to secure TxDOT allowing for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
process to renovate the Pharr Interchange through a design/build process with an estimated time of completion in 2023.

Valley Metro Status Report
Program Director Tom Logan was recognized and addressed the following:

1. Consider Approval to Purchase a Vehicle Lift
   Mr. Logan informed the Board that staff requests approval to purchase a vehicle lift to be used by the Valley Metro Maintenance Division. A vehicle lift is necessary for routine and preventive maintenance to vehicle transmissions, engines, etc. Purchase of this piece of equipment would be made using grant funds and has been approved by TxDOT through the Buy Board Purchasing Cooperative. The Buy Board Purchasing Cooperative has selected Reeder Distributors, Inc. through a competitive bid process to sell this vehicle lift at a cost of $25,990.00. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano made a motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle lift as approved by TxDOT. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Approval of Revisions to Vehicle Maintenance & Facility Maintenance Policy
   The policy revisions consist of the addition of the International Starcraft Type 11 Preventative Maintenance checklist to the Valley Metro Vehicle Maintenance & Facility Maintenance Policy. This addition reflects new vehicles purchased and leased through the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. No other changes are recommended for this policy other than placing the checklist at the end of the document. Mayor Pro-tem Pete Garcia made a motion to approve the revisions to the Vehicle Maintenance & Facility Maintenance Policy as presented. Mr. Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

3. Recognition of PSJA Southwest Marketing for RTAP Marketing Plan
   Valley Metro Assistant Director Sarah Dierlam was recognized and acknowledged the efforts of PSJA Southwest High School, Southwest Marketing class for the creation and development of the RTAP Marketing Plan. Under the direction of Mr. Eloy Garza, students worked to research, develop, and create the RTAP Marketing Plan. Research activities included surveying riders at McAllen Metro and Brownsville Metro. Mr. Eloy Garza thanked the Board for the opportunity for his students to participate in this project.

Vice President Garcia next moved to item 7 – New or Unfinished Business, there being none, she moved to item #8 – Passing of the Gavel. This item will be held over until the next meeting when President Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez will be present.

There being no further business to come before the Board Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Esmeralda seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

Hon. Norma G. Garcia, President