

**Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc.**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2023 11:30AM**

**Board Members Present:**

Fred Gonzalez – President  
Joe Flores – Vice President  
Tony Garza – Treasurer  
Luis Huerta – Member  
Marcos Garcia - Member  
Roel Villanueva- Member

**Board Members Absent:**

Peggy Marie Chavez-Yanez – Secretary

**EDC Staff Present:**

Melissa Ramirez – Executive Director  
Mark Sossi – DCM Attorney

**City Staff Present:**

Alberto Perez – City Manager

**Others Present:**

Rudy Salinas- SAS, CPA  
Rina Castillo- Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program  
Meagan Rodriguez- Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program

**1. Call Meeting to order**

Fred Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

**2. Discussion and Action: December 14, 2022 Minutes**

Roel Villanueva motioned to approve the December 14, 2022 minutes . Seconded by Joe Flores.  
Unanimous.

**3. Discussion and Action: December 2022 Financials**

Joe Flores motioned to approve December 2022 financials as presented by Rudy Salinas, SAS, CPA.  
Seconded by Marcos Garcia. Unanimous.

*Board deviated from agenda.*

**10. Executive Session: Section 551.087: Economic development negotiations with Project Tiger**

**and Section 551.071: pending legal issues with delinquent loans and on any regular agenda item requiring confidential, attorney-client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said item as needed.**

**The Board went into Executive Session at 11:40 AM**

*Tony Garza abstained from discussing Project Tiger.*

**The Board went into Open Session at 12:50 PM**

**4. Discussion and Action: Election of Officers**

Tony Garza motioned to table the election of officers as the full Board was not present. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. Unanimous.

**5. Discussion and Action: DCM Investment Policy**

Marcos Garcia motioned to approve the DCM investment policy. Seconded by Tony Garza. Unanimous.

**6. Discussion and Action: Appointment to Man & Woman of the Year Committee**

Marcos Garcia motioned to appoint Roel Villanueva to the Man and Woman of the Year Committee. Seconded by Tony Garza. Unanimous.

**7. Discussion and Action: DCM Budget Amendment for Additional Staff**

Joe Flores motioned to approve the budget for additional staff as presented; the City will cost share the Marketing Coordinator. Seconded by Lou Huerta. Unanimous.

**8. Discussion and Action: Prairie View A& M University Sponsorship for HUB Program**

Joe Flores motioned to approve sponsoring the Prairie View HUB Program for \$5,175. Seconded by Marcos Garcia. Unanimous.

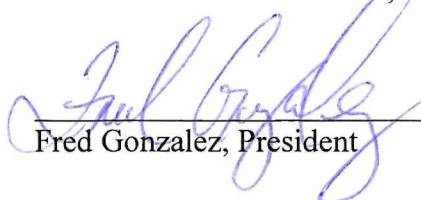
**9. Discussion and Action: Acquisition of Stage**

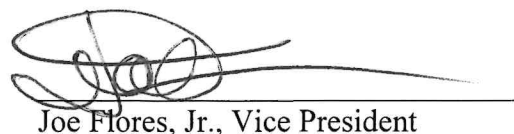
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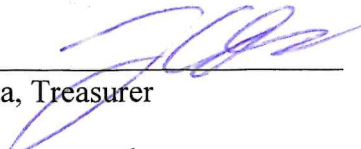
**11. Discussion and Action: item #10**

Tony Garza motioned proceed as discussed in Executive Session with MD International. Seconded by Joe Flores. Unanimous.

Joe Flores motioned to request collateral to consider a loan for Project Tiger. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. Fred Gonzalez, Lou Huerta and Marcos Garcia vote aye. Tony Garza abstained.

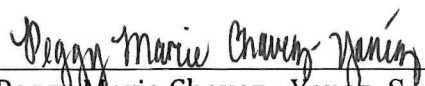
  
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Joe Flores, Jr., Vice President




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Tony Garza, Treasurer



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Peggy Marie Chavez - Yanez, Secretary



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Roel Villanueva, Member



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Luis Huerta, Member



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Marcos Garcia, Member