



Minutes of the Special Meeting of
the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District

March 21, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: District Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

President Szu Pei Lu-Yang

Vice President John Bellah

Director Anthony J. Lima

Director Robert W. Lewis

Director Teresa P. Rios

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph Ortiz, Legal Counsel

Karina Gutierrez

Brian Soto

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF:

Tom Coleman, General Manager

Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services

Crystal Rodriguez, Accounting/Customer Service Manager

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

COMMENTS:

Karina Gutierrez addressed the Board and read from a prepared statement setting forth her appeal on the determination to terminate her employment with the District.

Tab 1 ACTION ITEMS

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Personnel; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; Government Code 54957; Customer Service Rep. I

Legal counsel, Joseph Ortiz, explained the appeal process in detail to the members of the Board and advised the Board that this was not a new hearing but rather Karina’s appeal to the Board would simply allow them to review the record and the General Manager’s final decision to terminate. After the review, the Board would issue a final decision.

Board President, Szu Pei Lu-Yang, called for a recess from 6:20 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. to allow the members of the Board to review the packet of information provided to them.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:20 p.m. After an in depth discussion, a motion was made by Director Lima and seconded by Director Lewis, to uphold the General Manager’s decision to terminate Karina Gutierrez’ employment with the District. The motion was passed on the following rolls call vote:

- Ayes: Directors Lu-Yang, Lima, Lewis and Rios
- Noes: Director Bellah
- Abstain: None
- Absent: None

Directors’ and General Manager’s Comments

None.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Late Business

None.

Next Regular Board Meeting

April 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary