

# MEETING OF THE AHCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 25, 2019

3:00 – 4:30pm

Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce

## MINUTES

<b>Meeting Called By:</b>	Dennis Garcia
<b>Members Present:</b>	Dennis Garcia, Eric Herrera, Joan Tafoya, Erin Gandara, Michelle Hernandez, Rebeca Alderete Baca, Brian Chavez, Morris Chavez, Robert Dzur, JP Espinoza, Mike Kivitz, Chriselle Martinez, Sherman McCorkle, Carlos Romero, Gary Sanchez, Joe Trimble, Cindy Dominguez-Trujillo (for Col. Richard W. Gibbs), Eugene Padilla, Eliseo Torres
<b>Members Excused:</b>	Mary Martinez, Tom Domme, Anthony Tenorio, Synthia Jaramillo, Scott Aeilts, Larry Lujan, Vivian Sisneros, Raquel Reedy
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Rudy Beserra, Paul Chavez, Angela Gallegos Macias, Samuel Garcia, Melonie Mathews, Johnny Montoya, Leonard Sanchez, James Torres, Jack Vigil, Klarissa J. Pena, Steven Michael Quezada, Ken Sanchez, Ed Manzanares
<b>Staff and Guests:</b>	<b>Staff:</b> Ernie C'de Baca, Jim Garcia, Connie Lee, Shannon Jacques, Annette Pitera <b>Guests:</b> Phil Casaus, President & CEO of Brycon; Wayne Moore, host of the meeting's social hour, and Operations Manager for the St. Clair Winery & Bistro.
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Annette Pitera
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	Dennis called the meeting to order at 3:07pm
<b>II. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2019</b>	Motion to approve by Dennis Garcia. Motion was passed.
<b>III. Officer's Reports</b>	<p>A. All reports were part of the Consent Agenda and sent prior to the meeting to all Board members for their review. No requests were made to retrieve any report from the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>B. Treasurer's Report presented by Eric Herrera and approved by the Board; 990 Form approved and signed by Eric Herrera. Connie Lee, CFO, and Finance Committee preparing FY2020 budget. Mike Kivitz added that it is good practice for the 990 Form to be approved by the Board.</p>

<p><b>IV. Introductions/Presentations</b></p> <p>A. Phil Casaus, President &amp; CEO of Brycon presented an overview of the company.</p> <p>B. Wayne Moore, Operations Director of the St. Clair Winery &amp; Bistro hosted the Board's social hour and made a brief presentation, he was accompanied by Carlos Colmenero the Area Wine Manager and Lori Lahoz, Executive Assistant.</p>
<p><b>V. Additions or Deletions to Agenda</b></p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>VI. New Business</b></p> <p>A. While at the USHCC Legislative Summit in Washington DC on April 2-3, 2019, Ernie C'de Baca, Dennis Garcia, Connie Lee, and Tessah Latson Garcia (BEOC Director) had very positive meetings with Senator Heinrich's office on the proposed Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) office at the Chamber and members of the American Petroleum Institute (API); they also made a brief presentation to several USHCC board members on the Chamber's proposal to host the USHCC Annual Summit in Albuquerque in 2020 or 2021.</p> <p>B. The AHCC website has been updated and an overall review is taking place to improve the concept and flow of the site.</p> <p>C. Scott Aeilts of Sandia Labs has shared his project management staff with the Chamber with the goal to streamlining the Chamber's events and programs.</p> <p>D. Dennis Garcia stressed again the important of the board's engagement in programs and events geared to the members – Membership Appreciation Breakfast and El Portal member Orientation. The members appreciate the opportunity to learn from the board members and many aspire to join the Chamber's board of directors.</p> <p>E. An AHCC master calendar is being complete and will be shared with the board members. It will include all signature events, member events, and education and workforce programs.</p> <p>F. Dennis Garcia requested the board members to forward him the names and resumes of potential board members.</p> <p>G. Dennis Garcia is leading an effort to re-engage past board chairs who would serve as counsel to the current board of directors.</p>
<p><b>VII. Old Business</b></p> <p>A. Education Excellence Awards Ceremony April 27<sup>th</sup>. \$1,000 scholarships to approximately 40 students, five "Thrive" (\$5,400) four-year scholarships.. Sponsors maintain relationship with the student they sponsor through the student's further education. Received 90 applications to date. The Education Committee reviews the scholarship applications and award recipients primarily based on their highest need.</p> <p>B. Gathering of Nations Pow Wow: AHCC's Convention &amp; Tourism department's staff is supporting this event. The UNM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) is developing an updated study on the economic impact of this event.</p>

**VIII. Announcements**

- A. Cindy Dominguez-Trujillo (for Col. Richard W. Gibbs), reminded the board that the Kirtland Air Force Base Air & Space Fiesta is taking place on May 18, 2019.
- B. Intel is expanding in Rio Rancho, creating approximately 100 vacant positions each month. Brian Chavez of INTEL, Dr. Eugene Padilla of CNM, and the Kirtland Air Force Base have been working closely together to attract local technicians and other applicants.

**IX. Adjournment**

Dennis Garcia adjourned the meeting at 4:25pm.

**The next Board of Directors' regularly scheduled meeting will take place on May 23rd, 2019, at Hollow Spirits, 1324 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, Albuquerque 87102.**

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Tom Domme, Secretary

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