

**Minutes of the Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District
September 25, 2025
Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., at the Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District (PISBND) Office, located at 250 Industrial Drive, Port Isabel, Texas 78578.

Commissioners Present were:

Joe Martinez, Commissioner Chairman,
Duvie Woods, Commissioner Secretary,
Jose L. Morales, Commissioner,

Staff & Legal Counsel:

Victor Barrera, Port Director,
Julia Barrera, Administrative Assistant,

Others in Attendance were:

Deborah A. Morales, City of San Benito Commissioner Place 2,
Mayra Woods,
Joann Garcia Harley, General Pipe Industrial
Antonio Reyna, Ferris, Flinn, & Medina, LLC
Juan E. Rivera, District
Salomon Torres, Soluciones LLC

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Martinez at 5:36 P.M.

Item #2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Martinez. Invocation led by Commissioner Morales.

Item #3. Public Comments, Mr. Salomon Torres informed the Board about the work that Mr. Salomon is performing for the Long Island Owners' Association that owns and operates the swing bridge and that bridge is eventually going to be replaced.

Item #7. Discussion and possible action on the 2025, 3rd Quarter Investment Report reviewed by Juan E. Rivera, CPA.

Julia Barrera, Administrative Assistant, addressed the board that this item was added in error, as the 3rd Quarter has not ended. Commissioner Martinez asked for the following motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to table Item #7. Commissioners Woods and Commissioner Martinez voted in favor. Commissioner Morales was absent during the vote and returned to the meeting afterward. The motion carried.

Item #8. Discussion and possible action on reimbursement requested by Commissioner Morales for serving as Port Interim Director from August 1-3, 2025.

Commissioner Morales stated that he was in rotation for them days, we all agreed on it why that was denied. I'm going to say just because of legal matters there going to pin to this I say let's table this till counsel is here just for the board's sake. Unless you all can make a decision.

Commissioner Martinez asked for the following motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Morales and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to table the item for the next Board meeting; however, the motion was not carried, as Commissioner Morales could not make a motion or vote on the item.

Port Director, Mr. Barrera advised Commissioner Morales he doesn't think he can make a motion nor vote on this since it is pertaining to Commissioner Morales especially having to do with reimbursement funds.

Commissioner Morales asked to hold it back until the attorney is present.

Commissioner Martinez asked for the following motion:

To reimburse Commissioner Morales, the motion dies due to lack of second.

Commissioner Morales stated for the record the reason he voted for NA, if the other Commissioners can't go, I'm sorry that they can't go, but I can offer my services to go as a commissioner to represent this Commission and this district.

Item #11. Discussion and possible action to attend a Port convention. Commissioner Martinez asked for the following motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to table item #11. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #12. Discussion and possible action to purchase a 350-Ton Mobile Travel lift and to build a new railway foundation for the 350-Ton Mobile Travel lift. Commissioner Martinez asked for the following motion:

Commissioner Morales attempted to make a motion to let the Port Director get more information about this particular product and try to negotiate a better price in the best interest of the Port. The Chairman stated that he would handle making the motion. No motion was formally made or considered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to purchase a 350 Ton, information, and build a new railway. Motion carried with two (2) voting in favor and one (1) NA.

Commissioner Morales stated for the record the reason why he voted for NA, we don't have enough information, we have not tried to negotiate, the one that our director advises us to go visit, I thought it was the smartest decision.

Item #13. Discussion and possible action to purchase a vehicle for the Port Director.

Port Director, Mr. Barrera, provided a few bids for a 2025 F250 Deisel XLT crew cab 4x4. Commissioner Morales suggested getting a cost for a goose neck trailer flatbed.

Commissioner Martinez asked for the following motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Morales to purchase a vehicle for the Port Director. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners didn't go into Executive Session. Commissioner Martinez asked for the following motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Morales and seconded by Commissioner Woods to table items #18 and 19 until we have our attorney present. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #19. Open Session

19A. Possible Action on Real Property.

19B. Possible Action on Consultation with Attorney Regarding, potential and or contemplated legal matters subject to the attorney- client privilege under the authority of the Open Meeting Act Section §551.071, Government Code.

The motion was made in item #18 for item #19 to table.

Item #20. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Morales to adjourn at 7:34 pm. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved on October 10, 2025



Joe Martinez, Commissioner Chairman



Duvie Woods, Commissioner Secretary

Jose L. Morales, Commissioner