

# HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

## ADMINISTRATION

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Richard A. Garza	Chairman
David Hernandez	Vice-Chairman
Amador Requenez	Secretary
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Albert D. Cardenas	Member
Pablo "Paul" Villarreal, Jr.	Member

October 23, 2015

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**OCT 27 2015**

**COUNTY JUDGE**

Honorable County Judge  
Mr. Ramon Garcia  
PO Box 1356  
Edinburg, TX 78540-1356

Re: Election Ballot 2014-2015 Appraisal District Board of Directors

Dear Judge Garcia:

As prescribed by Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code enclosed you will find the "Official Ballot" with the candidate's names and the number of votes that you are authorized to cast in the election for Board of Directors for the Hidalgo County Appraisal District. In addition, for your review, I have provided a condensed biography of each candidate and a list of the total vote distribution to all entities.

There are five Board of Directors, who are elected by the taxing units that participate in the District which governs Hidalgo County Appraisal District. In addition to the five elected Board of Directors, the County Tax Assessor-Collector, Mr. Pablo "Paul" Villarreal Jr. serves on the Board as a non-voting Director.

The governing body of a taxing unit may cast all its votes for one candidate or distribute them among any number of candidates. Each voting unit shall determine its vote by written resolution and submit it to the Chief Appraiser before DECEMBER 15, 2015. A voting unit can only cast its votes for candidates named on the ballot. There is no provision for write-in candidates. The Chief Appraiser will not count votes cast for someone not listed on the official ballot.

The Chief Appraiser will count all the votes timely submitted and declare the five candidates who received the largest cumulative vote totals elected, and submit the results before DECEMBER 31, 2015 to the governing body of each taxing unit in the district and to the candidates.

If you should have any questions, or I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (956) 381-8466.

Sincerely,

*Rolando Garza*

Rolando Garza, RPA  
Chief Appraiser

RG: pma

Enclosures

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<p><b>Hidalgo County Appraisal District</b>                  4405 S. Professional Drive                  PO Box 208                  Edinburg, TX 78540-0208</p> <p><b>"OFFICIAL BALLOT"</b></p> <p>Election of 2016-2017                  Appraisal District Board of Directors</p>	
<b>Entity: Hidalgo County</b>	<b>Authorized Votes: 1195</b>
<b>Nominee</b>	<b># Of Votes</b>
Eddie R. Cano	
Albert D. Cardenas	
Jaime Chavana	
Fernando Dominguez	
Pete Garcia	
Aquiles "Jimmy" Garza	
Richard A. Garza	
David Hernandez	
Victor Lopez	
Rodolfo "Rudy" Ramirez	
Amador Requenez	
Albert Sandoval	
Antonio Sandoval	

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 Date Resolution Passed  
 (Attach Resolution)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized Representative

cc: Finance Director of each entity

Eddie R. Cano  
McAllen



Founder & owner of Cano Coors Distributing Company, a wholesale beer distributorship serving the four county areas of the Rio Grande Valley from 1976 to 2001  
Past President Hidalgo Wholesale Beer Distributor's Association for ten years  
Served as a member of the Board of Directors for Co-Step for six years  
Served as member of the Board of Advisors for Texas Commerce Bank & Chase for twenty two years  
Served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts of America in the Rio Grande Valley  
Served as member of Hidalgo County Appraisal Review Board for six years, two years as Chairman from 2006-2012  
Served as member of the Pan American Board of Regents from 1982 to 1987  
Presently serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the South Texas Higher Education Authority  
Presently serving as a member of the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors from 2014 to 2015  
Presently serving as a member of the Vantage Bank Board of Advisory  
Founder and President of Cano FamCo LTD., a family owned Property Development and Management Company that owns and leases Federal Buildings

Albert D. Cardenas  
McAllen

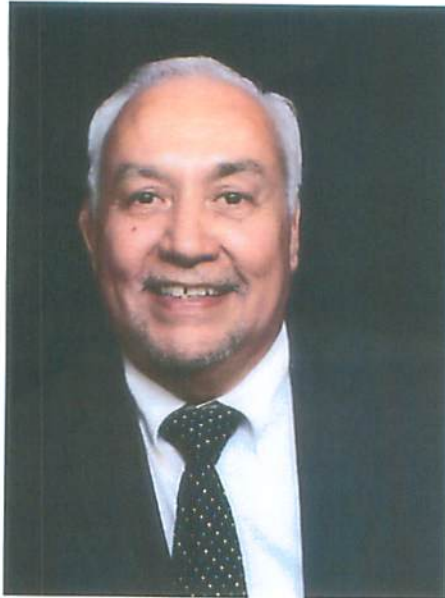


Current Board member of McAllen Public Utility Board  
Current Board member Boys and Girls Club  
Vice-President Easton Construction, dealing mainly with commercial projects with offices in  
McAllen & San Antonio  
Served 6 years on the McAllen Planning and Zoning Board  
Board member Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors 2014-2015

Jaime Chavana

**No Bio Provided**

Fernando Dominguez  
Mercedes



Board member Economic Development Corporation of Mercedes  
Board member Mercedes Industrial Foundation  
Past President Mercedes Affordable Housing Corporation  
Board Member Affordable Housing of South Texas  
Member Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Member Knights of Columbus Council No. 12869  
Registered Professional Appraiser 1994-2013  
Western Michigan University 1997-1981  
Graduate Mercedes High School 1969  
Born and raised in Mercedes Texas  
Married to Delia Rangel Dominguez; 3 children  
U S Army Veteran, Vietnam Era Veteran (1972-1975), Honorable Discharge  
Retired Cameron County Appraisal District (1988-2013)

Pete Garcia  
San Juan



San Juan EDC Board, 2015 Member  
Region One ESL Board, 2015 Member  
Head Start Advisory Board, Member 2013 – 2015  
San Juan Housing Authority, Member 2015  
PSJA School Board, Member 2004 – 2013  
Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors, Board member 2009 2013

Aquiles Jaime Garza Jr.  
McAllen



A. Jimmy Garza was born in McAllen Texas in 1975, and is a life-long resident of the Rio Grande Valley. After McAllen Memorial High School, he graduated with a BBA in Finance from Baylor University. He also participated in study abroad programs in London and Semester at Sea. He has spent his entire life working in the family-owned and operated produce business which has been in existence for over 35 years. His hands on role as Director of Operations at Bebo Distributing has provided Jimmy with valuable procurement, transportation and international business experience. Mr. Garza also had the distinction of serving as a city commissioner in the All-American City of Pharr from 2010-2015. He has valuable economic development experience as well having served as a board member at the Pharr Economic Development Corporation. Jimmy is a well-respected leader in the community who has served on numerous boards including the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge board, PSJA Education Foundation, Texas Regional Bank Advisory Board, and Texas International Produce Association. In 2012, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples appointed Jimmy to the Texas Agriculture Finance Authority. And in 2014, he co-founded Bebo's Angels, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising Autism Awareness in the community. In 2014, he served as Senior Advisor for the successful campaign of Dan Patrick for Lieutenant Governor of Texas. Currently, he is a Finance Director for George P. Bush Texas Land Commissioner.

He currently resides in Pharr, Texas with his wife of 16 years Adrienne, and their two boys AJ and Aron.

Richard A. Garza  
Edinburg  
(Incumbent & Chairman)



Hidalgo Appraisal District is responsible for appraising all real and business personal property within Hidalgo County. The district appraises property according to the Texas Property Tax Code and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP).

**Brief Biography:**

- 🚩 Lifelong resident of Rio Grande Valley, Texas
- 🚩 Received Real Estate License at age 18
- 🚩 BBA in Finance, 1985 Pan American University
- 🚩 Married to Sylvia Sanchez Garza for 27 years with four sons
- 🚩 Real Estate Broker, BIC Realty for over 35 years
- 🚩 President of BIC Investments, GR Land Co., GarCo Ltd, BIC Development Co., Gold Star Holdings, Ice House Ranches, GR Inverciones & Anacahuillas Investments Cos.
- 🚩 Chairman of Cuartitos.com, a cargo shipping container leasing co.
- 🚩 Longtime member McAllen Board of Realtors & Edinburg Board of Realtors
- 🚩 Texas Association of Realtors member since 1977
- 🚩 Past Zoning Commissioner McAllen Planning & Zoning Board
- 🚩 Past Vice President of Finance Discovery Montessori School Board
- 🚩 Plazas del Lago HOA Finance Director
- 🚩 Chairman, Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors 1991 to present
- 🚩 Boy Scouts of America – Troop Leader
- 🚩 Current Director, Texas Land Developers Association
- 🚩 Member of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International
- 🚩 Previous Member Edinburg Hospital Authority Board of Directors
- 🚩 Member of The Las Villas at South Padre Island board of Directors
- 🚩 Member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church
- 🚩 Previous director of Edinburg Chamber of Commerce board of directors
- 🚩 Current member of Edinburg Chamber of Commerce
- 🚩 Current member of McAllen Chamber of Commerce
- 🚩 Current member of McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

David Hernandez  
Weslaco



President/Owner & Operator of Holiday Wine & Liquors  
Partner/Owner Pop-A-Top  
Owner of Hernandez Farms  
Board member Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors 2006 to present  
Served 6 years as Director Weslaco Economic Corporation  
Served 7 years as Director Weslaco Economic Corporation  
Served 23 years and continue to serve on Weslaco Planning & Zoning Commission  
Currently, Chairman on Weslaco Planning & Zoning Commission  
Former Weslaco ISD Board Member  
Former McAllen Boys & Girls Club Board member;  
Former Palm Valley Animal Shelter Board member

## Rodolfo "Rudy" Ramirez Edinburg



Mr. Rodolfo "Rudy" Ramirez is the Executive Director for the Edinburg Housing Authority (EHA), the public housing agency for the city of Edinburg, mandated and funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. As the EHA Executive Director since 2011, he is responsible for the administration of more than 1200 low income housing (398 public housing units and 840 Housing Choice Voucher units, as of October 01, 2015) in Edinburg. Ramirez has been involved in the community all his life, serving as a Commissioner with EHA from 1991 to 2011 and as a School Board trustee for ECISD from 1999 to 2005.

His experience details a dynamic leader with a proven track record in organizational change, program integrity, operational effectiveness and amalgamating federal, state and local resources. As an Executive Director he acts as liaison between the governing bodies, the client population and general public besides supervising daily operations. He also works closely with and provides professional advice to governing bodies and staff to effectively implement a variety of housing programs and ensure their compliance with mandated standards.

He comes from a strong real estate and education background. He served in a number of roles prior to his work as an Executive Director. He owned and ran a successful real estate business in the past. He is also a licensed Real Estate Broker and has taught continuing education real estate classes at South Texas College. Besides being a realtor, he also taught for the Edinburg school district at Sam Houston Elementary and San Carlos elementary between 1987 and 1993.

Mr. Ramirez is also currently serving as the Vice President for Housing Alliance of Valley Employees South Texas Region (H.A.V.E S.T.R.) since 2014. H.A.V.E S.T.R. is a professional membership organization consisting of agencies and individuals who administer housing and community development in the South Texas Region. Mr. Ramirez has consecutively received twice the Executive Director of the Year award by National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Ramirez is currently pursuing his Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley and is expected to graduate in 2016. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University Texas- Pan American since 1987.

Mr. Ramirez was born and raised in Edinburg, TX, is married to Pamela Ramirez, and they have four children - Rudy Jr., Pete, Ida Marie, and Ivy May Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez is a firm believer of the motto: "Change starts with us."

## Amador Requenez Mission



Owner & Operator of Valley Welding Steel & Steel Fabrication in Mission since 1970  
Owner & Operator of Valley Crane Service since 1970  
Member of the (AGC) Associated General Contractors of America for 43 years  
Member of Mission Chamber of Commerce for 20 years and Director for 4 year  
Member of Mission Rotary for 20 years  
Served on the Board of Hidalgo County Water District #6  
Served on the Board of Hidalgo PIC (Private Industry Council)  
Served on Board of Hidalgo County Appraisal District from 1992 to 2009  
Current Board member Hidalgo County Appraisal Board of Directors 2012 to present

Albert Sandoval  
Donna



Family

Jonathan Ben Sandoval, Senior Donna High School  
Miranda Celeste Sandoval, Freshman Donna High School

Current Donna ISD Board Member/President  
Past Donna School Board Member (9 Years) 1993-2002  
President, All Valley Pools, Inc.  
Past Board of Directors Donna Chamber of Commerce  
Past Board of Directors, Donna Boys and Girls Club  
Texas A & M Graduate (Finance) Class of 1998  
Active Supporter St. Joseph Catholic School  
Active Supporter Donna Youth Football League  
Active Supporter Donna Youth Football League  
Active Supporter Donna Little League

Antonio Sandoval  
Elsa



Born and raised in McAllen.

Entered active duty after graduating from McHi and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era.

Graduated and received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a major in accounting from Pan American University in 1972.

Served as County Auditor for Hidalgo County

Currently serving as Executive Director for the Edcouch Housing Authority

Currently residing in Elsa with his wife (Maria) of 39 years.

Four daughters, Monica Garcia, Melissa Amaya, Marla and Melba+

**EXAMPLE**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Appraiser of Hidalgo County Appraisal District has called for the election of the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hidalgo is entitled to cast a total of \_\_\_\_\_ votes in said election; and

**WHEREAS**, ballots must be returned by December 15, 2015 which is the deadline for accepting votes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the County of Hidalgo does hereby cast \_\_\_\_\_ of votes for \_\_\_\_\_ for Hidalgo County Appraisal Board of Directors for 2016 - 2017.

**READ, PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting by the County of Hidalgo on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ramon Garza, County Judge

ATTEST:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk