

MINUTES
RATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 3, 2009
5:30 P.M.

RAC Members Present:

Fred Arce	Kathie Estrada
Mike Harris	Keith Kindle
Joe Soules	Allen Townsend

RAC Members Absent:

Gil Coronado	Antonio Gallardo
Ron Morales	Steve Patmon
Liz Tullis	

SAWS Staff Present:

Robert Puente, President/Chief Executive Officer
Douglas Evanson, Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer
Dan Crowley, Director, Financial Planning
Keith Martin, Corporate Counsel
Stephen Turner, Senior Financial Modeler
Lou Lendman, Senior Financial Analyst
Carlos Mendoza, Financial Analyst
Robert Walker, Financial Analyst
Larry Zermeno, Financial Analyst
Frank Hernandez, Staff Accountant
Jennifer Holmquist, Public Affairs

City of San Antonio Representatives Present:

Alfred Chang, Public Utilities Office
Morris Harris, Public Utilities Office

Consultants Present (via telephone):

Peiffer Brandt, Raftelis Financial Consultants

Citizens Present:

Diane Lang	John Merrifield
Bruce Reppert	

Agenda Item #1, Call to Order by the Chairperson

Mr. Kindle, committee chairperson, called the meeting to order and recognized Mr. Puente. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Management Team, Mr. Puente expressed thanks to the committee members for their service to SAWS and the community. Mr. Puente then presented mementos to the committee members in recognition of their work on the Rate Study.

Agenda Item #2, Citizens to be Heard

No individuals were signed up to speak.

Agenda Item #3, Staff Opening Remarks

Mr. Evanson took the opportunity to express his thanks to the committee for their efforts. While the committee members have not always agreed on all matters being considered, Mr. Evanson stated that staff learned a great deal from the deliberations which will be very helpful as the Rate Study's recommendations are considered by the Board of Trustees and the City Council. He stated that the Rate Study recommendations would likely be presented in detail to the Board of Trustees in January or February, with briefings to, and action by, the City Council occurring in February or March.

Mr. Kindle asked staff that the committee members be notified of upcoming presentations regarding the Rate Study to the Board of Trustees and City Council. He also encouraged participation of committee members in these presentations.

Agenda Item #4, Consideration and Approval of Rate Study Report

Mr. Kindle called up Agenda Item #4 and gave each committee member present the opportunity to make a statement regarding the Rate Study Report prior to action being taken.

Mr. Townsend stated that he had no criticism of the draft report.

Mr. Soules indicated that he has made his concerns known at previous meetings.

Mr. Harris stated that everyone has done a "super job" with respect to the report.

Ms. Estrada thanked Mr. Kindle for his leadership during the Rate Study process.

Mr. Arce reiterated the praise given by other committee members for the Rate Study process and the report itself. He moved for the adoption of the draft report.

Mr. Kindle called for a vote. The vote for approval of the report was unanimous. He thanked the members and the staff stating that it was his honor to serve as chairperson.

Agenda Item #5, Adjournment

There being no other business to conduct, Mr. Kindle adjourned the committee after Agenda Item #4.