

**MCALLEN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.**  
**JULY 5, 2018**

The McAllen Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting on **Thursday, July 5, 2018** at 5:30 p.m. with the following present:

	Tony Sanchez	Vice-President
	Olivia Tamez	Director
	Elva Cerda	Director
	Miles Mullin	Director
Absent:	Jim Darling	Mayor
	Jose Gonzalez	Director
	Joaquin Zamora	Commissioner
Staff:	Michelle Rivera	Assistant City Manager
	Gary Henrichson	Deputy City Attorney
	Virginia Singleterry	Administrative Assistant
	Yvette Balderas	CDBG Interim Director
Others:	CDBG Board Members	

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

Invocation by CDBG Board member.

**1. PRESENTATION BY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MCALLEN, INC. APPLICANT. (VIDA)**

Karen Valdez, CDBG Board Chairman announced that Priscilla Alvarez with VIDA was present to address the Board. Ms. Alvarez was accompanied by Irma Garcia, Compliance Officer for VIDA.

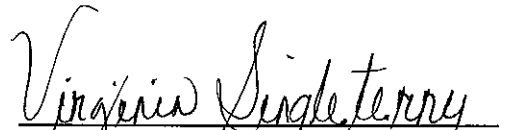
At this time, Ms. Alvarez gave a brief synopsis of VIDA and reported that a study (Pathway for Advancing Careers & Education Project/PACE) had been done with the conclusion that VIDA works. Ms. Alvarez thanked the City for their continued support and announced that VIDA's request for funding was \$600,000.00 hoping the City would continue to fund VIDA.

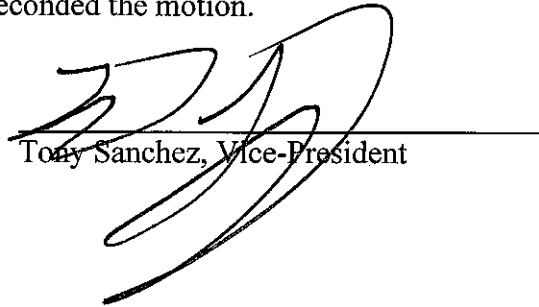
Ms. Alvarez reported that participants are helped with an average of \$5,500.00 adding that a strenuous intake is conducted for each participant. Ms. Alvarez added that every student signs a commitment letter and must meet with their counselor at least once a week. However, she mentioned that not all students receive this amount since some persons come in at the end of the year and might receive less. Ms. Alvarez briefed the board on statistics as far as student participation noting the percentage of degrees that are obtained. She indicated that the average wages for McAllen graduates are at about \$49,774.00 a year. Ms. Alvarez added that of the 405 participants, 129 were McAllen residents but four had been terminated for non-compliance. Ms. Alvarez mentioned that VIDA had received a Veterans grant from the State making it possible to serve more persons. She reported that 87% of Associate degrees and 3% Bachelor's degrees were awarded.

At this time questions from board members as well as CDBG members were posed to Ms. Alvarez and were addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, Vice-President Tony Sanchez moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 pm. Director Mullin seconded the motion.

  
Virginia Singleterry, Board Secretary

  
Tony Sanchez, Vice-President