

The two new Board of Directors members were sworn in at the Board of Directors meeting on October 6, 2021. Both members were nominated and selected by the Small Cities Committee of Mayors.

- Beatriz Charo, City of Robstown Chief Administrative Officer, has worked for the City of Robstown for almost 16 years. She is responsible for the City of Robstown's finances and operations. Ms. Charo earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University, and is in pursuit of a Master of Public Administration degree from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. Additionally, she serves as the Robstown Improvement Development Director and Board President of the Cotton Community Partnership, a non-profit organization. Ms. Charo has been married for 15 years and has two children.
- Armando Gonzalez, Jr., is currently the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 5, Place 2, which includes our service areas of Agua Dulce and Banquete. Mr. Gonzalez is a partner of 14 years with A. Gonzalez Law Firm, PLLC. He has a Bachelor of Arts from Texas A&M University and received his law degree from Texas Tech School of Law. Mr. Gonzalez has been married for fourteen years and has two children.

Jorge G. Cruz-Aedo is a member of the MV Transportation, Inc. Customer Service Advisory Committee, which consists of CEOs of transit organizations that utilize MV Transportation, Inc. as a contractor. The committee membership provides no compensation, and meets once a year at the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) annual meeting. The committee exists as a mode of communication for MV Transportation to understand and provide better customer service to agencies that MV Transportation contracts for.

**Jorge G. Cruz-Aedo was not a part of the evaluation or scoring for RFP No. 2021-PT-11 Paratransit and Small Bus Operations.**

A single Board of Directors Member asked questions that were inconsistent with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) procurement guidelines. The aforementioned Board of Directors Member made the motion to move the contract to November, and was seconded by another Board of Directors Member. The motion did not receive support.

A motion was then made to award the contract to MV Transportation, Inc. and was seconded. All Board of Directors Members, except one, voted to award the contract to MV Transportation, Inc. The two Board of Directors Members who initially motioned and seconded to move the contract to November, voted in favor of awarding the contract to MV Transportation, Inc.

DBE was not emphasized in the RFP No. 2021-PT-11 Paratransit and Small Bus Operations contract, as the contractor would have access to competitive pricing through a national agreement. A local DBE would not have the national transit resources needed to be competitive.

The standard for transportation organizations, including CCRTA, is to ask contract bidders for qualifications and a sealed bid. After the qualification evaluations are scored, the sealed bids are then opened, weighted, tallied, and added to the final scores, which the recommendation is based on.

CCRTA Board of Directors Members were advised that altering the procurement process after it has begun, is inconsistent with FTA's procurement guidelines. It is not good business practice to alter the procurement process after it has started. CCRTA's General Counsel ruled that CCRTA's procurement process was consistent with standard FTA procurement guidelines.