BORDER TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Texas Department of Transportation
Greer Building, Ric Williamson Room,
125 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701

October 23, 2018
8:30am to 12:00pm
8:30–9:00AM  COFFEE AND NETWORKING

9:00–9:10AM  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
  ▪ Rolando B. Pablos, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee
  ▪ Alvin New, Commissioner Texas Transportation Commission

9:10–9:15AM  ADOPTION OF JULY 24, 2018 MEETING MINUTES
  Committee adopts Minutes from last meeting
  ▪ Rolando B. Pablos, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee

9:15–10:15AM  UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT (USMCA)
  Discuss the U.S., Mexico and Canada finalization of negotiations to update NAFTA, which has been renamed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)
  ▪ Rolando B. Pablos, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee
  ▪ Gerry Schwebel, Executive Vice President, International Bank of Commerce

10:15–11:00AM  TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN
  Discuss the Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan
  ▪ Rolando B. Pablos, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee
  ▪ Timoteo “Tim” Juarez, Jr. Texas Department of Transportation
  ▪ Alejandro Solis, Project Manager, HDR
11:00–11:15AM TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION BLUEPRINT U.S.-MEXICO JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE (JWC)

Provide an update on the Blueprint and a summary of the JWC meeting that was held in San Diego, CA, on September 5-6, 2018

Timoteo “Tim” Juarez, Jr. Texas Department of Transportation

11:15–11:45AM COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Discussion and possible recommendation for proposed expansion of committee membership

Rolando B. Pablos, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee

11:45AM–12:00PM OPEN DISCUSSION – FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS

Discuss any outstanding issues and summary of action items and future meetings and topics

Rolando B. Pablos, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee

12:00PM ADJOURN

Rolando B. Pablos, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

December 2018, Date and Location TBD
Rolando B. Pablos, Secretary of State – Texas
Chair – Border Trade Advisory Committee

In January 2017, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Rolando Pablos as the 111th Texas Secretary of State. Secretary Pablos is one of six state officials named by the Texas Constitution to form the Executive Department of the State. In addition to serving as Chief Election Officer for Texas, Secretary Pablos is also senior advisor and liaison to the Governor for Border and Mexican Affairs, and is the state’s Chief International Protocol Officer.

A former utility regulator, Secretary Pablos is an economic development expert who understands the importance of leveraging strategic community capacity building for purposes of attracting investment to Texas. As a state official, and in his private practice, he has played critical roles in the advancement of direct investment, international relations and trade with Texas’ partners across the globe. Secretary Pablos is a strong advocate for North American manufacturing integration and cross-border collaboration among the U.S., Canada and Mexico. He has also served as Honorary Consul to Spain, where he worked to ensure the formation and development of business and diplomatic relationships between Texas and Spain.

Alvin New
Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

Alvin New is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. New is a business investor, rancher and former San Angelo Mayor.

New is a life-long resident of West Texas and was born in Brownfield. He has lived mostly in or near San Angelo since 1981.

New spent most of his career with Town & Country Food Stores. He started as a clerk while getting his business administration degree from Angelo State University. New worked his way up to chief executive officer and part owner. He and his partners sold their stake in the convenience store chain about a decade ago. He currently serves as a member of the Texas Tech University Foundation Board and the Goodfellow Air Force Base Advisory Council. New earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration in management from Angelo State University. Commissioner New was appointed Feb. 20, 2018, and his term will expire Feb. 1, 2021.
Gerry Schwebel
Executive Vice President - Corporate International Division, International Bank of Commerce

Gerardo (Gerry) Schwebel frequently represents International Bank of Commerce (IBC) and its customers in consultation with top government and business leaders in the United States, Mexico and Canada. He has testified before congress on issues of U.S.-Mexico trade, including the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), U.S.-Mexico transportation and logistics issues, issues related to international finance and most recently on U.S. immigration reform issues.

For three decades, he has served leading financial institutions in Texas, culminating in his arrival in 1988 as IBC’s first vice president, of business and industrial development. He was promoted to executive vice president of IBC’s international division and joined the corporate management team in 1996 as international division head. In addition to his corporate responsibility of directing IBC’s international programs, he also oversees alternative investments/wealth management program known as IBC investment services.