# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

# September 26, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans met in Regular Session in the Helen W. Lang Memorial Board Room of the Authority located at 4100 Touro Street, Building B in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana 70122 at 4:00p.m., on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

# **IN ATTENDANCE**

Evette Hester, HANO Executive Director Dianne Alexander, HANO General Counsel

Steven Kennedy

## I. STATEMENT BY GENERAL COUNSEL

# II. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 4:13pm due to inclement weather.

#### III. ROLL CALL

#### **PRESENT**

President Carol Johnson
Commissioner Avery Foret
Commissioner Percy Manson
Commissioner Monika McKay
Commissioner Kim Piper
Commissioner Rev. Michael Raymond (arrived 4:27pm)

#### **ABSENT**

Vice President Paul Richard

A quorum was present.

# IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Johnson thanked everyone in attendance, especially due to inclement weather.

#### V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: To Approve the Agenda

Motion by: Commissioner Foret Second by: Commissioner McKay

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

## Motion passed. Agenda approved

#### VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 27, 2023

Motion by: Commissioner Manson Second by: Commissioner McKay

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

# Motion passed. Minutes approved

#### VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Summer Youth Employment Program: From 6/5/23-7/28/2023 Update given by Jedidiah Jackson, Director of Client Services
- HANO's Career Day: update given by Kelly Walker, H.R. Director
- HANO's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report: update given by Stacy Jackson
- Ms. Hester mentioned that HANO received a 70 out of 100 on report card from HUD;
   HANO will appeal the score
- Department Head Departures
  - Suzanne Whitaker, Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations will be leaving HANO on September 7, 2023. We wish her well and commend her on a job well done at HANO
  - Dianne Alexander, General Counsel, will be leaving on September 29, 2023.
     We wish her success in her future endeavors and commend her on a job well done at HANO

#### VIII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- Residents' Advisory Board (RAB) Report Commissioner Piper no business to report
- Landlords' Advisory Board Committee Report no update; Vice President Richard was absent

# IX. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

 Real Estate Development: Presentation/Overview by Chanelle Campbell-Washington, Project Manager, Real Estate, Planning & Development

# X. COMMENTS

- 1 Public Comment(s) and No Acknowledgement of Issues and Concerns
- Board of Commissioners Comment(s): Commissioner Piper

#### XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

• Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), Executive Session to Discuss Potential Litigation

# Motion: To Move Into Executive Session

Motion by: Commissioner McKay Second by: Commissioner Foret

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

# No objections. The Motion was approved.

The Board of Commissioners' Committee members entered into Executive Session at 5:05 pm.

# Motion: To Move Out of Executive Session

Motion by: Commissioner Foret Second by: Commissioner Manson Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

# No objections. The Motion was approved.

The Board of Commissioners' Committee members returned out of Executive Session at 5:15 pm.

Motion: To Recommend to the Full Board for Approval the Matter Discussed in **Executive Session** 

Motion by: Commissioner McKay Second by: Commissioner Manson Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

No objections. The Motion was approved.

#### XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- NAR-SAAH Conference (September 13-15, 2023)
- NAHRO Conference (October 6-8, 2023)

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# XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Commissioner McKay Second by: Commissioner Foret

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

APPROVĘD:

CAROL GEORGE JOHNSON

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS