

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 28, 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-15

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) currently state in Article IX, Section 1 that "[t]he following two standing committees shall exist to assist in the effective functioning of the Board and its review of issues: Finance & Audit Committee and the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee;" and

WHEREAS, a product of the current provision of Article IX, Section I of the Bylaws is the practice that the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners has a very broad scope and has become catch-all committee for almost all HANO matters; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the HANO Board of Commissioners will be improved by better defining and limiting the scope of the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Article IX, Section 1 of the Bylaws of HANO should be amended to make create three, instead of two, standing committee; and

WHEREAS, limiting the scope of the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners will result in three standing committees of the HANO Board of Commissioners to be named the Finance & Audit Committee; the Real Estate Development Committee; and the Asset Management & Operations Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby amends Article IX, Section 1 of the HANO Bylaws to state as follows:

Section 1. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

The following three standing committees shall exist to assist in the effective functioning of the Board and its review of issues: the Finance & Audit Committee; the Real Estate Development Committee; and the Asset Management & Operations Committee.

The Finance & Audit Committee shall review and address all issues related to HANO's finances, procurements, budgets, and audits that are managed by the HANO Finance Department. The Development Committee shall review and address issues related to all real estate activities that are managed by the HANO Development and Modernization Department. The Asset Management & Operations Committee shall review and address all issues related to all other HANO policies, programs, and operations that are managed by the Agency's other departments.

The President of the Board may, from time to time, as deemed necessary, also establish ad hoc committees for specific and limited purposes. All committees, whether standing or ad hoc, are advisory and not authorized to take any official action on behalf of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans also hereby amends Article IX, Section 1 of the HANO Bylaws to state as follows:

Section 5. Real Estate Development Committee

The charge of the Development Committee is to study, discuss, and develop recommendations to the Board on matters affecting all real estate transaction including but not limited redevelopment, modernization, new construction, property acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition, property disposition, and the development and modernization of HANO's main office.

Section 6. Asset Management & Operations Committee

The charge of the Asset Management & Operations Committee is to study, discuss, and develop recommendations to the Board on matters affecting general Authority operational issues and contract administration, including but not limited to HANO's strategic planning, Annual Plan, Five-Year Plan, ACOP, HCVP program, public housing program, police department, human resources department, client services department, management of conventional developments, scattered sites, and all other forms of subsidized housing, general Authority operational issues contract administration and special projects.

Section 7. Vacancies

Any vacancy in a committee caused by death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a Commissioner or Member shall be filled by appointment by the President or the Board. Such successor shall serve on the committee to which they are appointed until the next Annual Meeting of the Board.

Executed this 28th Day of July, 2020

APPROVAL:



DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



July 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

**To: Board of Commissioners
President Debra Joseph, Vice-President Isabel Barrios,
Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,
Commissioner Carol Johnson, Commissioner Monika McKay,
Commissioner Hyma Moore, Commissioner Kim Piper and
Commissioner Bill Rouselle**

**Through Evette Hester
Executive Director**

**From: Kevin Oufnac
General Counsel**

Re: Amendment to HANO Bylaws Art. VI, Sec. 1

The HANO Bylaws currently provide in Article IX, Section 1 for two standing committees of the HANO Board of Commissioners as follows: a Finance & Audit Committee and a Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee. The HANO Bylaws further state that these two committees "shall exist to assist in the effective functioning of the Board and its review of issues."

The Finance & Audit Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners assists the functioning of the HANO Board by reviewing and vetting a limited and well defined scope of matters related to the Agency's finances, procurements, budgets, and audits. The Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners has reviewed and vetted all other functions of HANO, and thus, in practice, has served as the catch-all committee for almost all HANO matters.

In order to reduce the very broad scope and catch-all nature of the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners, it is recommended that HANO this committee in two as follows: a Real Estate Development Committee, and an Asset Management & Operations Committee.

With this proposed change, the scope of the Finance & Audit Committee will remain the review and vetting of issues related to the Agency's finances, procurements, budgets, and audits that are managed by the HANO Finance Department. However, with this proposed change the scope of the Real Estate Development Committee will be reduced to the review and vetting of issues related to the Agency's real estate development activities that are managed by the Agency's Development and Modernization Department, and the scope of the newly created third standing committee, the Asset Management & Operations Committee, will be defined as the review and vetting of issues related to all other HANO policies, programs, and operations that are managed by the Agency's other departments.

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans amend the Bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans by amending Article IX, Section 1 from the following:

Section 1. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

The following two standing committees shall exist to assist in the effective functioning of the Board and its review of issues: Finance & Audit Committee and the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee. The President of the Board may, from time to time, as deemed necessary, also establish ad hoc committees for specific and limited purposes. All committees, whether standing or ad hoc, are advisory and not authorized to take any official action on behalf of the Board.

to the following:

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The Finance & Audit Committee shall review and address all issues related to HANO's finances, procurements, budgets, and audits that are managed by the HANO Finance Department. The Real Estate Development Committee shall review and address all issues related to all real estate activities that are managed by the HANO Development and Modernization Department. The Asset Management & Operations Committee shall review and address all issues related to all other HANO policies, programs, and operations that are managed by the Agency's other departments.

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In addition, it is the request of the HANO Executive Director that the HANO Board of Commissioners consider changing Article IX, Sections 5 and 6 of the HANO Bylaws from the following:

Section 5. Development, Asset Management & Operations

The charge of the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee is to study, discuss, and develop recommendations to the Board on matters affecting redevelopment, modernization, new construction, property acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition, property disposition, management of conventional developments, scattered sites, and all other forms of subsidized housing, general Authority operational issues, and contract administration.

Section 6. Vacancies

Any vacancy in a committee caused by death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a Commissioner or Member shall be filled by

appointment by the President or the Board. Such successor shall serve on the committee to which they are appointed until the next Annual Meeting of the Board.

to the following Sections 5, 6, and 7:

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Any vacancy in a committee caused by death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a Commissioner or Member shall be filled by appointment by the President or the Board. Such successor shall serve on the committee to which they are appointed until the next Annual Meeting of the Board.