

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2022**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) entered into a Contract of Employment (Contract) effective October 1, 2019 with Executive Director Evette Hester for a term of three (3) years, ending September 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract provides for a two (2) year extension of the original term at the sole discretion of the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, after discussion and in accordance with the vote taken on June 28, 2022, the Board of Commissioners in its discretion has elected to extend the Contract for an additional one (1) year term beyond the original two (2) year term for an extension total of three (3) years to coincide with the term of the Mayor of the City of New Orleans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract provides that any vote by the Board of Commissioners on the two year option shall be at least ninety (90) days in advance of the expiration of the initial three (3) year term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract provides that the compensation for any extension year of the Contract shall be negotiated between the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director at least forty five (45) days prior to the end of the initial term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract provides that all other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same during the three (3) year extension.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby approves the two (2) year extension option plus an additional one (1) year for a total of three years extension of the Executive Director's original employment contract and hereby extends her employment until September 30, 2025, subject to all terms and conditions of the current contract.

Executed this 28th day of June, 2022

APPROVAL:

  
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CAROL GEORGE JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



June 28, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Board of Commissioners  
President Carol Johnson, Commissioner Isabel Barrios,  
Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,  
Commissioner Percy Manson, Commissioner Monika McKay,  
Commissioner Kim Piper, and Commissioner Paul Richard,  
Commissioner Jeffrey Vappie**

**Through: Evette Hester  
Executive Director**

**From: Kelly Walker  
Human Resources Director**

**Re: Approval of Two Year Extension Option in Employment Contract**

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The original contract of employment between the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and Evette Hester as the Executive Director became effective on October 1, 2019.

The initial term of the contract was for a period of three (3) years to begin on October 1, 2019 and terminate on September 30, 2022. The contract also provided an option for an extension of two (2) years upon approval of the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners agreed to consider and vote on approval of the two (2) year extension at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the original term.

In accordance with the terms of the original contract, the compensation for the extension period shall be negotiated between the Board of Commissioners and Evette Hester and shall be determined no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the end of the original term.

All other terms and conditions of the contract of employment will remain the same during the two (2) year option period.

The conflict of interest provisions shall be in effect for two full years after the termination of this extension option as per the terms of the original employment contract.

The Board of Commissioners shall meet with Evette Hester within thirty (30) days of the execution of the extension to establish operational benchmarks for the coming term.

HANO respectfully requests that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans approve the two (2) year extension option of the Employment Contract between the Housing Authority of New Orleans and Evette Hester to begin on October 1, 2022 and terminate on September 30, 2024.