

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 24, 2022**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of New Orleans seeks to amend the Board of Commissioner's Bylaws;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioner's By-Laws were last amended and restated on July 28, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of New Orleans needs to update its existing Bylaws specifically Article VI, Section 1 (iv) to bring them into compliance with the agency's procurement policies which would allow the Board to review and approve all contracts for goods or services having a value of more than \$250,000.

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of New Orleans needs to update its existing Bylaws specifically Article VI, Section 6 to bring them into compliance with La. R.S. 40:531 (F) which gives local housing authorities the discretion to pay a per diem of not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day to each of the Board Commissioners for attending meetings of the Board. The update may also allow Board Commissioners, at their discretion, the option to decline the per diem.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the update is to allow the Housing Authority of New Orleans the option to pay a per diem to those Board Commissioners who opt to receive payment for their attendance at meetings of the Board.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby adopts for implementation, the amendments to Article VI, Section 1 (iv) and 6 of the Board of Commissioner's By-Laws dated April 18, 2022.

Executed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022

APPROVAL:

  
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CAROL JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



MAY 24, 2022

MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Evette Hester  
Executive Director

From: Dianne T. Alexander *DA*  
Acting General Counsel

RE: Approval of Revisions to HANO's Board of Commissioner Bylaws

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The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) hereby submits for approval the revision to Article VI, Section 1 (iv) of the existing bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans to increase the threshold required for Board approval of contracts to \$250,000. Currently, Article VI, Section 1 (iv) provides in part; "The Board has the authority and the duty to govern all affairs of the Authority and shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Housing Authorities Law. The Board's duty to govern all of the affairs of the Authority shall include, but shall not be limited to the following: (iv) to review and approve all contracts for goods or services having a value of more than \$150,000."

The revision of Article VI, Section 1 (iv), requiring Board approval of contracts over \$250,000, would bring the bylaws in alignment with HANO's Procurement Policy 16.00 which provides; "The HANO Board of Commissioners approval is not required for procurement actions up to \$250,000.00. Procurement actions above \$250,000.00 must be brought to the HANO Board of Commissioners for approval."

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) hereby submits for approval the revision to Article VI, Section 6 of the existing bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans to allow for per diem payments to Board Commissioners. Currently, Article VI, Section 6 entitled "Stipends" states; "All members shall serve without compensation." The revision brings the Commission's bylaws in alignment with Louisiana Revised Statute 40:531 (F) which provides; "The local housing authority may permit a per diem to each member of the commission of the local housing authority in an amount of not less than seventy-five dollars

for each day of his attendance at meetings of the commission from funds of the local housing authority." The discretionary nature of the authority of La. R.S. 40:531 (F) allows Commissioners the option to decline the per diem.

The powers and authority of the Board of Commissioners is enumerated in Louisiana Revised Statute 40:431 (C) (4) which gives HANO the authority to; "adopt, amend, repeal, and restate bylaws." These revisions replace all other existing amendments to Article VI, Section 1 (iv) and Section 6 and may not be changed without the express written approval of the Board of Commissioners.

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) hereby submits for approval the above enumerated amendments to the existing bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans. The current bylaws were last amended and restated by the Board of Commissioners on July 28, 2020.