

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans met in Regular Session at Abundance for Desire located at 3600 Desire Parkway in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana 70126 at 4:00 p.m. on the 25th day of April, 2017.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Gregg Fortner, HANO Executive Director  
Robert Barbor, HANO General Counsel

Ernest Stalberte, Collaborative  
Jasmine J. Haralson, NORA  
Michelle Thomas, Thomas Consulting Group  
Alexandria Patin, JC Patin Group  
Joe Piotrowicz, JC Patin Group  
Robin Blythe, Desire  
Evelyn Spates, Desire  
Margaret Archman, Desire  
Tessa Hartley, GNOHA  
Sterling Doucett  
Diana Searl, Project Homecoming  
Cora Garner, Desire  
Sharon Jasper  
Ken Armonne, Ozanne

**I. STATEMENT BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Morris at 4:30pm.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Vice President Morris  
Commissioner Hackett Antrum  
Commissioner Johnigan  
Commissioner Joseph  
Commissioner Rice

**ABSENT**

President Riener  
Commissioner Bernal  
Commissioner Wilson

**A quorum was present. Commissioner Riener joined the meeting later during the Executive Director's Report**

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion: To Approve the Agenda**

Motion by: Commissioner Hackett Antrum

Second by: Commissioner Joseph

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Motion passed.**

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 9, 2017**

**Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on March 9, 2017**

Motion by: Commissioner Joseph

Second by: Commissioner Johnigan

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Motion passed.**

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **Executive Director's Report** - Presented by Gregg Fortner, Executive Director
- **Update: Employment Training and Contracting Policy- Working Group for Investment Fund**
  - **2017 Bienville Basin/Iberville Resident Scholarship Program Draft** – Presented by Dawn Domengeaux, Director of Client Services
  - **HANO Section 3 Resident Owned Businesses Initiative Draft**- Presented by Larry Barabino, Section 3/MWBE Program Coordinator

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

- **Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee Report** – presented by Vice President Morris

**VIII. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**AUTHORIZATIONS**

**Resolution #2017-06 - Award of a Contract - RFP 17-906-09 - On Call Legal Services**

**Motion: Award of a Contract - RFP 17-906-09 - On Call Legal** - to authorize the award of contracts to Rodney & Etter, LLC; Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann LLC; DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP; Burglass & Tankersley, LLC; Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP; Law Office of Alexandra Mora, APLC; Butler Law Firm, LLC; and Coats Rose, PC in the cumulative not to exceed

amount of \$700,000.00/per year for the initial contract period and each option year, if exercised, to provide the HANO on call legal services.

Motion by: Commissioner Hackett Antrum

Second by: Vice President Morris

Discussion: President Riener

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Resolution #2017-06 Passed.**

**Resolution #2017-07 - Award of Contract - RFP 16-911-42 – Selection of Developers for the Uptown Vacant Scattered Sites**

**Motion:** Award of Contract - RFP 16-911-42 – Selection of Developers for the Uptown Vacant Scattered Sites – to authorize the Executive Director to enter into negotiations with Project Homecoming, Perez/Harmony Neighborhood Development; JC Patin; REO, LLC/Nationwide Real Estate Corporation/Doucette & Associated General Contractors on development agreements for the redevelopment of the Uptown Vacant Scattered Site Properties as assigned in Exhibit A pursuant to Request for Proposals #16-911-42. HANO also requests authorization to negotiate development agreements with each of the four firms above for the development of additional “unassigned properties” listed in Exhibit A on a case by case basis.

Motion by: Commissioner Johnigan

Second by: Commissioner Joseph

Discussion: Vice President Morris

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Resolution #2017-07 Passed.**

**IX. COMMENT(S)**

- **Board of Commissioners Comments**
- **Public Comments**
  - Margaret McMillan Matthew

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion: To move into Executive Session**

Motion by: Commissioner Rice

Second by: Vice President Morris

Motion passed.

**The following pending litigation matters will be discussed in Executive Session held pursuant to R.S. 42:14(A)(2):**

- Janice Claiborne, et. al. vs. HANO, et. al., No. 2001-20605, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans
- Dasha Corner, et. al. v. The Housing Authority of New Orleans, et. al., No. 06-10751, E.D. La.
- Housing Authority of New Orleans v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 17-3211, E.D. La.
- John Johnson, et. al. v. Orleans Parish School Board, et. al., No. 93-14333, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans
- Parkcrest Builders, LLC v. Housing Authority of New Orleans, No. 15-150, E.D. La.
- Parkcrest Builders, LLC v. Housing Authority of New Orleans, No. 15-1533, E.D. La.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.

APPROVED:



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ALICE RIENER  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS