



June 25, 2019

MEMORANDUM

**To: Board of Commissioners
President Casius Pealer, Commissioner Toni Hackett Antrum,
Commissioner Isabel Barrios, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,
Commissioner Debra Joseph, Commissioner Kim Piper, and Commissioner
Lisha A. Wheeler**

**Through Gregg Fortner
Executive Director**

**From: Kelly Walker
Director, Human Resources**

**Re: Approval and Execution of Executive Director Contract for Month-To-Month
Employment**

In accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 40:539(C)(1) of the Louisiana Housing Authorities Law, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) Board of Commissioners is required to select a Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners who shall also serve as the Executive Director and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO. Furthermore, the HANO Board of Commissioners is to enter into an employment contract with the person selected to fill these positions.

By Resolution No. 2014-14 dated June 26, 2014, the Board of Commissioners approved the selection of Gregg Fortner for these positions and authorized the President of the HANO Board of Commissioners to execute a contract of employment between HANO and Mr. Fortner that allowed Mr. Fortner to fill these positions. Additional employment contracts of employment were subsequently executed between HANO and Mr. Fortner. The current contract of employment between HANO and Mr. Fortner will expire on July 7, 2019.

On February 7, 2019 Mr. Fortner informed HANO and the City of New Orleans that he "would not be seeking a new contract and/or an extension of the current contract beyond the July 7, 2019 end date." Thereafter, the HANO Board of Commissioners began the process of finding a person to succeed Mr. Fortner as Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO.

Currently, the HANO Board of Commissioners has not selected a person to succeed Mr. Fortner when his current contract of employment expires on July 7, 2019. HANO and Mr. Fortner are desirous of entering into a month-to-month employment contract, for a period of no more than three (3) consecutive months, that will allow Mr. Fortner to continue in his role as Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO while the HANO Board of Commissioners completes the process of selecting his successor, and while the successor official takes over these positions.

It is respectfully requested that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans approve of and expressly authorize the President of the HANO Board of Commissioners to execute a month-to-month contract of employment with Gregg Fortner that will not exceed a period of three (3) consecutive months, and that will allow Mr. Fortner to serve and continue in his role as Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO while the HANO Board of Commissioners selects his successor, and until his successor is officially installed into these positions.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 2019**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) was organized pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Housing Authorities Law, La. R.S. 40:381, et. seq; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 40:539(C)(1) of the Louisiana Housing Authorities Law, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) Board of Commissioners is required to select a Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners who shall also serve as the Executive Director and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO; and

WHEREAS, the HANO Board of Commissioners also is to enter into an employment contract with the executive director; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2014-14 dated June 26, 2014, the HANO Board of Commissioners approved the selection of Gregg Fortner as the executive director and authorized the President of the HANO Board of Commissioners to execute a contract of employment with Mr. Fortner that allowed him to fill the positions of Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO; and

WHEREAS, additional employment contracts of employment were subsequently signed by HANO and Mr. Fortner; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2019 Mr. Fortner informed HANO that he would not be seeking a new contract of employment with HANO beyond the July 7, 2019 end date of his current contract of employment with HANO; and

WHEREAS, the HANO Board of Commissioners has begun the process of finding the successor to Mr. Fortner as Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO; and

WHEREAS, the HANO Board of Commissioners has not completed the process of finding the successor to Mr. Fortner as Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO;

WHEREAS, HANO is desirous of hiring Mr. Fortner on a month-to-month bases, for a period of no more than three (3) consecutive months, for the purpose of allowing Mr. Fortner to continue in his role as Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO while the HANO Board of Commissioners selects his successor, and until his successor is officially installed into these positions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby approves of and expressly authorizes the President of the HANO Board of Commissioners to execute a month-to-month contract of employment with Gregg Fortner that will not exceed the period of three (3) consecutive months, and that will allow Mr. Fortner to continue in his role as Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of

HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO while the HANO Board of Commissioners selects his successor, and until his successor is officially installed into these positions.

Executed this 25th day of June, 2019

APPROVAL:

**CASIUS PEALER
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**