

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

**The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans met in Regular Session in the Helen W. Lang Board Room of the Authority located at 4100 Touro Street, Building B in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana 70122 at 4:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2017.**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

Michelle Thomas, TCG  
Cheryl E. Vallery, The People  
Trayshaun Webb  
Sharon Jasper, Section 8 President  
Lynell C.  
Jenga Mwendu, CCCLT  
Lynette Bickham, Section 8 VP  
Kawana Jasper, Section 8 Secretary  
D'Juana Trepagnier, Section 8 Treasurer  
Mike Howells, Louisiana Socialist Network  
Kendell Trepagnier

**I. STATEMENT BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Riener at 4:09 pm.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

President Riener  
Vice President Morris  
Commissioner Hackett Antrum  
Commissioner Johnigan  
Commissioner Wilson

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Joseph  
Commissioner Rice

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Motion: To Approve the Agenda**

Motion by: Vice President Morris

Second by: Commissioner Johnigan

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 AUGUST 1, 2017

**Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on August 1, 2017**

Motion by: Vice President Morris

Second by: Commissioner Wilson

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

VII. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

- **Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee Report** – Discussion deferred to the resolution presentations under Authorizations.

VIII. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

**AUTHORIZATIONS**

**Resolution #2017-15 - HANO Fiscal Year 2018 Comprehensive Budget**

**Motion: HANO Fiscal Year 2018 Comprehensive Budget** - to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget in the amount of \$194,700,126 and authorizes the Executive Director to take the necessary measures to place the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget into effect.

Motion by: Commissioner Hackett Antrum

Second by: Commissioner Johnigan

Discussion: Vice President Morris, President Riener, Commissioner Hackett Antrum

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Resolution #2017-15 Passed.**

**Resolution #2017-16 - Authorization to Contract for the Annual Audit Services for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018**

**Motion: Authorization to Contract for the Annual Audit Services for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018**– to authorize the award of a contract to Berman Hopkins Wright & LaHam, CPAs, at the hourly rates set forth in their cost proposal for the initial contract period of two years, in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00 per year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2017 and 2018 to provide the HANO annual audit services and two (2) one-year option periods for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2019 and 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00 per year, if and when exercised.

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 #2017-16 Passed.**

**Resolution #2017-17 - Rescind Resolution No. 2015-01, Approval of Scattered Sites Development Partners Pursuant to Request for Qualification #14-911-48**

**Motion: Rescind Resolution No. 2015-01, Approval of Scattered Sites Development Partners Pursuant to Request for Qualification #14-911-48**– to rescind Resolution No. 2015-01, Approval of Scattered Sites Development Partners Pursuant to Request or Qualifications #14-911-48.

Motion by: Vice President Morris

Second by: Commissioner Hackett Antrum

Discussion: President Riener, Vice President Morris, Commissioner Hackett Antrum

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Resolution #2017-17 Passed.**

**Resolution #2017-18 - Designation of Financial Transaction Authority**

**Motion: Designation of Financial Transaction Authority** – to authorize the individuals named below to act as signatories on HANO bank accounts and that the Executive Director, the Acting Director of Finance, and administrative staff take any and all action necessary to effectuate the changes delineated herein.

**Group One** (Executive Group) will be comprised of two individuals  
Gregg Fortner, Executive Director/Robert B. Barbor, General Counsel

**Group Two** will be comprised of two individuals  
Stacy Jackson, Acting Director of Finance/Shelly Smith, Deputy Executive Director

Motion by: Commissioner Hackett Antrum  
Second by: Commissioner Johnigan  
Discussion: None  
Public Comment: None  
Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Resolution #2017-18 Passed.**

**IX. COMMENT(S)**

• **Public Comments**

- Cheryl Vallery
- Michael T. Howells
- Kawana Jasper
- Lynell Clivers
- Kendall Trepagnier
- Sharon Jasper

• **Board of Commissioners Comments**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: Commissioner Hackett Antrum  
Second by: Commissioner Johnigan  
Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**



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**ALICE RIENER  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**