



**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

VIA ZOOM

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Please note the certification of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (“HANO”) that is posted with this Agenda and which does certify that because of and pursuant to Executive Order and Emergency Proclamations Numbers 25 JBE 2020, 30 JBE 2020, and 33 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards, HANO is unable to operate in accordance with the quorum requirement of La. R.S. 42:19 and therefore will conduct all or portions of this meeting by telephonic-conferencing and/or video-conferencing means without a physical quorum present. Procedures for appropriate participation by the public in this meeting are posted on HANO’s website.

OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 4:00pm

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

AGENDA (AMENDED)

DEVELOPMENT

**CHAIR
CAROL JOHNSON**

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I. STATEMENT BY GENERAL COUNSEL

II. CALL TO ORDER

III. ROLL CALL

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Held on September 29, 2020

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Residents’ Advisory Board (RAB) Report
- Landlords’ Advisory Board Committee Report

IX. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

- Development Committee Report
- Finance & Audit Committee Report
- Personnel Committee Report

*ASSET MANAGEMENT &
OPERATIONS*

**CHAIR
BILL ROUSELLE**

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X. NEW BUSINESS

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL
AUTHORIZATON(S)**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24** - Approval of the Developer of B.W. Cooper Phase II
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25** - Approval of Re-syndication of River Gardens
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-26** - Approval of HANO's Investment Policy
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-27** – Approval to Amend the HCVP Administrative Plan to Include a Disaster Preference

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Public Comment(s)**
- **Board of Commissioners Comment(s)**

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-27

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 982.52 requires the development of an Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP); and,

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) has been provided the authority to implement individualized policies in the Administrative Plan to meet its local and regional needs and Notice PIH 2013-15 allows HANO to create limited local preferences for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, communities in Louisiana, including Lake Charles and Alexandria, were devastated by Hurricane Laura and Delta, which rendered many individuals and families homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, HANO is committed to assisting this vulnerable population and will target individuals and families who are living in temporary shelters; and

WHEREAS, HANO will create a limited local preference to assist this population; and

WHEREAS, HANO was not required to complete the Public Hearing process due to the fact that a preference of 250 vouchers does not equate to a substantial deviation from its plan as it will affect fewer than ten percent (10%) of applicants on the HCVP Waiting List;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans, hereby approves and authorizes amendments to HANO's HCVP Administrative Plan to provide limited local preferences for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Executed this 27th day of October, 2020.

APPROVAL:



**DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



October 27, 2020

MEMORANDUM

**To: Board of Commissioners
President Debra Joseph, Vice President Isabel Barrios,
Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,
Commissioner Carol Johnson, Commissioner Monika McKay,
Commissioner Hyma Moore, Commissioner Kim Piper and
Commissioner Bill Rouselle**

**Through Evette Hester
Executive Director**

**From: April Kennedy
Director, Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP)**

**Re: Approval to Amend the HCVP Administrative Plan to Include a Disaster
Preference**

The Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 982.52 requires the nation's Housing Authorities to develop a written Administrative Plan, which is a supporting document to the PHA Plan. Federal regulations require that certain subjects be covered in the Administrative Plan, as well as provide local Housing Authorities the ability to craft individualized policies within the framework of the Federal regulations.

In order to address the large number of displaced individuals impacted by the natural disaster of Hurricane Laura and Delta. The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is adding a disaster preference to its Administrative Plan. The preference will allow for admission of up to 250 individuals or families who have been displaced by the above mentioned hurricanes and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Through this preference, HANO will prioritize individuals and families that are currently living in shelters and then other categories of homelessness. In order to qualify for the preference, the individual or family must submit a pre-application to be added to the HCVP waiting list during the time period prescribed and publicized by HANO. The individual or family must also provide verification that they lived in the affected areas of Louisiana, including, but not limited to Lake Charles and Alexandria at the time that Hurricane Laura and Delta made landfall. Verification of homelessness or being at risk of becoming homeless must be provided as well. Eligible individuals and families will receive HCVP vouchers to search for suitable housing in Orleans Parish. After a year of living in Orleans Parish, the individuals and families may choose to port their vouchers to another parish or state, which will provide an opportunity to return to Lake Charles, Alexandria and other affected areas.