



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PRESIDENT  
DEBRA JOSEPH

VICE PRESIDENT  
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MEETING ID: 848 4953 8522

PASSWORD: 301107

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.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

*DEVELOPMENT*

CHAIR  
CAROL JOHNSON

COMMISSIONERS  
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KIM PIPER

*ASSET MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS*

CHAIR  
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*FINANCE & AUDIT*

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*PERSONNEL*

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FEBRUARY 1, 2021 at 3:00pm

AGENDA

- I. STATEMENT BY GENERAL COUNSEL
- II. CALL TO ORDER
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- ITEMS FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION(S)
  - RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04 – Authorization to Submit to HUD an Application for a Mobility Grant
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT



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**FEBRUARY 1, 2021 at 3:00 pm**

**PRESIDENT  
DEBRA JOSEPH**

**VIA ZOOM**

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**CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO  
OPERATE AN IN-PERSON QUORUM**

**COMMISSIONERS  
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In accordance with ACT 302, of the 2020 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, signed by the Governor on June 12, 2020, La. R.S. 42:17.1 was enacted to allow for public bodies to conduct public meetings via electronic means when the "governor has declared a state of emergency or disaster involving a geographic area within the jurisdiction of the public body and the nature of the emergency or disaster would cause a meeting of the public body conducted pursuant to the other provisions of this Chapter to be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public."

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This notice shall serve as an acknowledgement of the Public Health Emergency declared in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic by Governor John Bel Edwards in executive orders and proclamations including but not limited to 30 JBE 2020, 59 JBE 2020 and 84 JBE 2020 dated March 16, 2020, May 14, 2020, and June 25, 2020 respectively.

**ASSET MANAGEMENT &  
OPERATIONS**

**CHAIR  
BILL ROUSELLE**

**COMMISSIONERS  
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This notice also shall serve as certification by the Housing Authority of New Orleans ("HANO") that an in-person meeting of this public body would be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public. As attested to below, Evette Hester, Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, has conferred with members of HANO's Board of Commissioners and confirmed their inability to attend an in-person meeting because of the measures put in place by federal, state, and city officials to protect the health and safety of the public in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**FINANCE & AUDIT**

**CHAIR  
DEBRA JOSEPH**

**COMMISSIONERS  
MONIKA MCKAY**

Considering the foregoing, the Special Board Meeting of the HANO Board of Commissioners to be held on February 1, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. will be held by videoconference in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public as set forth in the Notice and Agenda of the meeting that has been posted by HANO.

**PERSONNEL**

**CHAIR  
DEBRA JOSEPH**

**COMMISSIONERS  
ISABEL BARRIOS  
KIM PIPER  
BILL ROUSELLE**

  
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**Evette Hester**  
**Secretary, HANO Board of Commissioners**

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On this 29 day of January, 2021 before me personally appeared Evette Hester, to me known to be the person executing herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me she executed the same as her free act and deed.

  
  
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**Notary Public**      **MY COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE**



**February 1, 2021**

**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: Submission of a Proposal under the HCV Mobility Demonstration**

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On July 15, 2020, the United States Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) released FR-6191-N-01, [Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers: Implementation of the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration](#). The primary purposes of the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration (Demonstration) are to provide voucher assistance and mobility-related services to families with children to encourage such families to move to lower-poverty areas, to expand their access to opportunity areas, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies pursued under the Demonstration.

Housing mobility programs help low-income families with children use Housing Choice Vouchers to move to high-opportunity neighborhoods. These neighborhoods often have less poverty, better schools, less crime, and more resources such as grocery stores and parks, which together promote better health and life satisfaction for parents and children and improve children's chances of succeeding in school and earning more as adults. Evidence suggests many low-income families would like to move to high-opportunity communities, but barriers — including high housing costs, discrimination, and a shortage of willing landlords — often prevent them from doing so.

The Demonstration is effective beginning October 1, 2022 until October 1, 2028. After October 1, 2028, vouchers will no longer be restricted to the purposes under which they were made available for the Demonstration and will become part of a the regular HCV Program of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), thus increasing HANO's voucher program.

HANO has based its submission proposal on best practices and models around the nation of partnerships with external fair housing and housing advocates to implement mobility strategies. HANO is proposing to partner with the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LaFHAC) as the main implementation arm. In partnering with LaFHAC, HANO noted that fair housing centers

have already been at the forefront of helping HCV clients move to higher opportunity neighborhoods, and that PHAs typically have not been able to achieve this as a part of its normal business operations.

LaFHAC is well known in the rental community as an advocate that is knowledgeable about New Orleans neighborhoods including challenges with residing in certain neighborhoods. They are also very knowledgeable about the HCV program as they have partnered with HANO to build the capacity of HCV tenants and landlords.

Proposals for the Demonstration are due on February 1, 2021. A board resolution indicating HANO's interest in participating in the Demonstration, and indicating HANO's willingness to comply with all applicable requirements and the evaluation and the reporting requirements is a prerequisite for the submission of an application to the Demonstration.

HANO requests that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director, Evette Hester to take all steps necessary submit an applicate to HUD for the HCV Mobility Demonstration and that the Board of Commissioners support the request to submit a HCV Mobility Demonstration proposal with partners LaFHAC that will request 4 million in implementation funds and 195,000 in start-up costs to assist HANO clients in moving to low poverty areas over a six year period.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) intends to submit an application for the Mobility Demonstration through the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**WHEREAS**, there are funds allocated through the Mobility Demonstration to provide mobility services to families with children to encourage such families to move to lower-poverty areas, to expand their access to opportunity areas, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies pursued under the Mobility Demonstration; and

**WHEREAS**, if HANO is selected for the Mobility Demonstration, then the Agency must offer and provide a set of agreed upon services and adopt certain administrative policies which include committing to adopting high enough payment standards in opportunity areas to ensure families have access to rental units in those areas and adopting a preference for families with at least one child aged 13 and under that live in census tracts with a family poverty rate of thirty percent or higher; and

**WHEREAS**, if HANO is selected for the Mobility Demonstration, then the Agency also must agree to participate in the research evaluation portion of the program which include recruiting and enrolling families to participate in the demonstration, randomly assigning families to control and treatment groups, and providing informed consent to families; and

**WHEREAS**, is HANO is selected for the Mobility Demonstration, then the Agency also must agree to meet the reporting requirements of the program which include including submitting performance and financial reports, submitting one-hundred percent of data in HUD's Public and Indian Housing Information (PIC) system, submitting required Voucher Management System (VMS) reports, reporting the use of any non-HUD funds contributed to the demonstration, submitting at least annual reports on achievement of outcomes, and reporting race, ethnicity, and various other data; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director, Evette Hester to take all steps necessary submit an applicate to HUD for the HCV Mobility Demonstration and be it further resolved that the Board of Commissioners supports HANO's interest in participating in the Mobility Demonstration and HANO's willingness to comply with all applicable requirements of the program including but not limited to the research evaluation reporting requirements.

**Executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2021.**

**APPROVAL:**

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**DEBRA JOSEPH  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**