

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2014**

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 10:32 a.m. on the 13th day of May, 2014.

The Agenda for this meeting is attached.

PRESENT

Willie C. H. Garrett, Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Marilyn O'Sullivan, Administrative Receiver
Robert Barbor, General Counsel

HANO STAFF

Maggie Merrill
Keith Pettigrew
Robert Anderson
Sieglinde Chambliss
Dawn Domengeaux
Arthur Waller
Lesley Thomas
Allan Rivera
Shelly Smith
Alan Lindenlaub
Raymond Allen
Audrey Plessy
Larry Barabino
Manuel Alfaro
Kenisha Green-Ross
Jennifer Adams
Angela Harper
Rochelle Trotter
Jonathan Campbell
Wendy Schoolmeester
Issachar Nichols
Tomeka B. Jackson

RESIDENTS

Constance Haynes, Fischer
Paula Taylor, IDRC

OTHERS

George Mahdi, STAND
Lyndora Robinson
David J. DaJon , Contractors Advocate, Inc
Vanshawn Branch, Advocacy Center
Rachel Berg, Advocacy Center
Brian Lawlor, City of New Orleans
Donald Valee

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I. STATEMENT BY LEGAL COUNSEL

"In accordance with the Louisiana Constitution Article XII, Section 3 and LSA-R.S. 42:4.1 -13 the Board of Commissioners Meeting for the Housing Authority of New Orleans is hereby convened. As established in Sections 5 and 7 of R.S. 42 this meeting is open to the general public and notice of today's meeting as well as a copy of the Agenda have been provided and made available to the public prior to this meeting being called to order. Please adhere to the protocol as established and stated in the Agenda."

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting was called to order by Marilyn O'Sullivan, HANO's Administrative Receiver, at 10:32 a.m.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Willie C. H. Garrett, Chairman, Board of Commissioners

IV. OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON
APRIL 08, 2014**

Mr. Garrett **APPROVED** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 08, 2014.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER'S REPORT

Submitted and presented by Marilyn O'Sullivan, Administrative Receiver, and reviewed by the Board

VII. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

AUTHORIZATION(S)

Resolution #2014-12 – Implementation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2014 Section 210 Relative to Flat Rents for Public Housing Residents

Mr. Garrett APPROVED Resolution #2014-12 to authorize the Administrative Receiver to establish the flat rent schedules attached hereto and proceed with implementation in accordance with final guidance forthcoming from HUD.

Resolution #2014-13 – On Call Legal Services Contracts in response to Request For Proposal (RFP) # 14-906-16

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Mr. Garrett APPROVED Resolution #2014-13 - to authorize the award of contracts to Rodney & Etter, LLC, Burglass & Tankersley, LLC, Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLC, DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP, Law Office of Alexandra Mora, APLC, and LeBlanc Butler, LLC 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.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- How does the proposed flat rent schedule impact on the average resident when it goes into effect?
 - Addressed by the Administrative Receiver
 - The majority of residents who live in public housing pay percentile rate rent; 30% of your income toward rent and utilities. So this probably will have little or no impact on those residents. If you an existing resident on flat rent, the law that came into effect in 2014 states that your rent cannot go up more than 35%. As flat rent goes up over time, more and more residents who are paying flat rent will go back to paying 30% of their income toward rent and utilities. Nothing is going to happen right now until further direction from HUD. As soon as the guidance is received from HUD, the information will be shared with the residents and Board and then we'll move forward.
- What's the procedure to get a re-file or get a voucher back?
 - Addressed by the Chairman
 - The procedures for vouchers, you can contact the management office. If a satisfactory response is not received, then come to the central office where someone will be able to assist.
- Resident issue regarding an eviction notice from Columbia Parc.
 - Addressed by Raymond Allen, Asset Manager after the Board Meeting.
 - Mr. Allen is to communicate with the resident to resolve the issue.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Garrett **ADJOURNED** the Regular Meeting at 10:53 a.m.

APPROVED:



**WILLIE C. H. GARRETT
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**