

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 26, 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 10:30 a.m. on the 26th day of June, 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  
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**

Dianne Connerly, Florida R.C.  
Paula Taylor, IDRC  
Deborah Collins, BW Cooper  
Mary Aples, BW Cooper RMC  
Cheryl Carter, Section 8 RAB

**OTHERS**

Donna Jones-Pearson, City of New Orleans  
Kathleen Matthews, DARC  
Rachel Taylor,  
David DaJon, Citywide  
Jennifer Johnson, Citywide Elevation  
David Johnson, Citywide Elevation  
Rachael Berg, Advocacy Center  
Lindsey Lewis ,GNOMA  
Adreanecia Morris, Providence  
Michelle Whetten, Enterprise  
Terri North, Providence  
Brandon Dughman, Enterprise/Lafitte  
Neal Morris, Redmellon  
Allen Coleman

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Commissioners regular meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Willie C.H. Garrett, at 10:30 a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

**III. 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."

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
MAY 13, 2014**

Mr. Garrett **APPROVED** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2014.

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER'S REPORT**

Submitted by Marilyn O'Sullivan, Administrative Receiver, and reviewed by the Board to be filed on record

**VI. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**AUTHORIZATION(S)**

**Resolution #2014-14 - Approval and Execution of Executive Director Contract**

**Mr. Garrett APPROVED Resolution #2014-14** – to approve the selection of Mr. Gregory Fortner as the Executive Director and does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute said contract for HANO effective July 7, 2014.

**Resolution #2014-15 - Authorization to Submit HANO's PHA Annual Plan to HUD for FY Beginning October 1, 2014**

**Mr. Garrett APPROVED Resolution #2014-15** – to adopt the HANO Annual Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and authorizes its submission to HUD.

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**Resolution #2014-16 - Annual Audit Services in Response to Request For Proposal (RFP) # 14-905-07**

**Mr. Garrett APPROVED Resolution #2014-16** – to authorize the award of a contract to CohnReznick LLP, at the hourly rates set forth in their cost proposal for the initial contract period of two years, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and in an amount not to exceed \$360,000.00 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 to provide annual audit services. A one-year option period for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 will be negotiated prior to executing the contract extension, if exercised.

**Resolution #2014-17 – Approval for Award of Contract for Construction of Lafitte Senior Bldg**

**Mr. Garrett APPROVED Resolution #2014-17** – to authorize its Administrative Receiver to:

- a) Approve the award of the construction contract to Gibbs Construction in an amount not to exceed \$16,400,000 to perform the construction of a 100 unit, 3 story senior building at the Lafitte Community; and
- b) Execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the transactions described in the above resolution.

The Chairman, Mr. Garrett, request that Resolution No. 2011-55 be stamped with “copy” on it and included with submission of Resolution 2014-17.

**WALK-ON ITEM**

The General Counsel entered a motion for the Board to entertain walk on item Resolution #2014-18

The Chairman approved the motion to consider walk on item Resolution #2014-18

**Resolution #2014-18 - Request for Proposals No. 14-906-12 - On Call Real Property Legal Services**

**Mr. Garrett APPROVED Resolution #2014-18** – to authorize the award of contracts to Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC; Ballard Spahr, LLP; and Kinney, Ellinghausen, Richard & DeShazo, APLC at the hourly rates set forth in their fee proposals for the cumulative amount of all contracts awarded not to exceed \$1,450,000.00 for the period of three years.

**VII. COMMENTS**

- **Commissioner’s Comments**
- **Administrative Receiver’s Comments**
- **Public Comments**

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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Garrett ADJOURNED the Regular Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**APPROVED:**



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**DWAYNE G. BERNAL  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**