

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 29, 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 **4:00 p.m.** on the **29th day of July, 2014.**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**HANO STAFF**

Gregg Fortner, Executive Director  
Robert Barbor, General Counsel  
Maggie Merrill  
Dawn Domengeaux  
Robert Anderson  
Sieglinde Chambliss  
Capt. Granetta Harris  
Arthur Waller  
Lesley Thomas  
Allan Rivera  
Shelly Smith  
Alan Lindenlaub  
Kelly Walker  
Kelly Loisel  
Larry Barabino  
Manuel Alfaro  
Kenisha Green-Ross  
Iris Connerly  
Angela Harper  
Valerie Pruitt  
April Kennedy  
Cecilia Florent  
Issachar Nichols  
Rochelle Trotter  
Kathleen Matthews

**RESIDENTS**

Kim Piper, Iberville  
Betty McGill, Estates/Desire  
Candace T./ Estates/Desire

**OTHERS**

Brandy VanShawn, Advocacy Center  
Hayne Rainey, CNO  
Brian Lawlor, CNO

**HUD**

Cheryl Williams  
Victoria Main

**I. STATEMENT BY GENERAL 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 Chairman Bernal at 4:12 p.m.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Commissioner Pilié  
Chairman Bernal  
Commissioner Hackett- Antrum  
Vice Chairman Riener

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Rice

**A quorum was present**

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 26, 2014**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 26, 2014 with additional information be provided to the entire Board.

Motion by: Commissioner Pilié

Second by: Commissioner Hackett-Antrum

Discussion: Commissioner Hackett-Antrum had questions about the resolutions passed at the last board meeting and requested the last board meeting's resolutions.

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Motion passed. The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 26, 2014 was approved.**

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**VI. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**AUTHORIZATION(S)**

**Resolution #2014-19** – Confirmation of Executive Director as Contracting Officer - acknowledges and confirms that Gregg Fortner, the Executive Director of HANO,

shall perform the duties of Contracting Officer to be carried out in accordance with all applicable policies, procedures, laws, and regulations governing HANO business.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution #2014-19 -Confirmation of Executive Director, Gregg Fortner, as Contracting Officer

Motion by: Vice Chairman Riener

Second by: Commissioner Hackett-Antrum

Discussion: Commissioner Hackett-Antrum requested a copy of the Procurement Policy and Resolution No. 2010-54.

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Resolution #2014-19 Passed.**

**Resolution #2014-20 - Designation of Financial Transaction Authority** - authorizes the individuals in Group One and Group Two to act as signatories on HANO bank accounts and that the Executive Director, the Chief Financial Officer, and administrative staff take any and all action necessary to effectuate the changes as stated in the resolution.

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  
Sieglinde Chambliss, Chief Financial Officer/Arthur Waller, Director HCVP

**Motion:** To approve Resolution #2014-20 - Designation of Financial Transaction Authority

Motion by: Commissioner Hackett-Antrum

Second by: Vice Chairman Riener

Discussion: The Executive Director, Gregg Fortner, explained that all checks are results of purchase orders and anything over \$100,000.00 come before the Board for approval. All other line items in the budget are passed with the annual budget. All checks are based upon the signature. Just to clarify, paying for items over \$100,000, doesn't mean that we pay \$100,000 up front, we have to get reimbursement invoices. We have an automated system that tracks an audit trail and every invoice through a number of approval processes before checks are printed. He also explained the significance of Group 1 and Group 2 as a controlled check and balances.

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Resolution 2014-20 Passed.**

**Resolution #2014-21 - Appointment of Crescent Affordable Housing Corporation Board Members** - confirms the appointments of Shelley Smith, Cynthia Wiggins, and Sieglinde Chambliss as Directors of Crescent Affordable Housing Corporation (CAHC) and all prior appointments are hereby terminated and further that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to develop and implement procedures for financial transactions and

procurement of goods and services for CAHC as stipulated above, and directs CAHC to take all necessary action in conformance with this Resolution.

**Motion: To approve Resolution #2014-21 - Appointment of Crescent Affordable Housing Corporation Board Members**

Motion by: Commissioner Pilié

Second by: Commissioner Hackett-Antrum

Discussion: The composition of the CAHC Board to consider including a HANO Board Member. Gregg Fortner, Executive Director, explained the purpose of CAHC as Housing Authorities for the past 20 years have been forming these non-profits arms to make sure that they can take advantage of development opportunities that will allow them to act as a developer where it will be more effective or cost efficient than a government entity. It also can receive donations without going through IRS regulatory hoops that a public entity, like HANO, has to go through.

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Resolution 2014-21 Passed.**

**COMMENTS**

- **Public Comments**
- **Board of Commissioner's Comments**
  - Requested a copy of the committee structure for review and also any recommendations on additional committees to be submitted to Mr. Fortner. Also, take the question on committee structure and the need for committees, standing and ad-hoc, the composition and appointments to those committees at the next board meeting. We will move forward to an ad-hoc committee to review and make recommendations or changes to the existing by-laws and possibly create a new set of by-laws.

**Motion: To Amend the Agenda and Add an Item for Consideration of the Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee for Finance - To amend the items for approval, in the agenda, to add an item for consideration for the creation of an ad-hoc committee to address finance related issues to include, but not limited to, our current budget cycle that will come before the board in the next scheduled board meeting**

Motion by: Chairman Bernal

Second by: Commissioner Hackett- Antrum

Discussion: None

Call to Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Motion passed.**

**Motion:** To Create a Finance Committee as described by Chairman Bernal - To create an ad-hoc committee for the purpose of financial review and oversight. A meeting to be scheduled and determined in the future, noticed and also published, as a public meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Hackett- Antrum

Second by: Commissioner Pilié

Discussion: Ad-Hoc Financial Committee Members – Chairman Bernal, Vice Chairman Riener, and Commissioner Hackett-Antrum

Call to Vote: All in favor; none

**Motion passed.**

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

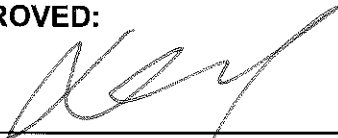
Motion by: Commissioner Hackett-Antrum

Second by: Commissioner Pilié

Call to Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Motion Passed. Chairman Bernal adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m..**

APPROVED:



---

DWAYNE G. BERNAL  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS