

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans met via Zoom (Meeting ID: 896 9457 2739; Password: 441475) at 4:00pm on the 26th day of January, 2021.

IN ATTENDANCE

Evette Hester, HANO Executive Director
Kevin Oufnac, HANO General Counsel

Bri Foster	KT Williams
Kathleen Matthews	MB Willman
Neal Morris	Ryan Herringshaw
Sherry Mclaughlin	Jim Grauley
Terri North, Providence Community Housing	Anna Easterling
Peter Davis	Sharon Washington
Victoria Jackson	Cheryl Carter
Y.Frank Southall, Jane Place	Kim Davis
Dianne Conerly	Shelita Compton
Lishunda Franklin	

I. STATEMENT BY GENERAL COUNSEL

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph 4:00 pm.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

President Joseph
Vice President Barrios
Commissioner Foret
Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Moore
Commissioner Rouselle

ABSENT

Commissioner Jasper
Commissioner McKay
Commissioner Piper

A quorum was present. Commissioner Piper joined the meeting at 4:07pm after Roll Call and during the Approval of the Agenda.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Joseph welcomed and acknowledged her appreciation for the HANO Staff for the work done last year and the year to come in 2021. Announced and welcomed back Commissioner Piper to her RAB seat.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: To Approve the Agenda

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson
Second by: Commissioner Rouselle
Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Agenda approved

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting Held on December 8, 2020

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson
Second by: Commissioner Rouselle
Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Minutes approved

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Executive Director's Report** - Presented by Evette Hester, Executive Director
- **Update on City Square 162** – Mario Washington, Project Manager
- **Update on Mainstream Voucher Utilization Rate** – April Kennedy, Director of HCVP and Nyssa LeBeau, Principle Administrative Analyst
- **Update on Winn Dixie Phase 2** - Gionne Jordan, Director of Development
- **Resignation of KT Williams from HANO** - Portfolio Management Specialist
- **Update on Financials** – Stacy Jackson, CFO, Deputy Director
- **Update of Homeownership Program (Credit)** – Jedidiah Jackson, Director of Client Services

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Residents' Advisory Board (RAB) Report – No Report
- Landlords' Advisory Committee Report - No Report

IX. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

- Development Committee Report – Presented by Commissioner Johnson

X. NEW BUSINESS

Items for Approval

Authorizations

Resolution #2021-01 - Amendment to Resolution No. 2018-15 to Increase the AMI Restriction - approves and authorizes HANO Executive Director, Evette Hester, to take all actions necessary to amend the sales agreement between HANO and HBH that was authorized by HANO Resolution 2018-15 in a manner that increases the restriction on the income of prospective buyers of any of the six homeownership units constructed by HBH from 80% or less of AMI to 120% or less of AMI. All other provisions of the sales agreement entered into by HANO and HBH in accordance with HANO Resolution 2018-15 are to remain unchanged.

Motion: To Approve Resolution #2021-01 - Amendment to Resolution No. 2018-15 to Increase the AMI Restriction

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Second by: Commissioner Piper

Discussion: Vice President Barrios, Commissioner Johnson

Speaker: Terri North, Providence Community Housing

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-01 is approved.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Public Comment(s)**
 - Y.Frank Southall, Jane Place
 - Anna Easterling
- **Board of Commissioners Comment(s)**
 - Vice President Barrios encouraged everyone to view Shana griffin's exhibit, Displacing Blackness, at the Contemporary Arts Center. It is powerful and includes a tribute to many resident leaders who have done so much to support HANO residents and voucher holders over decades.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), Executive Session to Discuss the following Litigation Matters:
 - Dasha Corner, et. al. v. HANO, No. 06-10751, E.D. La. (Consent Decree with GNOFHAC)
 - HANO v Trinity Christian Community, No. 2018-00864, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans
 - Parkcrest v HANO, No. 2015-1533, Eastern District of La.
- Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), Executive Session to Discuss the Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director

Motion: To Move into Executive Session

Motion by: Commissioner Moore

Second by: Commissioner Johnson

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 5:12pm and returned to the meeting at 6:17pm.

Resolution #2021-02 – Approves and authorizes HANO Executive Director, Evette Hester, to take all actions necessary to enter into an Amendment to the Superseding Consent Decree between GNOFHAC and HANO in the case titled Dasha Corner et. al. v. HANO. No. 06-10751, E.D. La. that requires HANO to build 100 affordable units of any bedroom size on HANO's 230 scattered sites on or before February 2, 2026.

Motion: To Approve Resolution #2021-02

Motion by: President Joseph

Second by: Vice President Barrios

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Resolution #2021-02 is approved.

Resolution #2021-03 – Approves the recommendation of the Personnel Committee in regard to the performance of HANO's Executive Director for the year 2020.

Motion: To Approve Resolution #2021-03

Motion by: Commissioner Moore

Second by: Commissioner Rouselle

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Resolution #2021-03 is approved.

Motion: The Board has Reviewed and Received the Goals and Objectives for 2021 from the Executive Director, Evette Hester

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Second by: Commissioner Moore

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Commissioner Rouselle

Second by: Commissioner Piper

No objections. Meeting adjourned at 6:27p.m.

APPROVED:



DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS