

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans met via Zoom (Meeting ID: 893 6194 3477; Password: 228007) at 4:00pm on the 23rd day of February, 2021.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

D. Octave	Debbie Holmes
Sharon Majors	Max Wlodarczak
Charlena Robinson	Sharon Washington
Bri Foster	Kazem
Miss Mingo	Cheryl Carter
Cynthia Wiggins	Immanuel Gilen, IRIS
Marvine Shedrick	

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 McKay
Commissioner Moore
Commissioner Rouselle

ABSENT

Commissioner Jasper
Commissioner Piper

A quorum was present. Commissioner Piper joined the meeting at 4:06pm after Roll Call before the Approval of the Agenda.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Joseph commented that she and the Board was appreciative of the work from the HANO Staff to make the Agency functional and to continue with the mission of providing housing.

She stated that this meeting will be using a new agenda, received via email, where Executive Session was moved up on the agenda.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: To the Amended Agenda to move the Executive Session up the Agenda

Motion by: Commissioner Rouselle

Second by: Vice President Barrios

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Agenda approved

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on January 26, 2021

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Second by: Commissioner Rouselle

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Minutes approved

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting Held on February 1, 2021

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Second by: Commissioner Moore

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Minutes approved

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Update on Financials** – Stacy Jackson, CFO, Deputy Director
- **Executive Director's Report** - Presented by Evette Hester, Executive Director
- **Update on Call Center Software** – Presented by Kenisha Ross, Special Assistant to the Executive Director and Allan Rivera, Director of IT

- **Update on HCVP Waitlist Purge** - April Kennedy, Director of HCVP and Nyssa LeBeau, Principle Administrative Analyst

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

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

IX. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

- **Asset Management and Operations Committee Report** - Presented by Commissioner Rouselle
- **Development Committee Report** – Presented by Commissioner Johnson

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), **Executive Session to Discuss the following Litigation Matter: Parkcrest v HANO, No. 2015-1533, Eastern District of La.**

Motion: To Move into Executive Session

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

Motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 4:42pm and returned to the meeting at 5:08pm.

Motion: To Move out of Executive Session

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

Motion passed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Items for Approval

Authorizations

Resolution #2021-05 - Revisions to HANO's Procurement Policy - approves HANO's revision to the Procurement Policy pursuant to the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) M-18-18 Memorandum, dated June 20, 2018, and the official memorandum issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD),

dated March 12, 2019, authorizing an increase to the Small Purchase Threshold from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Motion: To Approve Resolution #2021-05 - Revisions to HANO's Procurement Policy

Motion by: Commissioner Rouselle

Second by: Commissioner Piper

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-05 is approved.

Resolution #2021-06 - Amendment to HANO Bylaws Art. VI, Sec. 1- amends Article VI, Section 1 of the HANO Bylaws to state as follows:

The Board has the authority and the duty to govern all affairs of the Authority and shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Housing Authorities Law. The Board's duty to govern all of the affairs of the Authority shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:

iv. To review and approve all contracts for goods or services in accordance with HANO's Procurement Policy.

Motion: To Approve Resolution #2021-06 - Amendment to HANO Bylaws Art. VI, Sec. 1

Motion by: Commissioner Rouselle

Second by: Commissioner Piper

Discussion: Commissioner Rouselle

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-06 is approved.

Resolution #2021-07 - Award of Contract- IFB #21-912-08 Water Intrusion Corrective Work at Guste III "M Building" Housing Community - approves the award of a contract to perform the remediation and repairs of the water intrusion issues at the Guste M-Building to Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, Fifty Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$523,550.00), and authorizes the Executive Director of HANO, Evette Hester, to execute any and all necessary contract documents.

Motion: To Approve Resolution #2021-07 - Award of Contract- IFB #21-912-08 Water Intrusion Corrective Work at Guste III "M Building" Housing Community

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Second by: Commissioner Piper

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-07 is approved.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Public Comment(s)**
- **Board of Commissioners Comment(s)**

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- Evette Hester, Executive Director, announced the tour to the Winn Dixie I Site for Board Members on March 2, 2021 @ 1pm.

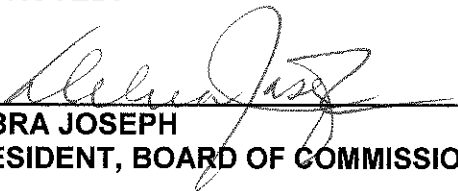
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Second by: Commissioner Rouselle

No objections. Meeting adjourned at 5:16p.m.

APPROVED:



DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS