

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 30, 2019**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) was organized pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Housing Authorities Law, La. R.S. 40:381, et. seq; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 40:539(C)(1) of the Louisiana Housing Authorities Law, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) Board of Commissioners is required to select a Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners who shall also serve as the Executive Director and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO; and

WHEREAS, the HANO Board of Commissioners also is to enter into an employment contract with the executive director; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2014-14 dated June 26, 2014, the Board of Commissioners approved the selection of Gregg Fortner for these positions and authorized the President of the HANO Board of Commissioners to execute a contract of employment between HANO and Mr. Fortner that allowed Mr. Fortner to fill these positions. Additional employment contracts of employment were subsequently executed between HANO and Mr. Fortner, and

WHEREAS, the current contract of employment between HANO and Mr. Fortner expired on July 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2019-12, dated June 25, 2019, the Board of Commissioners approved a month-to-month contract of employment with Gregory Fortner as the Executive Director, to be effective July 8, 2019, for a period of no more than three (3) consecutive months, that will allow Mr. Fortner to continue in his role as Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO; and

WHEREAS, as the HANO Board of Commissioners completes the process of selecting his successor, and while the successor officially takes over the positions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, with the concurrence of the City of New Orleans and HANO, has completed the Executive Director search and interviews and has recommended Ms. Evette Hester for the position; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2019-13, dated June 25, 2019, the Board of Commissioners approved the authorization to enter into negotiations with the candidate recommended for the role of Executive Director, Evette Hester; and

WHEREAS, an employment contract was negotiated with Ms. Hester and all terms and conditions have been agreed to by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the employment contract shall fix the compensation of the Executive Director and such other terms of employment as the authority has determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby does hereby approve the selection of Ms. Evette Hester as the Executive Director and does hereby authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners to execute said contract for HANO effective October 1, 2019.

Executed this 30th day of July, 2019.

APPROVAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Pealer', written over a horizontal line.

CASIUS PEALER
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



July 30, 2019

MEMORANDUM

**To: Board of Commissioners
President Casius Pealer, Vice President Lisha Wheeler,
Commissioner Toni Hackett Antrum, Commissioner Isabel Barrios,
Commissioner Debra Joseph, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,
Commissioner Kim Piper and Commissioner Bill Rouselle**

**Through: Gregg Fortner
Executive Director**

**From: Kelly Walker
Director, Human Resources**

**Re: Approval of a Contract of Employment with Evette Hester as Executive
Director**

In accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 40:539(C)(1) of the Louisiana Housing Authorities Law, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) Board of Commissioners is required to select a Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners who shall also serve as the Executive Director and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO. Furthermore, the HANO Board of Commissioners is to enter into an employment contract with the person selected to fill these positions.

By Resolution No. 2014-14 dated June 26, 2014, the Board of Commissioners approved the selection of Gregg Fortner for these positions and authorized the President of the HANO Board of Commissioners to execute a contract of employment between HANO and Mr. Fortner that allowed Mr. Fortner to fill these positions. Additional employment contracts of employment were subsequently executed between HANO and Mr. Fortner. The current contract of employment between HANO and Mr. Fortner expired on July 7, 2019.

By Resolution No. 2019-12, dated June 25, 2019, the Board of Commissioners approved a month-to-month contract of employment with Gregory Fortner as the Executive Director, to be effective July 8, 2019, for a period of no more than three (3) consecutive months, that will allow Mr. Fortner to continue in his role as Secretary of the HANO Board of Commissioners, Executive Director of HANO, and Chief Administrative Officer of HANO while the HANO Board of Commissioners completes the process of selecting his successor, and while the successor officially takes over these positions.

The Board of Commissioners, with the concurrence of the City of New Orleans and HANO, has completed the Executive Director search and interviews and has recommended Ms. Evette Hester for the position.

By Resolution No. 2019-13, dated June 25, 2019, the Board of Commissioners approved the authorization to enter into negotiations with the candidate recommended for the role of Executive Director, Evette Hester.

Subsequent to the offer of employment to Ms. Hester by HANO and the Board of Commissioners, an employment contract was negotiated and all terms and conditions have been agreed to by the parties. The employment contract shall fix the compensation of the Executive Director and such other terms of employment as the authority has determined. The effective date of the contract is October 1, 2019.

In accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Housing Authorities Law, the Board of Commissioners has the legal authority to execute the employment contract and bind HANO.

It is respectfully requested that the Board of Commissioners approve the selection of Ms. Evette Hester for the position of Executive Director and that the President of the HANO Board of Commissioners be authorized to execute the contract, which shall be effective October 1, 2019.