

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2019**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Housing Authorities Law, La. R.S. 40:381, et seq, all power of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is vested in its Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, HANO, through its Board of Commissioners, is authorized to arrange or contract for the furnishing by any person or agency, public or private, of services, privileges, works, or facilities for or in connection with its developments or the occupants thereof; and

WHEREAS, HANO's Board of Commissioners may delegate to one or more of its agents or employees such powers and duties as it may deem proper; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has contracted with the Executive Director to be responsible for the day-to-day operations of HANO; and

WHEREAS, HANO's current By-Laws and Procurement Policy state that the Executive Director of HANO is the Contracting Officer for the organization and must execute all contracts on behalf of the organization and must present all procurements over \$150,000 to the Board of Commissioners for approval; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledges and confirms that Evette Hester, the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer 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.

Executed this 29th day of October, 2019.

APPROVAL:



**CASIUS PEALER
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



October 29, 2019

MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Evette Hester
Executive Director

From: Stacy Jackson
Chief Financial Officer

Re: Confirmation of Executive Director as Contracting Officer

The Louisiana Housing Authorities Law, La. R.S. 40:381, et seq., vests all powers of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) in its Board of Commissioners (Board). The Legislature granted broad powers to housing authority boards to "enter into, execute, and perform contracts, instruments, and agreements of every kind and description." R.S. 40:431(C)(6). Additionally, the Board is authorized to arrange or contract for the furnishing by any person or agency, public or private, of services, privileges, works, or facilities for or in connection with its developments or the occupants thereof.

HANO's Board of Commissioners may delegate to one or more of its agents or employees such powers and duties as it may deem proper. HANO's current By-Laws and Procurement Policy state that the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of HANO is the Contracting Officer for the organization and must execute all contracts on behalf of the organization and must present all procurements over \$150,000 to the Board of Commissioners for approval. HANO has contracted with Evette Hester to be the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of HANO and to be responsible for the day-to-day operations of HANO

It is respectfully requested that the Board of Commissioners acknowledges and confirm that Evette Hester, the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer 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.