

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans met via Zoom (Meeting ID: 869 1288 8839; Password: 248829) at 4:00pm on the 27th day of October, 2020.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

Dianne Conerly  
Terri North  
M B Willman  
David Abbenante  
Josh Collen  
Chris Clement  
Cynthia Wiggins

Josh Collen  
Bri Foster, GNOHA  
Tony Price  
Ryan Herringshaw  
Morgan Clark  
Jim Grauley

**Before the beginning of this meeting Chair, President Joseph adjourned the Personnel Committee Meeting held before this meeting on October 27, 2020 at @ 3:00pm**

**Motion: To Adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting held before this meeting on**

Motion by: Commissioner Rouselle  
Second by: Vice President Barrios  
Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

No objections. The Personnel Committee Meeting adjourned at 4:05p.m.

**I. STATEMENT BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph 4:06 pm.

III. ROLL CALL

**PRESENT**

President Joseph  
Commissioner Foret  
Commissioner Johnson  
Commissioner McKay  
Commissioner Rouselle

**ABSENT**

Vice President Barrios  
Commissioner Jasper  
Commissioner Moore  
Commissioner Piper

**A quorum was present. Vice President Barrios joined the meeting after the Roll Call.**

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Joseph thanked the Commissioners, Ms. Hester, HANO staff, visitors, landlord and tenants attending the meeting. She commented that her term and Vice President Barrios' term as President and Vice President is ending. She stated that the term for the President and Vice President of the Board is one year. She announced the election of officers for the next term will be held in January 2021.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Motion: To Approve the Agenda**

Motion by: Vice President Barrios  
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 Regular Board Meeting Held on September 29, 2020**

Motion by: Commissioner McKay  
Second by: Commissioner Johnson  
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

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

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

IX. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

- Development Committee Report – Presented by Commissioner Johnson
- Finance & Audit Committee Report – Presented by Evette Hester, Executive Director
- Personnel Committee Report – Presented by President Joseph

X. NEW BUSINESS

Items for Approval

Authorizations

**Resolution #2020-24 - Approval of the Developer of B.W. Cooper Phase II** - approves and authorizes HANO Executive Director, Evette Hester, to enter into negotiations with Columbia Residential/Providence Community Housing for the development of affordable housing and potentially an administrative office building 5.5 acres of land located on Phase II of the B.W. Cooper site.

Commissioner Foret recused herself from Resolution #2020-24.

**Motion: To Approve Resolution #2020-24** - Approval of the Developer of B.W. Cooper Phase II

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Second by: Commissioner McKay

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Call for Vote: Yeas: President Joseph, Vice President Barrios, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner McKay, Commissioner Rouselle; Recusal: Commissioner Foret

**Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-24 passed.**

**Resolution #2020-25 - Approval of Re-syndication of River Gardens** - authorizes the HANO Executive Director, Evette Hester, to execute any and all documents necessary to ensure the long term future of LGD Rental I as a public-private partnership and funding source for HANO's St. Thomas Development, and to execute any and all documents necessary to submit applications to both HUD's RAD Program and the State of Louisiana's LIHTC Program in an effort to further assist LGD Rental I's funding of needed repairs and modernization at HANO's St. Thomas Development.

**Motion: To Approve Resolution #2020-25** - Approval of Re-syndication of River Gardens

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Second by: Commissioner Rouselle  
Discussion: President Joseph, Commissioner Johnson  
Public Comment: None  
Presenter: Josh Collen  
Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-25 passed.**

**Resolution #2020-26 - Approval of HANO's Investment Policy** - approves the Investment Policy for HANO that is attached hereto and dated March 24, 2020.

**Motion: To Approve Resolution #2020-26** - Approval of HANO's Investment Policy

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson  
Second by: Vice President Barrios  
Discussion: None  
Public Comment: None  
Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-26 passed.**

**Resolution #2020-27 - Approval to Amend the HCVP Administrative Plan to Include a Disaster Preference** - approves and authorizes amendments to HANO's HCVP Administrative Plan to provide limited local preferences for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and to make a loan not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,250,000) to the Developer.

**Motion: To Approve Resolution #2020-27** - Approval to Amend the HCVP Administrative Plan to Include a Disaster Preference

Motion by: Vice President Barrios  
Second by: Commissioner Johnson  
Discussion: President Joseph, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner McKay  
Public Comment: None  
Call for Vote: All in favor; none opposed

**Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-27 passed.**

#### XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Public Comment(s)**
  - Bri Foster, GNOHA
  - Morgan Clark
  - Dianne Conerly
  
- **Board of Commissioners Comment(s)**

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

Second by: Commissioner Rouselle

**No objections. Meeting adjourned at 5:28p.m.**

APPROVED:



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DEBRA JOSEPH  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS