

## **MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**Monday, March 1, 2021**

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of the Houston Housing Authority (“HHA”) was held on Monday, March 1, 2021, via telephone conference pursuant to the March 16, 2020 Notice issued by the Office of the Texas Attorney General and in accordance with the applicable portions of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The U.S. toll-free number was 1-888-475-4499, the local number was 1-346-248-7799 and the meeting identification number was 897 5790 7628.

Chair Snowden called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Secretary Thiele called the roll and declared a quorum present. Chair Snowden offered the use of an interpreter, who has been instructed to be on teleconference as well and will be available to Spanish speakers who may need assistance for public comments only. Olga Infante was asked to introduce herself in Spanish and let the attendees know of her service.

Present:           LaRence Snowden, Chair  
                      Kristy Kirkendoll, Vice Chair  
                      Kris Thomas, Commissioner  
                      Andrea Hilliard Cooksey, Commissioner  
                      Stephanie A.G. Ballard, Commissioner  
                      Mark Thiele, Secretary  
                      Dr. Max A. Miller, Jr., Commissioner  
                      Guillermo “Will” Hernandez, Commissioner

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Snowden stated, this is an opportunity for the public to provide comment on any of the resolutions before us today. If an individual would like to make public comments at this time to press \*9 to raise your hand for your question or comment. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes for public comments. Speakers will only be allowed to speak once. I will inform you when your three minutes have expired. The Board will generally not provide responses to the comments or answer any questions. However, HHA residents making comments are encouraged to clearly state their name and the property where you reside. We will have someone from the property management team or from our staff, will reach out to you directly regarding any issue or concern you may have

Chair Snowden asked if there are any individuals that would like to make public comments at this time.

Molly Cook is a resident of Montrose and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Charles Thompson is a resident of Third Ward and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Isabel (last name unknown) is a resident of Fifth Ward and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Katie Chrisman is a resident of Houston and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Kendra London is a resident of Fifth Ward and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Chloe Cook is a resident of Montrose and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Joseph McGuire is a resident in Seattle and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Catherine (last name unknown) is a resident of Third Ward and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Alexandra Smither is a resident of Montrose and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Mary Schultz is resident of Houston Heights and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Katie Webber is a resident of Houston and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Karina (last name unknown) is a resident of Houston and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Claire Hopper is a resident of Houston 77009 and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

George Barrow is a resident of Woodland Heights and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Susan Graham is a resident of Houston 77009 and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

David Espinoza is a resident of North Houston and is against Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Asia (last name unknown) is a resident of Second Ward and is a supporter of Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Michelle Ferrell is a resident in the Hobby area and is a supporter of Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Chair Snowden stated he will now move forth with the New Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Snowden stated, at this time I would like to entertain a motion to table Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245.

Commissioner Ballard moved to table Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Chair Snowden asked if there is any discussion or objection to tabling Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245. Having none, Resolution No. 3244 and Resolution No. 3245 have been tabled.

Chair Snowden asked Secretary Thiele if we can go forward with Resolution No. 3246 and the response was affirmative.

**Resolution No. 3246: Consideration and/or action to approve the implementation of HUD waivers related to the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Public Housing Operations and statutorily required community service in accordance with HUD PIH notice 2020-33**

Secretary Thiele stated, Resolution No. 3246 is that the Houston Housing Authority Board of Commissioners authorizes the Interim President & CEO or designee to implement HUD waivers of the statutorily required community service in accordance with HUD's PIH notice 2020-33, pursuant to the memorandum dated February 25, 2021, from Nagisa Alan Isa, Policy Analyst to Mark Thiele, Interim President & CEO.

Basically, this would waive the requirement again for required community service in accordance with the availability that is currently allowed by HUD waivers. The period of availability currently ends on June 30, 2021. Accordingly, staff recommends the adoption of this resolution.

Chair Snowden stated the Board has heard the resolution presented by Secretary Thiele and asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3246.

Commissioner Cooksey moved to approve Resolution No. 3246. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion.

Chair Snowden asked if there is any discussion or objection to approve Resolution No. 3246. Having none, Resolution No. 3246 is adopted.

Chair Snowden stated at this time, the Board will move into Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Snowden suspended the Public Session on March 1, 2021 at 2:54 p.m. to convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel, legal and real estate issues in accordance with Sections 551.074, 551.071 and 551.072 respectively, of the Texas Government Code.

**PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED**

Chair Snowden reconvened Public Session at 3:09 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Snowden remarked, there is no more items on the agenda. I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Ballard moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cooksey seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Chair Snowden concluded by stating, the two Board of Directors Meetings, Jensen Public Facility and APV Redevelopment Corporation, will be postponed. They will be re-posted once those meetings have been set. Thank you to everyone still on the call and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.