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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Date: March 9, 2018 (Special Meeting)
Place: Administrative Office (Empowerment Center)
Time: 12:59 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Purpose:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

NOTIFICATION BY: Regular Meeting Notice

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 12:59 p.m., Commissioner Boldt moved, second by Commissioner Harrell to enter into Executive Session. On roll call, the following members voted:

Boldt:	Aye	Harrell:	Aye	Shirley	Aye
Newton:	Aye	Smith-Norman:	Aye		

Chair Smith-Norman declared the motion passed.

PRESENT: Commissioner Harrell, Chair Smith-Norman, Commissioner Boldt, Commissioner Newton, Commissioner Shirley

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Mike Phillips

**EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE AND
PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES**

1. Discussed: Executive Director Candidate Contract

Substance: Outcome of the candidates interview process and contract negotiation agreement.

AT 1:01 MS BABETTE JAMISON-VARNER LEFT THE MEETING.
AT 1:55 P.M. BABETTE JAMISON-VARNER ENTERED THE MEETING.

The summary of the interview process was presented. Out of five candidates, two were not a good fit. One of the candidates was from Chicago and was not interested in a position if the current Interim Executive Director was being considered for the position.

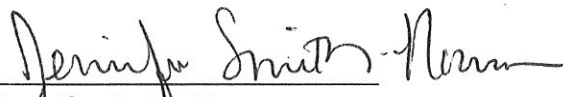
The Freeport Housing Authority was ready to negotiate contract with Ms. Babette Jamison-Varner. One main contact person will be designated to negotiate. Ms. Jamison-Varner was supposed to look over the contract. The Board consented to designate Chair Smith-Norman. Freeport Housing Authority will be paying for the moving expenses and offer cell phone proposal. Ms. Jamison-Varner did not want to use two cell phones. Chair Smith Norman will be negotiating the contract.

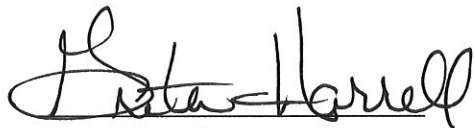
Discussion followed on the amount of Director's salary, qualifications and goal setting. Commissioner Shirley would like to see someone with more HUD experience.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: At 1:54 pm., Commissioner Boldt moved, second by Commissioner Harrell to return to open session. On roll call, the following members voted:

Boldt:	Aye	Smith-Norman:	Aye	Shirley	Aye
Harrell:	Aye	Newton:	Aye		

Chair Smith Norman declared the motion passed.


Jennifer Smith-Norman
Chair of the Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the City of Freeport


Greta Harrell
Commissioner
Housing Authority of the City of Freeport