

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Board of Commissioners of the
Dania Beach Housing Authority
Held in the Meeting Room
4101 Ravenswood Road, Ste 320
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
August 12th, 2019 5:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners the Dania Beach Housing Authority met at 5:00 p.m. on the 12th, day of August 2019.

PRESENT

Bob Adams, Chairperson
William C. Winkelholz, Vice Chairperson
Gloria Black, Commissioner
Celeste Oatman, Commissioner
Ruth White, Commissioner

ABSENT

Tamora Brown, Commissioner
Rosalind Curry, Commissioner (excused)

Non-Voting

Executive Director and Secretary Anne Castro

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Chair Adams. Commissioner Curry was excused as she called in to advise she was out of town helping her family. Commissioner Black gave the invocation and let the Pledge of Allegiance. Amended minutes for May and June board meetings were presented to the board members. Commissioner Black moved to adopt the May and June minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner White. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairperson welcomed new Board Member Commissioner Celeste Oatman to the board. Executive Director welcomed the new Saratoga Crossings Property Manager, Joshua Wimply. Mr. Wimply provided his background to the board. He previously worked at places like Cypress Grove, which has over 800 units. They welcomed Joshua to the team. He will be starting in the DBHA office on Monday to begin the lease up process.

Reports

Financial, Occupancy, Utilization and Payables reports were reviewed by the Executive Director. She noted that we have only 462 of our 536 vouchers on rent due to lack of HUD funds and the impact of SAFMR program requiring hire rents. She also noted that we applied for set aside funds and were denied. The Executive Director also noted we will be issue 44 of these vouchers for PBV for the new Saratoga Crossings, and this may take the agency into a shortfall. Finally, the Executive Director noted we did apply for capital funds, but we are not sure whether we will qualify for any capital funding since the units were demolished. The plan is the use the funds for a more robust web site as the State of Florida requires all special districts, to have a web site. We would

like to have a client portal where forms can be requested, completed and submitted as well for communication. It will reduce the need for our clients to come into the office, which is helpful since many do not have readily available transportation.

Old Business:

Chairperson Adams gave a presentation/update on the NAHRO conference he attended in Boston Massachusetts. It included issues such as rent bundling for changes in income, landlord bonuses, credit restoration, community volunteers, communication methods, and other things.

The Executive Director reviewed the funds from DBQHS including the monies to be used for maintenance person Jorge Garcia.

The Executive Director provided an update as to the Saratoga Crossings Lease up process. The Project Based Voucher Senior units will be handled in the HUD acceptable open waiting list process.

New Business:

Resolution #537 - Travel Policy. The travel policy was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Vice Chair Winkelholz to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner White. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #540 – HART Pension to allow Plan 457 Contributions by Employees. The resolution was explained to the members. A motion was made by Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner White. The motion to approve the resolution was passed by unanimous vote.

The Executive Director advised that RFP's for legal, audit and accounting services will be released in the next few months.

Residents/Citizens Comments: None

Executive Director Comments:

Board Comments: Next meeting will be September 9th, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.