

MINUTES FROM AN ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 18, 2019

An Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on April 18, 2019 in the Community Room of Walter G. Alexander, 105 Wilson Place, Orange, New Jersey. The Executive Director advised that all requirements of the Sunshine Law were met. A roll call was taken as follows:

Present

Chairman Ernest Williams
Vice Chairman Joseph Juliano
Commissioner Clifford Ross
Commissioner Coram Rimes
Commissioner Betty McLeod
Commissioner Hashim Garrett – Entered Meeting 6:18 p.m.

Also Present

Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Executive Director
Brad Leak, Assistant Executive Director
Ernest Booker, Feinstein, Raiss, Kelin & Booker
Several Tenants
Several Employees

Absent

Commissioner Francis Audain

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt. Commissioner Juliano seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion for him to relinquish the Chairman position to Counsel, Ernest Booker. Commissioner Rimes moved. Commissioner Ross seconded.

Commissioner McLeod suggested that a secret ballot should be done for the election.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for a motion to do a written ballot instead of a verbal ballot. Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for discussion

Commissioner Rimes said there has never been a written ballot in the last 11 years that he's been serving on the Board.

A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor except for Commissioner Rimes and Commissioner Ross whose vote was Nay.

NOMINATIONS

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5531-19 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Nominations for the Position of Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Orange for a one-year term beginning April 18, 2019. Commissioner Rimes moved to adopt and Commissioner Williams seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker asked that we start the nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Commissioner Betty McLeod nominated Commissioner Ernest Williams.
Commissioner Clifford Ross nominated Commissioner Coram Rimes.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for a motion to close the nominations for position of Chairman. Commissioner Rimes moved to close. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker read the votes as follows:

Commissioner Ernest Williams received 3 votes.
Commissioner Coram Rimes received 2 votes.

Acting Chairman Booker validated that Commissioner Ernest Williams is the new Chairman.

Acting Chairman Booker called for discussion

No discussion

A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5532-19 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Nomination for the Position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Orange for a one-year term beginning April 18, 2019. Commissioner Rimes moved to adopt. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner McLeod nominated Commissioner Ross.
Commissioner Williams nominated Commissioner Juliano.
Commissioner Ross nominated Commissioner McLeod.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Rimes moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker read the votes as follows:

Commissioner Clifford Ross received 3 votes.
Commissioner Joseph Juliano received 2 votes.
Commissioner Betty McLeod receive 0 votes.

Acting Chairman Booker validated that Commissioner Clifford Ross is the new Vice Chairman.

Acting Chairman Booker called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Hashim Garrett entered the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for the adoption of Resolution No. 5533-19 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Nomination for the Position of Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Orange for a one-year term beginning April 18, 2019. Commissioner Juliano moved.
Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker asked for nominations for Treasurer.

Commissioner Betty McLeod nominated Commissioner Joseph Juliano.
Commissioner Clifford Ross nominated Commissioner Coram Rimes.
Commissioner Coram Rimes nominated Commissioner Betty McLeod

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Rimes moved. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker read the votes as follows:

Commissioner Joseph Juliano received 4 votes.
Commissioner Coram Rimes received 2 votes.
Commissioner Betty McLeod receive 0 votes.

Acting Chairman Booker validated that Commissioner Joseph Juliano is the new Treasurer.
Acting Chairman Booker called for discussion
No discussion

A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5534-19 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Nomination for the Position of Parliamentarian of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Orange for a one-year term beginning April 18, 2019. Commissioner Rimes moved to adopt. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker asked for nominations for Parliamentarian.

Commissioner Ernest Williams nominated Commissioner Betty McLeod.
Commissioner Betty McLeod nominated Commissioner Coram Rimes.
Commissioner Coram Rimes nominated Commissioner Hashim Garrett

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Rimes moved. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker read the votes as follows:

Commissioner Betty McLeod received 1 vote.
Commissioner Coram Rimes received 1 vote.
Commissioner Hashim Garrett receive 4 votes.

Acting Chairman Booker validated that Commissioner Hashim Garrett is the new Parliamentarian.

Acting Chairman Booker called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rimes moved to adjourn. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Acting Chairman Ernest Booker called for discussion
No discussion
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. McNeil, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer