

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on December 21, 2023 via Zoom web-based application, in light of Governor Murphy's Executive Order 107, and to maintain the necessary social distance to avoid the spread of Covid-19. The Executive Director advised that all requirements of the Sunshine Law were met. A roll call was taken as follows:

Present

Chairman Ernest Williams
Commissioner Joseph Juliano
Commissioner Hashim Garrett
Commissioner Shara Morrow

Absent

Treasurer Chris Jackson
Vice Chair Clifford Ross
Commissioner Betty McLeod

Also Present

Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Executive Director
Marsha M. Moore, Esq., Counsel
Shanda Hammond, HACO staff
Amanda Rivera, HACO staff
Carlos Cuevas, HACO staff
Cristina Mateo, HACO staff

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chairman Williams Ross called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Juliano moved to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Garrett seconded.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Executive Director reviewed the consolidated statement of operating revenue and expenses from the November Financial report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reviewed the Management report – (Section 8 and Public Housing). He also advised the board that we are installing 3 cameras on every floor of the building in order to monitor activity in the common areas.

PUBLIC SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5762-23 approving Bills.
Commissioner Juliano moved to adopt. Commissioner Morrow seconded.

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

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5763-23 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange to select official newspapers for 2024 calendar year.
Commissioner Juliano moved to adopt. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
Ross asked about the addition of M&T Bank.
McNeil explained that the bank rates have increased substantially and that we were looking into other banks with lower rates.
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5764-23 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange to select Banking Institutions for 2024 Calendar Year.
Commissioner Juliano moved to adopt. Commissioner Garrett seconded

Chairman Williams called for discussion
Morrow inquired if the banks were the same as last year, McNeil advised they were and that we are in the process of moving our funds from PNC to M&T due to high fees.
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Chairman Williams called for a motion to adopt Resolution 5765-23 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange appointing Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Ph.D., as fund Commissioner for the New Jersey Public Housing Authority Joint Insurance Fund for the Fund Year 2024.
Commissioner Julian moved to adopt. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion
McNeil explained that a "Fund Commissioner" is a position that's appointed to a representative from each one of the house authorities that have an interest in the Joint Insurance Fund, which is the housing authority's insurance carrier.
A roll call was taken
All Commissioners voted in favor

Resolution #5766-20. Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange approving the annual Plan for fiscal year 2024 was put off until January inasmuch as we were waiting on the audit to be completed so that we could complete the annual plan.

Unfinished Business/New Business

Shara Morrow advised that she saw the updated website and likes the changes.

Chairman called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting
Commissioner Mills moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded

Meeting adjourned at 3pm

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. McNeil, Jr.
Secretary