

## **MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING October 17, 2024**

A Special 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 October 17, 2024, via Zoom web-based application. The Executive Director advised that all requirements of the Sunshine Law were met. A roll call was taken as follows:

### **Present**

Vice Chairman Clifford Ross  
Parliamentarian Coram Rimes  
Commissioner Betty McLeod  
Commissioner Hashim Garrett  
Commissioner Joseph Juliano

### **Absent**

Chairman Ernest Williams  
Treasurer Shara Morrow

### **Also Present**

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

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Vice Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Rimes seconded.

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

Vice Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt and/or correction of the Minutes from a Regular Board Meeting on September 19, 2024. Commissioner Rimes moved to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Juliano seconded.

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Executive Director reviewed the treasure report and stated that it reflects good numbers for the authority. He reviewed the consolidated statement of operating revenues and expenditures,

year to date. He advised that HACO is controlling expenses and making sure that we are providing the services that we need to provide.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. McNeil and Cristina Mateo advised the board of the scheduled activities for the following 2 months. *i.e.*, residence meeting, RAD board meeting Veterans Appreciation lunch , Health Fair, Community Resource Fair, Breast Cancer Event, et al.

He reported that Section 8 has done pretty well with catching up in terms of leasing, annual interim certifications, and annual inspections. There were 41 new admissions and three terminations.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Vice Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5804-24 approving Bills. Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Vice Chairman Ross called for discussion  
Ross questioned the cost for the replacement of the awning.  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Vice Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5805-24 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange requesting permission for the attached list of commissioners and staff to attend the NJ State League of Municipalities Annual Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey.  
Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Vice Chairman Ross called for discussion  
Rimes requested a list of who would be attending. Ross asked if the resolution included OHDC employees. McNeil responded no.  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Vice Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt Resolution No.: 5806-24 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Agreement to Renew Membership in the New Jersey Housing Authority Joint Insurance Fund.  
Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Vice Chairman Ross called for discussion  
No discussion was had  
A roll call was taken  
All Commissioners voted in favor

Vice Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt Resolution No.: 5807-24 - Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Renewal of Membership in the New Jersey Housing Authority Joint Insurance Fund.

Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt. Commissioner Rimes seconded.

Vice Chairman Ross called for discussion

No discussion

A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor

### **Unfinished Business/New Business**

Vice Chairman Ross requested an updated about the development project. McNeil advised the board that once he finishes lining up the finances, HACO would be able to move quickly with the development inasmuch as the architectural plans were already completed.

Chairman Williams called for discussion

No discussion

A roll call was taken

All Commissioners voted in favor

Meeting ended at 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. McNeil, Jr.  
Secretary