

## **MINUTES**

# ROCKWALL HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. 100 Lake Meadows Dr. - Rockwall, TX 75087

#### 1. Call Public Meeting to Order / Declare a Quorum

Board Chairman, Matt Neyland called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with the following board members being present: Rick Crowley, Maryann Hall, Carla Wise, and – the board's newest member – D.L. Mailloux. Also present were Executive Director of the RHA, Aurora Bueno and Rockwall City Councilmember Tim McCallum. Rockwall's City Manager, Mary Smith and Director of Administrative Services, David Sweet, joined the board meeting after Open Forum concluded.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance & Introduction of Newly Appointed RHA Board Member

Chairman Neyland led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced D.L, Mailloux, RHA's newly appointed board member (who has replaced Teresa Sevier). Mrs. Mailloux expressed that she is happy to begin serving.

#### 3. Open Forum for Public Comments

Chairman Neyland explained how Open Forum is conducted, sharing that each speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes. He then asked if anyone would like to address the board at this time.

Sandee Eaves 100 Lake Meadows, Apt. 410 Rockwall, TX

Ms. Eaves read aloud a letter she indicated her daughter had written outlining what she described as poor treatment of her mother (Ms. Eaves) by Aurora Bueno, RHA's Executive Director. Concerns were expressed pertaining to the following: a doctor's note having been requested; the giving away of a parking spot (telling her she can park on the street, even though she is disabled); coming into her apartment without letting her know beforehand; and expecting her daughter to surrender her key to her mom's apartment. Ms. Eaves indicated that her daughter has spoken with attorneys and cited poor treatment, harassment and retaliation. She wants her parking spot restored. Ms. Eaves went on to express she is mad that chairs have been removed from the facility's common areas where she and other residents used to convene and talk. She is not happy she has been asked to show her driver's license.

Barbara Smith 100 Lake Meadows, Apt. 304 Rockwall, TX 75087

Ms. Smith wonders where the benches and chairs went that were removed. She is upset about them having been removed and considers it an inconvenience. She is concerned that it seems rules apply to some but not to all persons living there.

There being no one else wishing to come forth and speak, Chairman Neyland then closed Open Forum. He

briefly explained that the Board hears comments during Open Forum; however, they are not allowed to discuss or deliberate comments that have been expressed since doing so would violate the Open Meetings Act.

#### 4. Consent Agenda Items

a) Discuss / act on approval of minutes from the March 20, 2025 board meeting

Board Member Crowley moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Board Member Hall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5 ayes to 0 nays).

- 5. Discuss / act on RHA's Official Business, Programs and Reports Related to Management of RHA including:
  - a) Hear update from RHA's Executive Director regarding management of the RHA
  - b) Hear update regarding RHA's financials
  - c) Consider a policy allowing for only one signature on RHA issued checks
  - d) Consider authorizing the addition of RHA Board Member, Maryann Hall, as a signatory on RHA bank / financial accounts

Ms. Bueno, Executive Director, indicated that addressing air conditioning issues is an ongoing process. She also shared that no grants are available at this time to help address plumbing. Board Member Wise asked if the RHA can possibly purchase and have available on hand a wet vac if/when one is ever needed in response to a plumbing issue when water is impacting a unit or common area. Ms. Bueno indicated that, yes, one can be purchased. She went on to indicate that the phone system is an ongoing issue. Also, she is working on the five-year plan update, and it will come before the board for public input and approval next month in June.

Regarding financials, the board members discussed the topic of two versus one signer on RHA checks. Chairman Neyland indicated the bank only requires one signature on checks. Board Member Hall indicated she prefers that two signers be required on all checks and would like additional signatories added to the accounts (so if a certain one is not available to sign, more options exist). Tim McCallum (Rockwall Mayor Elect) expressed he does not believe it would be appropriate to have the board member who is a (RHA) resident be a signatory. Mrs. Smith, Rockwall City Manager, shared that as long as checks are written for standard expenses, having only one person sign should not pose a problem. She went on to indicate that they will soon transition from Lakeside Bank to American National Bank, and – at that time – checks will all be electronic. No wet signatures on checks will occur from that point on. Also, eventually the City of Rockwall will handle checks and payments on RHA's behalf.

Board Member Crowley moved to add Maryann Hall as a signatory on the RHA's bank accounts. Chairman Neyland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5 ayes to 0 nays).

Chairman Neyland then made a motion to authorize moving all RHA bank accounts from Lakeside Bank to American National Bank. Board Member Wise seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5 ayes to 0 nays).

Indication was given that – for now - checks written from RHA bank accounts will remain needing two signatures.

Mrs. Smith shared that there is nothing substantive to report at this time related to RHA's financials.

Chairman Neyland indicated that, due to work and family-related obligations and priorities that have arisen, he will need to resign from the RHA board; however, he will continue serving until Rockwall's new mayor, Tim McCallum, is able to appoint a replacement to fill his seat. Mayor (Elect) McCallum expressed immense gratitude to Chairman Neyland for having served and doing a wonderful job during his tenure on the board.

### 6. Adjournment

Board Member Wise moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Board Member Mailloux seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5 ayes to 0 nays).

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROCKWALL HOUSING AUTHORITY (RHA) ON THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

Matthew Neyland, Chair

ATTEST

Richard R. Crowley, Secretary