

MINUTES

ROCKWALL HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 19, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

100 Lake Meadows Dr. - Rockwall, TX 75087

1. Call Public Meeting to Order / Declare a Quorum

Chairman Matt Neyland called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. In addition to Chairman Neyland, Board Members Maryann Hall, Carla Wise, Teresa Sevier and Rick Crowley were also present as well as RHA Executive Director Aurora Bueno, Rockwall City Manager Mary Smith, Rockwall Assistant City Manager Joey Boyd, City of Rockwall's Administrative Services Director David Sweet, and legal counsel Lea Ream (who was present virtually by telephone).

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Open Forum for Public Comments

No one came forth to speak at this time.

4. Consent Agenda Items

- a) Discuss / act on approval of minutes from the Oct. 17, 2024 special board meeting

Board Member Sevier moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Crowley seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 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

Aurora Bueno, Executive Director briefed the board on management of the RHA and its units. She mentioned that the RHA has gone from a 'standard' to a 'high performance' agency. She gave an update on the Section 8 waiting list. An informative process packet will be placed on the website. She will also reach out to local apartments and advertise in local newspaper. She indicated that the RHA is receiving an increase in imported Section 8 vouchers from other agencies due to an increased awareness of a well-run RHA. She informed the board of a webinar training that is occurring Thursday, January 23, and she encouraged board members to register for this.

Rockwall Assistant City Manager, Joey Boyd briefed the board on reporting requirements to the Railroad Commission relative to the Section 114 Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines of 2020 ("the PIPES Act"). He explained that RHA is treated just like Atmos Energy since RHA has a master gas meter. Indication was given that Aurora will be responding to the rejection letter and request a meeting with the Commission to find out what needs to be done in order for the RHA to be compliant with "the Act."

Chairman Neyland then read the discussion item below into the record before recessing the public meeting to go into Executive Session at 10:27 a.m.

6. Executive Session: The Board of Directors will recess the public meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss the following matters, as authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:

- a) discussion regarding classification or qualification as Section 8 landlord, pursuant to §551.071 - Consultation with Attorney.

7. Call meeting back to order

Chairman Neyland reconvened the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

8. Take Any Action as a Result of Executive Session

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

9. Adjournment

Board Member Crowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. Board Member Sevier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROCKWALL HOUSING AUTHORITY (RHA)
ON THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025



~~Matthew Neyland, Chair~~

TERESA SEVIER, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:



Richard R. Crowley, Secretary