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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP

BIRMINGHAM, AL January 27, 2025 –The Housing Authority of the Birmingham District (HABD) has elected former Vice-Chair DeJuana Thompson as Chairwoman and Commissioner Abra Barnes as Vice-Chairwoman at the agency’s annual board meeting.

HABD’s President and CEO Dontrelle Young Foster shared, “Our new officer election marks an exciting chapter for our agency. Chairwoman DeJuana Thompson and Vice-Chairwoman Abra Barnes bring exceptional experience, leadership, and commitment to our communities and the agency’s vision, guiding us toward a future of growth and success. We are thankful for the former Chairman, Dennis G. Pantazis’ unwavering dedication and the legacy of leadership that has set a strong foundation for the journey ahead. We are confident the board's exceptional service will continue the impactful work that has already begun.”

Chairwoman Thompson stated, “I am honored to step into the role of Chairwoman of the HABD Board of Commissioners. Over the last four years, I have walked our communities, met with our leaders, and served the mission of the HABD alongside my fellow board members. This is a critical time in our country and communities as public and affordable housing is being reimaged. As we look forward to our work this year, I am excited to champion innovation, education, restoration, and strengthening community spirit.”

Vice-Chairwoman Barnes expressed, “I am deeply grateful to have been selected as Vice-Chairwoman of this incredible board. This opportunity is humbling. I am eager to contribute my skills and passion to furthering our mission of HABD. Thank you to my fellow board members for their trust and assurance. I am certain that with the leadership of myself, Chairwoman Thompson, and my fellow Commissioners, we will achieve great things for the community we serve.”

The Housing of the Birmingham District Board of Commissioners is composed of five board members, appointed by the honorable Mayor Randall L. Woodfin and includes Chairwoman DeJuana Thompson, Vice-Chairwoman Abra Barnes, Dr. Anthony C. Hood, D.G. Pantazis, Jr. and Alyshia Cook.

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***The Housing Authority of the Birmingham District (HABD)** is the state's largest provider of public housing serving 23,000 residents. Its mission is to provide the highest standard of affordable housing while fostering vibrant, inclusive communities and serving as a catalyst for opportunity. To learn more about HABD, visit www.habd.org.*