

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2017

Attendees

Chairman Raj Mukherji

Vice Chairman Reginald Jones

Commissioner Aneesah Abdullah

Commissioner Hector Fuentes – Absent

Commissioner Freddie Kitchens

Commissioner Thomas Kukla

Counsel Joe Garcia, Esquire

Marvin L. Walton, Executive Director/Secretary to the Board

Carmen Carrillo, Assistant Secretary to the Board

Patricia Madison, Deputy Executive Director

Samuel Moolayil, Chief Financial Officer

Eileen Ingram-Willis – In-house Counsel

Steven Cea, Director of Development & Design

Nehru Nedella, Director of IT

Kenneth Pinnock, Director of Purchasing

Jill Corin, Director of Compliance

Patricia Ramirez, Director of Section 8 - Absent

Antoin Evans, Regional Asset Manager - Absent

Chairman Mukherji called the scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Jersey City to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 400 US Highway #1 (Marion Gardens), Jersey City, New Jersey. He acknowledged that the necessary notices had been published and posted. A quorum is present.

Public Participation

No public participation.

Items for Approval

Chairman Mukherji requested a motion on Resolution #1, closed caucus to be moved till the end of meeting. Commissioner Kitchens made the motion and Vice Chairman Jones seconded. Chairman Mukherji requested to place Resolutions 2 thru 5 onto a consent agenda, at which time Commissioner Kitchens made the motion and Commissioner Abdullah seconded the motion. A final motion was made by Chairman Mukherji for the approval of Resolutions 2 thru 5 on the consent agenda which was read for the record. Commissioner Abdullah made the motion and Commissioner Kitchens seconded. The consent agenda was open for questions/comments or discussion. Being no further discussion, it was close by unanimous consent. The motion was carried and Resolutions 2 thru 5 were approved for a vote as a group. However, a motion was made by Chairman Mukherji requesting close caucus be held before matters of information at which time the board agreed and commence close caucus at 6:10 p.m. Chairman Mukherji requested a final vote on closed caucus Commissioner Abdullah made the motion and Commissioner Kitchens seconded. The board of commissioners' meeting was called back to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Mukherji who then introduced Matters of Information in which Executive Director Marvin Walton read his report. Once concluded, matters of information was closed, following was a presentation made by Bronner Group at 6:20 p.m. regarding the JCHA's 5yr Strategic Plan. Once ended, Chairman Mukherji stated that this concluded the public portion of the evening's meeting, being no discussion meeting was adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS – February 1, 2017

- ITEM #1:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED CAUCUS REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS, LITIGATION AND GRANT STRATEGY.
- ITEM #2:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 2017.
- ITEM #3:** RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY APPROVING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017.
- ITEM #4:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF JCHA'S FY2018 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE SUBMISSION TO NJ DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.
- ITEM #5:** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JCHA'S PURCHASING AGENT AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER.

Executive Director's Matters of Information:

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2017.
 - The January 2017 Community Meeting Calendar has been published.
 - We received official notification that JCHA was awarded \$605,396 in voucher funding for FY2016 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program for the following three (3) projects:
 - The Hoboken Shelter S+C Program
 - Home At Last
 - Living Unit Housing Program
- The CoC mission is to continue to improve the lives of men, women and children through local planning efforts and through the direct housing and service programs funded under this grant opportunity.
- We are proud to announce the launching of the improved JCHA Website, today February 1st. The new website is user friendly and more informative for our residents and stakeholders.
 - Lastly, for the last six months, the JCHA which included; selective members of the Board of Commissioners (Vice Chairman Jones, Commissioners Abdullah and Fuentes along with the JCHA Senior Staff were busy with revising the JCHA Mission and Vision statements as well as charting the road map for the next five-years for the Agency. This 5-Year Strategic planning process was facilitated by the Bronner Group and they are here with us this evening to present a draft report to the Board of Commissioners for consideration. Plans are to allow the Board members 30 days to review the draft Strategic Plan and provide any comments and/or recommendations. We will return to the March 1st Board meeting and by resolution, request approval of the 5-Year Strategic Plan.

That concludes the matters of information.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Mukherji asked to adjourn the meeting calling for a roll call. Whereupon, the motion was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. However, close caucus commenced at 6:10 p.m. and ended at 6:15 p.m.



Marvin L. Walton, Executive Director
Secretary to the Board