

# Louisiana Housing Corporation

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#### **LHC Board of Directors**

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 06, 2023

2415 Quail Drive V. Jean Butler Board Room, LHC Building 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

### **Board Members Present**

Chairman Alfred E. Harrell, III
Vice-Chairwoman Tonya P. Mabry
Official Designee Tony Ligi obo Louisiana State Treasurer John M. Schroder
Steven Hattier
Steven P. Jackson
Ericka McIntyre
Willie Rack
Willie M. Robinson
Jennifer Vidrine
Brandon O. Williams
Richard A. Winder

## **Board Members Absent**

John S. Alford Anthony P. Marullo, III

## **Staff Present**

Barry E. Brooks
Joshua G. Hollins
Donna Deculus
Marjorianna Willman
Denisa Joshua
Annie Robinson
Louis Russell
Wendy Hall

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Lionel Dennis
Brenda Evans
Leslie Strahan
Plezetta West
Thomas Bates
Jarvis Lewis
Joshua McNemar

## **Others Present**

See Sign-In Sheet.

# CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman Alfred E. Harrell, III, called the meeting to order at 10:12 A.M. Board Secretary Barry E. Brooks called the roll; there was a quorum.

## INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was a Moment of Silence, a Prayer by Board Chairman Harrell, followed by the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### APPROVAL OF AUGUST 09, 2023 BODM MINUTES

Next item discussed was the August 09, 2023 LHC Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Board Member Ericka McIntyre and seconded by Board Member Richard A. Winder, the Minutes of the August 09, 2023 LHC Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved, as distributed.

## LHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Board Chairman Harrell noted for the Record that he would Yield His Time to Board Member Winder.

#### LHC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LHC Executive Director Joshua G. Hollins gave an update noting that he had recently met with incoming-elect Insurance Commissioner Tim Temple; noted the recent Think Tank Event with LHC Single Family and HUD New Orleans Regional Office held at Southern University; that he had met with CHDOs and Non-Profits regarding requests for HOME funds; gave an update on PRIME-2 noting the 1<sup>st</sup> Closing would be within the week, that 7-8 projects would be Closing by end of 2023 out of the 26 projects that were awarded in April 2023.; that the MMLP was progressing well; that eleven (11) applications had been

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received for the TRRRP; that LHC staff had moved into the new offices at 4000 Sherwood Forest Boulevard; that the LHC had completed a full desk-top exercise to test our COOP; that LHC was replacing desktop monitors with laptops; that he had a very receptive tour with Louisiana Congressman Troy Carter recently; sadly noted that this would be his last BODM given his recent resignation; and, concluded by expressing his gratitude to the Board, the LHC Staff, and most humbly to his Family and to God.

Note for the Record the arrival of Board Member Steven P. Jackson (@ 10:19am) and Board Member Steven J. Hattier (@ 10:24am).

There were farewell accolades to ED Hollins from Board Chairman Harrell, Board Member Jackson, and Board Member Williams.

Board Member Winder requested a moment of Personal Privilege to introduce his special guest Ms. Connie and Christian Labat. They noted that they were minority contractors and appreciated being able to address the Board. They also discussed their development on OCH Boulevard in New Orleans, called "The Building".

Board Member Hattier advised that he was familiar with the property and was pleased of the positive progression.

Secretary Brooks read into the Record a letter received from Meghan Elder, LAAHP Executive Director (available upon request) acknowledging their endorsement of Marjorianna Willman as the Interim and Long-Term Executive Director of LHC.

# **AGENDA ITEM #5**

Next item discussed was regarding issuance of an RFP for Master Servicer for Single Family Loan Programs.

The matter was introduced by Secretary Brooks.

Additional information being provided by LHC Homeownership Director Brenda Evans, also noting that staff was recommending approval of the matter.

Board Member Jennifer Vidrine inquired as to what was the purpose of a Master Servicer.

HD Evans replied that such was the "gatekeeper of loans."

On a motion by Board Member Steven P. Jackson and seconded by Board Member Official Delegate Tony Ligi, the resolution to authorize the Louisiana Housing Corporation ("LHC" or "Corporation") to issue a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to seek proposals for Master Servicer for Single Family Loan Programs; and providing

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for other matters in connection therewith, was moved to debate. There being no further discussion, opposition, or public comment, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Programs Committee Chairman Steven P. Jackson discussed the need to redevelop historical developments during the PRIME-3 initiative.

ED Hollins noted that the goal of PRIME-3 was for fortified developments, and that old historical structures cannot meet the criteria. And, that subsequently historical developments will only be required to come up to code within old building confines.

PCC Jackson requested a meeting with LHC staff to discuss the Pathways to Homeownership.

PCC Jackson requested an update on previous requests for the LHC Pipeline Report.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chairwoman Tonya P. Mabry moved that *Pursuant to La R.S. 42:17(A)(1) the Board of Directors of the LHC reserves the right to enter into Executive Session.* 

The motion to enter into Executive Session was seconded by Board Member Willie Rack.

A Roll Call was done to Enter Executive Session. Votes were as follows:

YES – 11 (Ms. Mabry, Mr. Ligi, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Hattier, Mr. Jackson, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Rack, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Vidrine, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Winder..

NO - 0: None.

ABSENT - 2: Mr. Alford and Mr. Marullo.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 10:58 A.M.

On a motion by Board Chairwoman Tonya P. Mabry and seconded by Board Member Jennifer Vidrine, the Board exited Executive Session at 11:55 A.M.

A Roll Call was done to Exit Executive Session. Votes were as follows:

YES – 11 (Ms. Mabry, Mr. Ligi, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Hattier, Mr. Jackson, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Rack, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Vidrine, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Winder..

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NO - 0: None.

ABSENT - 2: Mr. Alford and Mr. Marullo.

## **AGENDA ITEM #6**

Next item discussed was the regarding the resignation of LHC Executive Director Joshua G. Hollins.

The matter was introduced by Secretary Brooks.

On a motion by Board Member Steven P. Jackson and seconded by Board Member Willie Rack, the resolution accepting the resignation of Joshua G. Hollins as Executive Director of the Louisiana Housing Corporation; and providing for other matters in connection therewith, was moved to debate. There being no further discussion, opposition, or public comment, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7**

Next item discussed was the regarding the appointment of an LHC Interim Executive Director

The matter was introduced by Secretary Brooks.

On a motion by Board Member Jennifer Vidrine and dual-seconded by Board Member Official Delegate Tony Ligi and Board Vice-Chairwoman Tonya P. Mabry, the resolution providing for the appointment of MARJORIANNA WILLMAN, as Interim Executive Director of the Louisiana Housing Corporation and providing for other matters in connection therewith, was moved to debate. There being no further discussion, opposition, or public comment, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters to discuss, Board Member Steven P. Jackson offered a motion for adjournment that was seconded by Board Member Willie Rack. There being no discussion or opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

The Full Board meeting adjourned at 11:58 A.M.

Chairman

Secretary