Minutes of the AHA Board of Housing Commissioners

Regular Meeting
January 15, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (MT)
Manuel Cordova Conference Room (#186) & Zoom Video Conference
Special Procedures were used for joining this meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. (MT) on January 15, 2025. Chairperson Smith presided. The Board met via Zoom and in Open Session.

2. Roll Call

AHABHC MEMBERS PRESENT
Ms. Rayellen Smith, Chairperson
Ms. Maurreen Skowran, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Rebecca Robinson, Resident Commissioner
Ms. Lovie McGee, Commissioner at Large

AHABHC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
Ms. Sharla Parsons, Commissioner at Large; Excused

STAFF PRESENT
Mr. Matt Bailon, Operations Manager
Ms. Christi Baker, Housing Voucher Program Manager
Ms. Linda Bridge, Executive Director
Ms. Tabitha Cain, Accounting Technician
Mr. Brian Eagan, Attorney
Mr. Omar Estrada, Capital Projects Specialist
Mr. Sam Garcia, Public Housing Inspections & Quality Control
Mr. John Gauthier, Housing Services Director
Mr. Joe Horejs, Senior Accountant
Ms. Carmella Ortiz, Warehouse and Facility Manager
Ms. Mundy Petroff, Executive Assistant
Ms. Rocio Solis Sinche, Procurement Officer
Ms. Shawn Watson, Housing Development Associate

VISITORS PRESENT
Mr. Josiah Fowler, Resident
Ms. Bianca Rivera-Holquin, UNM Truman Health Services
Ms. Cecilia Webb, CABQ Mayor's Office
Ms. Rebecca Price, High Five Construction Emergency Housing

3. Approval of Minutes

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Member Skowran moved to amend the minutes to state 'Member Skowran was then elected unanimously as Vice-Chairperson by a 3-0 vote, instead of Chairperson'; seconded by Member Smith. The motion was carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

Member Smith moved to approve the amended minutes; seconded by Member Skowran. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

4. Public Comment

Mr. Fowler addressed the Board regarding concerns at 5601 Gibson Blvd SE.

5. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

6. Resolutions and Communications

a) Report of the Secretary (Executive Director Linda Bridge and Housing Development Associate Shawn Watson)

Ms. Bridge presented the 2024 Review of the Report of the Secretary and the Albuquerque Housing Authority Production Snapshot Report and Ms. Watson presented the Capital Fund Report; both addressed questions from Members of the Board.

Member Robinson moved to accept receipt of the Report; seconded by Member McGee. The motion was carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

b) Quarterly CDBG Report Water Line Improvement Project (Executive Director Linda Bridge)

Ms. Bridge presented the 'Quarterly CDBG Report Water Line Improvement Project' and addressed questions from the Board.

Member Smith moved to accept receipt and authorize Ms. Bridge to sign the report; seconded by Member Skowran. The motion was carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

c) Quarterly CDBG Report AHA Public Housing Preservation (Executive Director Linda Bridge)

Ms. Bridge presented the 'Quarterly CDBG Report AHA Public Housing Preservation' and addressed questions from the Board.

Member Smith moved to accept receipt and authorize Ms. Bridge to sign the report; seconded by Member McGee. The motion was carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

d) Resolution 2025-01 Approval for Disposition of AHA Vehicles (Warehouse and Facility Manager Carmela Ortiz)

Ms. Ortiz presented the '2025-01 Approval for Disposition of AHA Vehicles' and addressed questions from the Board.

Member Smith moved to approve 'Resolution 2025-01 Approval for Disposition of AHA Vehicles'; seconded by Member Robinson. The motion was carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Announcements

AHA offices will be closed on January 20, 2025 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday.

AHA offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 in observance of President's Day.

AHA has opened enrollment in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. All current AHA Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice (HCV) tenants are encouraged to learn more about the benefits of joining the FSS program, see https://abqha.org/family-self-sufficiency/

AHA Board of Housing Commissioners currently has an opening for a new Member. Mayor Tim Keller is seeking a volunteer to serve on AHA Board – Online applications are being accepted for:

1. a Public Housing Resident Representative on the Board (for Board Position 2 for a term ending on 12/1/28)

The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in person at the Albuquerque Housing Authority Main Office, in the Carnis Salisbury Building, 1840 University Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM, and the public will have the option to attend in person or by video conference.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m.; seconded by Member Robinson. The motion was carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

SUBMITTED:

/s/ Linda Bridge
Linda Bridge, Secretary to the Board
Date: February 19, 2025

READ AND APPROVED:

/s/ Rayellen Smith
Rayellen Smith, Chairperson of Board