

*These minutes are not verbatim, but a condensed version of what transpired at the Lakewood Housing Authority (LHA) Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on **Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 6:12 pm**, in the Community Room at the Rev. Albert Clayton Administration Building, 317 Sampson Avenue, Lakewood, NJ.*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Ms. Medina called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. Ana María García announced that consistent with the Open Public Meetings Law: P.L.1975 c231, which requires that all meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public at all times, a notice of this meeting was provided to the clerk of the Township of Lakewood, the Ocean County Library, the Asbury Park Press, and the Star-Ledger on January 26, 2016, and was posted on the Authority's official designated public bulletin board at the LHA Administration Building, as well as the LHA website.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, attending Commissioners were:

Miriam Medina – *Chairperson*
Gregory Stafford Smith – *2nd Vice Chairperson*
Angela Caldwell - *Commissioner*
Shabsi Ganzweig – *Commissioner*

Also attending:

Mary Jo Grauso – *Executive Director*
Scott Parsons – *Assistant Executive Director*
Terrence Corrison – *Attorney*

Absent were:

Eric Sherman – *Vice Chairperson*
Joseph Weingarten – *Commissioner*
Nechama Heinemann – *Commissioner*
Ray Coles – *Township Liaison*

READING OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2016 were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Mr. Stafford Smith, seconded by Ms. Caldwell. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford Smith, Ms. Caldwell, and Ms. Medina. Mr. Ganzweig abstained. Minutes were approved.

BILLS AND APPROVAL OF SAME

Bills were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Mr. Stafford Smith, seconded by Ms. Caldwell. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford Smith, Ms. Caldwell, Mr. Ganzweig, and Ms. Medina. Bills were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Item 1: Letter from HUD indicating SEMAP High Performance.

Item 2: LHA Pre-Applicant Information Form.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES – None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Grauso reviewed various items from her ED Report, including the improved safety and quality of life at Peter Ward Tower since the eviction of two disruptive tenants; and the improved security at the Currey Building. Final Section 8 briefings have been conducted and applicants informed that actual participation in the program is determined on a first come, first served basis.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Corrison briefly addressed HUD funding issues and their effect on the LHA. He also stated that the non-profit discussed at previous Board Meetings must be formed in order to comply with Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program requirements. He stated that the non-profit would be formed and its Board appointed in the near future.

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP LIAISON – None.**OLD BUSINESS** – None.**NEW BUSINESS****New Opportunities to Serve Homeless Youth and Families Demonstration Project**

Ms. Grauso discussed this HUD Seminar attended by Norma Berrios, the Section 8 Coordinator, and Loreen Taranto, the Family Unification Program (FUP) Specialist. The New Jersey Department of Children and Families in partnership with the Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) are requesting rental assistance from the Housing Authority through the FUP and Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) programs, as well as supportive services from the PCWA for youths who are aging out of foster care. After 18 months on Section 8, these participants would enter into the 5-year FSS program, establishing interim and final career goals. HUD is encouraging participation in the Project.

Resolutions

Mr. Corrison exited the room so that the Commissioners could freely discuss Resolutions 5172 and 5172A, which awarded him the General Counsel and Landlord/Tenant contracts.

Resolution No. 5172 - Awarding the Contract for General Counsel June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017. Following brief review, motion to approve made by Mr. Stafford Smith, seconded by Mr. Ganzweig. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford Smith, Ms. Caldwell, Mr. Ganzweig, and Ms. Medina. Resolution 5172 approved.

Resolution No. 5172A - Awarding the Contract for Landlord/Tenant Actions, June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017. Motion to approve made by Mr. Stafford Smith, seconded by Ms. Caldwell. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford Smith, Ms. Caldwell, Mr. Ganzweig, and Ms. Medina. Resolution No. 5172A approved.

Resolution No. 5173 - Hiring Fee Accountant - June 1, 2016– May 31, 2017. Motion to approve made by Mr. Ganzweig, seconded by Ms. Caldwell. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford Smith, Ms. Caldwell, Mr. Ganzweig, and Ms. Medina. Resolution No. 5173 approved.

MEETING OPENED TO HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENTS – None.

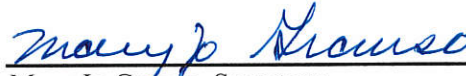
MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC – None.**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Ganzweig asked Mr. Corrison if he had looked into requirements regarding retention of Board Meeting recordings. Mr. Corrison stated that he thought he had already submitted the schedule, but realized that he had not and would take care of it promptly. He said that the State had to approve deletion of records.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Stafford Smith, seconded by Mr. Ganzweig, all present voted to adjourn at approximately 7:16 pm.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.



Mary Jo Grauso, Secretary
Executive Director