

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park met for a Regular Session <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/659006933> or by calling 1-312-757-3121, code 659-006-933 at 6:30 PM on February 11, 2021, the hour and date duly established for the holding of said meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Martinez.

A copy of the notice of this meeting setting forth the date, time and location of this regular meeting was posted on the Housing Authority's official designated bulletin board located at 242 South Sixth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ, sent to Borough Hall for posting and was faxed to the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger and posted on the HPHA website on February 8, 2021. The link above was also provided on the above.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT

Commissioners:

Ruby Hope, Commissioner
Raysa Martinez, Chair
Jason Postelnik, Commissioner
William Rainwater, Commissioner
Evelyn Sedehi, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioners:

Regis Methven, Commissioner
Diane Reh, Commissioner

Council Liaison:

Tara Canavera

Authority General Counsel:

Terrence Corriston, Esq., Breslin & Breslin

Administration:

Donna Brightman, Executive Director
Runi Sriwardena, Housing Director

Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 14, 2021 was made by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Rainwater.

ROLL CALL: Hope Martinez Methven Postelnik Rainwater Reh Sedehi

AYES: Hope Martinez Postelnik Rainwater Sedehi
NAYS: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Methven Reh

The Chair thereupon declared said motion approved.

Public Comment I: none

New Business:

Commissioner Hope reported on the previous meeting of HPAHC and Kronman. She stated that the minutes and bill lists were approved. She also stated that we have a lot of work to get done in order to receive the funding from PNC as now they want the 2020 tax return and audits completed before releasing funding.

Communications: none

Attorney's Report:

Counsel Corrison reported that the eviction moratorium has been extended to 3/31/21.

Commissioner Sedehi asked if we will recover the back rent from the two tenants that have not been paying.

Counsel Corrison stated that when the moratorium ends, they will receive an eviction notice and then they will either pay or they will be evicted.

Housing Manager Sriwardena stated that there has been no effort to pay.

Commissioner Hope asked how long they have lived at HPHA.

Housing Manager Sriwardena responded, at least ten years and this has been a problem in the past with one of the tenants.

Accountant report: none

Executive Director's report:

Executive Director Brightman noted that the JIF trainings were attached to her report.

Commissioner Rainwater said that he forgot his password.

Executive Director Brightman replied that you will have to contact them directly.

Commissioner Martinez stated that they don't make it easy to log-on.

Staff reports:

Commissioner Postelnik asked how the snow removal went.

Housing Manager Sriwardena replied that it was hectic but they got it done. It was difficult to

clear the parking lots as there is no place to put the snow. We had no slips or falls so that was good.

Commissioner Martinez asked if the COVID vaccine was being administered to the tenants in the building as she read that Paterson was going to public housing buildings directly to give the vaccine.

Executive Director Brightman and Housing Manager Sriwardena both responded that they were trying to make that happen to no avail.

Executive Director Brightman stated that providers that had the vaccine contacted the PHA's directly.

Commissioner Rainwater said in addition to the State site, people need to register at the mega-site in Edison.

Commissioner Sedehi stated that it is a very frustrating process.

Committee Reports - none

Resolutions:

c) Reso #2021-4 – Adopting Monthly Bill List for January 2021

Motion moved by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Rainwater to adopt Resolution #2021-4.

ROLL CALL:	Hope Martinez Methven Postelnik Rainwater Reh Sedehi
AYES:	Hope Martinez Postelnik Rainwater Sedehi
NAYS:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Methven Reh

The Chair thereupon declared said motion approved.

Old Business: none

Public Comment II: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Rainwater to adjourn at 6:58 PM.

All commissioners present voted in favor.

Donna Brightman, Exec. Director/Secretary