



# *Louisiana Housing Corporation*

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## **LHC Board of Directors**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 09, 2022 @ 10:30 A.M.**

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

### **Board Members Present**

Chairman Anthony P. Marullo, III  
Tony Ligi, Official Designee obo Louisiana State Treasurer John M. Schroder  
Alfred E. Harrell, III  
Steven Hattier  
Steven P. Jackson  
Ericka McIntyre  
Jennifer Vidrine  
Richard A. Winder  
Brandon O. Williams

### **Board Members Absent**

Vice-Chairwoman Tonya P. Mabry  
Johnny Berthelot  
Stacy S. Head  
Willie Rack

### **Staff Present**

Barry E. Brooks  
Bradley Sweazy  
Yolanda Martin  
Nakesla Blount  
Rendell Brown  
Louis Russell  
Judy White

Carlos Dickerson  
Brenda Evans  
Leslie Strahan  
Plezetta West  
Thomas Bates  
Shanta Harrison

**Others Present**

See Sign-In Sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairman Anthony P. Marullo, III called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. Board Secretary Barry E. Brooks called the roll; there was a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Next item discussed was the February 09, 2022 LHC Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

**On a motion by Board Member Jennifer Vidrine and seconded by Board Member Official Designee Tony Ligi, the Minutes of the February 09, 2022 LHC Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved, as distributed.**

**BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Next Board Chairman Marullo noted that immediately following adjournment of the BODM, the scheduled 12:30pm Executive Director Search Committee would process the Final Selection of the LHC Executive Director.

Let the Record reflect the arrival of Board Member Ericka McIntyre at 10:40 a.m.

**LHC INTERIM-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

LHC IED Bradley R. Sweazy briefly discussed April Fair Housing Month, noting that LHC Construction Manager Todd Folsie would be conducting a two-hour course on accessibility and housing developments for tenants, the general public, and the disabled.

IED Sweazy also noted that Calcasieu Parish had the most recent Closings.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 – Fairmont Towers**

Next item discussed was the Resolution regarding issuing \$15M MHRB for Fairmont Towers located in Shreveport.

The matter were introduced by Board Secretary Brooks.

Additional information was provided by Brenda Evans, LHC Chief Programs Officer, noting staff was recommending approval thereof.

**On a motion by Board Member Steven P. Jackson and seconded by Board Member Alfred E. Harrell, III, the resolution of intention to issue not exceeding Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Fairmont Towers located at 726 Cotton Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana 71101, in one or more series to finance the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and equipping of a multifamily housing development within the State of Louisiana; to establish the maximum qualified basis and low-income housing credits to Fairmont Towers; to authorize the staff and counsel to prepare the forms of such documents and agreements as may be necessary to allocate 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to such facilities; 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 #6 – St. Claude Gardens II**

Next item discussed was the Resolution regarding issuing \$4.5M MHRB for St. Claude Gardens II located in New Orleans.

The matter were introduced by Board Secretary Brooks.

Additional information was provided by Louis Russell, LHC Director of Housing Development, noting staff was recommending approval thereof.

**On a motion by Board Member Steven P. Jackson and seconded by Board Member Richard A. Winder, the resolution of intention to issue not exceeding Four Million, Five Hundred Thousand (\$4,500,000) Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for St. Claude Gardens II located on 22 scattered sites in the Lower 9th Ward, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana 70113, in one or more series to finance the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a multifamily housing development within the State of Louisiana; to establish the maximum qualified basis and low-income housing credits to St. Claude Gardens II; to authorize the staff and counsel to prepare the forms of such documents and agreements as may be necessary to allocate 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to such facilities; 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 – The Sexton Law Firm**

Next item discussed was regarding LHC entering into a contract with The Sexton Law Firm.

The matter were introduced by Board Secretary Brooks.

The specifics of the matter were provided by Board Chairman Marullo.

Additional information was provided by Alesia Ardoin with The Sexton Law Firm, noting that Mr. Grey was in trial and unable to attend the BODM, but that the Law Firm had over 46 years of experience in State and Local Governmental Law, with previous work with the State Board of Ethics and other Boards and Commissions, and that they would be able to provide Legal assistance directly to the LHC Board of Directors as well as supplemental assistance to the LHC Legal Department.

Board Chairman Marullo furthered, noting that the availability of The Sexton Law Firm for the Board is "...just another positive tool", and that the Firm would be readily available to assist the LHC Legal Department wherein needed.

**On a motion by Board Member Alfred E. Harrell, III and seconded by Board Member Steven P. Jackson, the Board approved LHC entering into a contract with The Sexton Law Firm; 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**

Board Member Jackson requested a Summary of Legislative Bills being Tracked by LHC be sent to the Board.

There being no other matters to discuss, Board Member Steven P. Jackson offered a motion for adjournment that was dual seconded by Board Member Official Delegate Tony Ligi and Board Member Brandon O. Williams. There being no discussion or opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

**The Full Board meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.**



Chairman



Secretary