



Louisiana Housing Corporation

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LHC Board of Directors

***SPECIAL* Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 07, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.

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

Board Members Present

Interim-Board Chairwoman Jennifer Vidrine
Tony Ligi obo Louisiana State Treasurer John M. Schroder
Johnny Berthelot
Derrick Edwards
Steven P. Jackson
Anthony "AP" Marullo, III
Ericka McIntyre
Willie Rack
Gillis R. Windham

Board Members Absent

Stacy S. Head
Tonya P. Mabry

Staff Present

Barry E. Brooks
Bradley R. Sweazy
Yolanda Martin Singleton
Bridget Javius
Nakesla Blount
Leslie Strahan
Denisa Joshua
Plezetta West

Others Present

See Guest Sign-In Sheet.

CALL TO ORDER

IBC Vidrine called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Board Secretary Barry E. Brooks called the roll; there was a quorum.

Next there was Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Resolution regarding issuing Notice to former LHC Exec. Dir.

Next item that was discussed was the Resolution authorizing the issuance of Notice to former LHC Executive Director Cunningham regarding the lack of his appointment being confirmed by the Louisiana Senate during the 2021 Regular Session.

The matter was introduced by Secretary Brooks.

The specifics of the matter were provided by Yolanda Martin Singleton, LHC Executive Counsel.

Board Member Jackson inquired what would happen if the matter was defeated by the Board.

Ms. Singleton advised that such was mandated by law, and was ministerial in nature.

On a motion by Board Member Willie Rack and seconded by Board Member Willie Tony Ligi, the resolution providing authority to the Appointing Official to issue the statutorily mandated notice to the former LHC executive director, Edselle Keith Cunningham, Jr., of the Louisiana Senate's failure to confirm his appointment, pursuant to La. R.S. 24:14(H)(2)(b); and providing for other matters in connection therewith, was moved to debate. There being no further discussion, opposition, or public comment, a Roll Call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote for Agenda Items #2

YES (9): Vidrine, Ligi, Berthelot, Head, Jackson, Marullo, McIntyre, Rack, Windham.

NO (0): None.

ABSTAIN (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Head, Mabry.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Executive Session regarding Pending Litigation

Next item discussed was the Executive Session.

Board Member McIntyre moved that pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17, the Board enter into Executive Session:

The purpose of the Executive Session is pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17, regarding the following pending litigation:

Miriam Bowie versus State of Louisiana, Through the Louisiana Housing Corporation, and Keith Cunningham, Individually and In His Official Capacity as Executive Director, Case No. NUMBER C-708664 SEC. 26, 19th Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

The motion to enter into Executive Session was seconded by Board Members Johnny Berthelot, Gillis Windham, and Steven P. Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 11.08 A.M.

On a motion by Board Member McIntyre and seconded by Board Member Gillis R. Windham the Board exited Executive Session at 11:41 A.M.

A Roll Call Vote was done to Exit Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote

YES (9): Vidrine, Ligi, Berthelot, Head, Jackson, Marullo, McIntyre, Rack, Windham.

NO (0): None.

ABSTAIN (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Head, Mabry.

The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary Brooks reminded the Board that the Annual Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 14th; that the Board Orientation-Retreat was scheduled for Thursday, July 22nd and Friday, July 23rd.

Board Member Marullo inquired if there would be an alternate date for those not able to attend the Board Orientation-Retreat.

Secretary Brooks advised that an alternate date would be scheduled for any Board Member with a calendar conflict thereof.


ADJOURNMENT

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

The Full Board meeting adjourned at 11:46 A.M.



Chairman



Secretary