



# *Louisiana Housing Authority*

Louisiana Housing Corporation  
Housing and Transportation Planning and Coordinating Commission Meeting Minutes  
Louisiana Housing Corporation  
2415 Quail Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Committee Room 1  
Thursday, June 18, 2015  
12:30 p.m.

## **Commissioners Present**

Chairwoman Nicole Sweazy  
Ms. Martha Kegel  
Mr. Kenneth Habetz

## **Commissioners Absent**

Mr. Mark Moses  
Ms. Sherri LeBas  
Ms. Suzy Sonnier  
Ms. Marla Newman  
Mr. Roland Dartez  
Mayor Jennifer Vidrine  
Ms. Lydia Jemison

## **Designees Present**

Ms. Michelle Horne  
Mr. Mark Gates  
Ms. Sidni Shorter  
Mr. Cliff Palmer  
Ms. Jessica Kemp

## **Designees Absent**

Ms. Kim Matherne  
Ms. Angela Patterson  
Mr. Brian Byrd  
Mr. Richard Murray

## **Staff Present**

Ms. Selena Sims  
Ms. Winona Connor  
Ms. Anita Tillman

**Consultants Present**

Mr. Mark Johnston  
 Ms. Fran Ledger

**Call to Order and Roll Call.** Chairwoman Nicole Sweazy called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

**Ma Maison Update.**

Chairwoman Sweazy presented to the committee members an update for Ma Maison.

**Action Item.**

After an explanation to the commissioners of the State Interagency Council on Homelessness adoption of the federal level goals on homelessness, Chairwoman Sweazy made a motion to formally change our end date for Chronic Homelessness in Louisiana from 2016 to 2017. This motion was seconded by Sidni Shorter, Deputy Director of the Louisiana Housing Alliance. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Statewide Housing & Transportation Plan Update.**

Anita Tillman, Director of Policy, Planning and Governmental Affairs for the Louisiana Housing Corporation provided a recap of Statewide Housing Plan Development; its purpose, mission and deliverables for the benefit of those commissioners and designees attending for the first time.

**Action Item.**

Chairwoman Sweazy expressed to the commissioners and designees, in their capacity as the State Interagency Council on Homelessness, her belief that they would be most qualified, with their combined experience, to serve as a Rating and Ranking Committee to review Balance of State, Continuum of Care applications. Martha Kegel, Executive Director of Unity of Greater New Orleans formally recused herself from consideration as one who could directly benefit from being part of the selection committee. After further discussion as to what defined necessary recusal, Chairwoman Sweazy made a motion for the Commissioners to form the Rating and Ranking committee for applications review. The motion was seconded by Sidni Shorter, Deputy Director of Louisiana Housing Alliance. The motion passed by majority vote, with one recusal.

**Dropbox Update.**

Selena Sims, Commission Coordinator and Secretary, updated the commissioners on the procedures to follow to access all committee items made available in the dropbox that has been created for that purpose.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Sweazy adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

  
 Selena Sims, Committee Secretary