

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Houston, Texas

December 8, 2015

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COUNTY OF HARRIS §

The Board of Commissioners of Harris County Housing Authority met in regular session, open to the public, on the 8th day of December 2015, at Harris County Housing Authority, located at 8933 Interchange Drive, inside the boundaries of Harris County in Houston, Texas. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m., and the roll was taken of the duly constituted officers and members of the board:

Kerry Wright	Chairman	Present
Gerald Womack	Vice Chairman	Present
Joe Ellis	Commissioner	Absent
Roberto Gonzalez	Commissioner	Present
Joe Villarreal	Commissioner	Present

Attending for all or portions of the meeting were Horace Allison, Chief Executive Officer of Harris County Housing Authority (via videoconference) and Scott Lemond from the County Attorney’s Office as general counsel to HCHA. Present additional attendees included the following:

Kristen Domeracki, Paul Curry, Beverly Burroughs and Katie Thomson of Harris County Housing Authority; Paul Shanklin, Mandy Heagy, and Wanda LeBlanc were also in attendance.

Chairman Wright invited Commissioner Womack to open the meeting with a prayer, followed by Commissioner Gonzalez, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Discussion and request to approve or deny a resolution authorizing HCHA to provide HUD the annual REAC submission as prepared by HCHA’s independent auditors.

Mandy Heagy from Clifton Larson Allen presented HCHA’s FY2015 audit results to the Board. Ms. Heagy pointed out that in 2015, the Authority’s current assets increased by \$638,000 due to increased program funding, fee collections, and decreased expenses. Ms. Heagy also noted an increase in capital assets due to the Retreat at Westlock’s construction in progress, and reported that HCHA’s overall liabilities have remained consistent for the year.

Ms. Heagy also reported that the Authority received increased funding for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program during the financial year. HCHA received less funding from the County for the HCV program in 2015 and took fewer portability vouchers, which decreased its government grants and revenue for the year. Housing Assistance Payments also decreased due to HCHA’s decision to change the number of household members per bedroom for vouchers.

Ms. Heagy conveyed that CliftonLarsonAllen reviewed the HCV program during the audit and reported two minor findings for cash management and failed inspections. She noted that overall, the report conveyed a very successful audit.

Commissioner Gonzalez moved to approve the resolution, Vice Chairman Womack seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 15-70)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss personnel and real estate matters with HCHA’s attorney.

The Board of Commissioners reconvened into public session at 12:45 p.m.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Villarreal moved to adjourn at 12:46 p.m., Commissioner Gonzalez seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Adopted and approved this 20th day of January 2016.



Kerry Wright, Chairman



Horace Allison, Secretary