

Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission
Minutes of June 4, 2019



ATTENDANCE

1. Commissioners Present:

Nolan, Anne	Chair
Baptista, Jr., Ernest P.	Representative of Insurers
Bennett, Kyle	Community Development Intermediary
Brophy, Michelle	Representing Rebecca Boss, Dir. of BHDDH
Clement, Brenda	Representative of Fair Housing
DeLuca, William	Representing Liz Tanner, RI Dir. of RI Dept. of Business Regs
Dixit, Seema	Representing Nicole Alexander-Scott, Dir. of DOH
Frumerie, Caitlin	Ex. Dir. of RI Coalition for the Homeless
Fuerte, Elizabeth	Advocate for Racial Minorities
Guedes, Margarita Robledo	Representing Lead Poisoning Agency
Hawkins, Courtney	Director of Dept. of Human Services
Hoffman, Alison	Representing RI AG Peter Neronha
Imondi, Deb	Pres. of RI Mortgage Bankers Association
Jones, Rose	Director of RI Dept. of Elderly Affairs
Lodge, Melina	Ex. Director, Housing Network of Rhode Island
Maigret, Maureen	Senior Housing Advocate
Raymond, Joseph	Zoning Official, Town of Burrillville
Sanzaro, Melissa	Representing Michael Lykland, RI Assoc. of E. Dirs. Of Housing
Tedesco, Philip	Representing the RI Realtors Association
Ventura, Carol	Representing Nicolas Restinas, Chair of RI Housing Board
Wallin, Esq., Erik	Ex. Dir. of Operation Stand Down
Watts, Ronald	Homelessness Representative

2. Members Absent

Bryer, Lisa	Local Planning Official
Deary, Gene Michael	Representing RI Bankers Association
Lamb, Jean	Representing Community Development Corporation
Garlick, Joseph	Non-Profit Development Corporation
DiBiase, Michael	Director, RI Dept. of Administration

Staff

Tondra, Michael
Bray, Mary
Kue, Simon
Price, Darlene
Neirinckx, Ray
Mazzone, Deborah
Witcher, Pheamo
Hopkins, Meghan

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Guests

Cola, Jeanne
Jaworski, Laura
Boney, Adrian
Primeau-Faubert, Anne
Simoli, Mike
DeLuca, Mike
Cassani Brandt, Bonnie
Wilcox, Michelle
Santilli, Karen
Martinez, Allison
Freitas, Barbara
Ward, Patrick
Mowry, Jessica
Cameron, KellyAnn
Alexander, Eric
Lill, Belinda
Ferguson, Amy
Rosen, Jacqueline
Drivas, Peter
Carlson, Marilyn
Galvin, Paul
Mitchell, Rhonda
Chamberlain, Bill

LISC
House of Hope CDC
RI Foundation
RI Dept. of Health
RI Dept. of Health
RI Dept. of Health
RI Dept. of Health
Crossroads, RI
Crossroads, RI
Welcome House
RIHAP
RI DHS
RI Housing
Childhood Lead Action Project
RI Housing
RI Housing
RI Coalition for the Homeless
RI Exec. Office of Commerce
Pay for Success
SWAP
Newport Housing Authority
Newport Housing Authority
RIHAP

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Anne Nolan, Chair of the Housing Resources Commission. A quorum was noted for today's meeting.

2. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Nolan welcomed all and introduced two new Commissioners; Rose Jones, Director of RI Dept. of Elderly Affairs and Melissa Sanzaro, Executive Director of the Providence Housing Authority, representing the RI Association of Executive Director

3. Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2019

Motion made by Carol Ventura. and seconded by Kyle Bennett to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 minutes as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Director's Report

- **Efficiency Commission**
 - Established by Governor (EO 19-04)
 - Streamline service delivery, enhance efficiency operations and deliver cost saving through programmatic and real-estate rightsizing.
 - Tasked with structural savings of \$10M
 - 9 members, Chaired by Director DiBiase (DOA)
- **RI Efficiency Commission (HRC)**
 - Healthy Housing (Housing Commission Coordinator) – Shift responsibilities (Lead Hazard Mitigation) and staff to DOH, along with additional support of expanded enforcement.
 - Office of Homeownership/Community Development (Housing Commission Coordinator) and Office of Homelessness (Housing Commission Coordinator) – Shift responsibilities (affordable housing bond/etc.) to Rhode Island Housing
 - Space Considerations
- **Housing Hearing Conducted on 5/23. Revised Budget followed.**
- **Possible Implications:**
 - Generally, all BHRI responsibilities shift to RIH
 - Consumer assistance referred to RIH Help Center
 - Homeless Committee Impact (placement, grievance, winter shelter)
 - Lead based paint hazard (Mitigation) responsibilities centralized with DOH
 - At this time, no recommendation to alter Conveyance Tax, Housing Resources Commission structure or Programs managed by OHCD.

5. HRC FY'20 Budget Recommendations

- **Resolution – The HRC approves the FY'20 Budget, as detailed on the attached.**

After discussion by Commissioners, motion was made by Brenda Clement and seconded by Kyle Bennett to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously with the following Commissioners abstaining; Carol Ventura, Ron Watts, Melina Lodge, Caitlin Frumerie and Seema Dixit.

6. Consolidated Homeless Fund FY'20

- **Resolution – The HRC approves Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF) awards as detailed on the attached spreadsheet. HRC resources, Conveyance Tax, will be allocated to projects as appropriate.**

After discussion by Commissioners, motion was made by Eric Wallen and seconded by Bill DeLuca and Kyle Bennett to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously with the following Commissioners abstaining; Carol Ventura, Brenda Clement, Caitlin Frumerie, Melina Lodge and Ron Watts.

7. BHRI III Recommendations

- **Resolution – The HRC approves Building Homes Rhode Island (BHRI III) awards as detailed on the attached sheet. HRC resources, Affordable Housing Bond, will be allocated to projects.**

After discussion by Commissioners, motion as made by Kyle Bennett and seconded by Eric Wallen to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously with the following Commissioners abstaining; Melissa Sanzaro and Melina Lodge.

8. Announcements – Caitlin Frumerie ??

9. Public Comment – No Public Comments

10. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM