

East Providence Housing Authority

Board of Commissioners

March 18, 2021

DRAFT Open Session Meeting Minutes

Open Session

Meeting began at 1:55 p.m.

Role Call by Richard Smith - Chairperson

John Faria
Luci Stoddard
Nick Williams
Eileen Bowden
Cindy Faria
Elaine Gonsalves
Richard Smith

Motion made to convene in executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) for discussion and potential vote on collective bargaining agreement and R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) for discussion and potential vote on personnel matter concerning the job performance, character and/or mental or physical health of an individual or individuals.

Made by: John Faria

Second by: Richard Smith

The individuals in question have been notified in writing prior to this meeting of their right to require that all discussions be held in open session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(1).

Votes by Open Call:

John Faria - Aye
Luci Stoddard - Aye
Nick Williams - Aye
Eileen Bowden - Aye
Cindy Faria - Aye
Elaine Gonsalves - Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

Motion passes

Board moved into Executive Session

Board reconvened in open session:

Timothy Cavazza, Esq. (Counsel for the Board): Disclosed the following votes made in executive session

1. **Motion made:** to formally accept the resignation and retirement papers of Terry Correia, Executive Director

Votes by Open Call:

John Faria - Aye
Luci Stoddard - Aye
Nick Williams - Aye
Eileen Bowden - Aye
Cindy Faria - Aye
Elaine Gonsalves - Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

2. **Motion made:** to provide Terry Correia with a severance package of 4 weeks of pay for each year of service not to exceed 10 years

Votes by Open Call:

John Faria - Aye
Luci Stoddard - Aye
Nick Williams - Aye
Eileen Bowden - Aye
Cindy Faria - Aye
Elaine Gonsalves - Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

3. **Motion made:** for the Housing Authority pay for the cost of life insurance in retirement once Ms. Correia converts her life insurance to retiree policy

Votes by Open Call:

John Faria - Aye
Luci Stoddard - Aye
Nick Williams - Aye
Eileen Bowden - Aye
Cindy Faria - Aye
Elaine Gonsalves - Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

4. **Motion made:** to ratify the collective bargaining agreement between the East Providence Housing Authority and Local 1217 for the period covering October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023

Votes by Open Call:

John Faria - Aye
Luci Stoddard - Aye
Nick Williams - Aye
Eileen Bowden - Aye
Cindy Faria - Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

5. **Motion made:** to return to open session

Votes by Open Call:

John Faria - Aye
Luci Stoddard - Aye
Nick Williams - Aye
Eileen Bowden - Aye
Cindy Faria - Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

Motion made to seal Executive Session minutes:

Made by: John Faria

Second: Luci Stoddard

Votes by Open Call:

John Faria - Aye
Luci Stoddard - Aye
Eileen Bowden – Aye
Cindy Faria – Aye
Nick Williams - Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

Motion passes

Motion made to appoint Rose Ott as Interim Executive Director

Made by: John Faria

Second: Luci Stoddard

Votes by Open Call:

John Faria - Aye
Luci Stoddard - Aye
Nick Williams - Aye
Eileen Bowden - Aye

Cindy Faria - Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

Motion passes

Rose Ott accepts position

Motion made to authorize Richard Smith and Attorney Cavazza to negotiate salary for Rose Ott as Interim Executive Director

Made by: Nick Williams

Second: John Faria

Votes by Open Call:

John Faria – Aye
Nick Williams – Aye
Luci Stoddard – Aye
Cindy Faria – Aye
Eileen Bowden – Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

Motion passes

Congratulations to Rose

Discussion concerning logistics of future public meetings including the ability for one or more commissioners to attend remotely with other commissioners attending in person. Mr. Cavazza discussed the current requirements of the Open Meetings Act as amended by Executive Order 20-46.

Motion made to adjourn meeting

Made by: John Faria

Second: Richard Smith

Votes:

John Faria – Aye
Nick Williams – Aye
Luci Stoddard – Aye
Cindy Faria – Aye
Eileen Bowden – Aye
Richard Smith – Aye

Meeting adjourned.