

MEETING OF THE HOUSING RESOURCES COMMISSION
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
May 9, 2024

Members of the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission (“HRC”) Coordinating Committee met on May 9, 2024 at 80 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Providence, Rhode Island, which meeting was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to the public notice of meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, as required by applicable Rhode Island law.

The following members were present and participated throughout the meeting as indicated: Kyle Bennett (Chairman), Kayla Weststeyn (Designee of the Director of Administration), Carol Ventura (RI Housing Executive Director), and Stefan Pryor (RI Housing Board Chair and Secretary of Housing).

Also present were: Hannah Moore, HRC Executive Director; Attorney Michael P. Robinson, counsel to the HRC; Melina Lodge, Deb Flannery, Amy Rainone, Kayla Rosen, Nicholas Freeman, and Brenda Clement.

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF DRAFT FEBRUARY 1, 2023 HRC COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Ventura and seconded by Secretary Pryor, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To approve the draft meeting minutes of the February 1, 2023 HRC Coordinating Committee meeting.

2. CONSIDERATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE HOUSING PRODUCTION FUND

Executive Director Moore updated the Committee regarding a proposal to provide guidelines for \$6.7 million in Housing Production Fund (HPF) monies that are available for distribution, and that consistent with the statute, approval of draft guidelines is being sought for distribution of the HPF funds. Approval of the guidelines will allow RIHousing to award the monies through the OneStop process. It was asked what the total balance of funds is and Executive Director Moore stated that \$7.7 million had been generated through February of this year. Chairman Bennett indicated that this is about a process for award of the HPF funds, and not about approval of a specific project. He also noted that he was concerned about being in a position to vote on draft guidelines without having had sufficient time to review the proposal. In order to give the members of the Committee sufficient time to fully review the proposed guidelines, it was suggested that an additional meeting be scheduled.

Whereupon Ms. Ventura moved to adjourn in order to continue the discussion at a future meeting, which motion was seconded by Ms. Weststeyn. It was thereafter unanimously:

VOTED: To continue the discussion of consideration and establishment of guidelines for the HPF to a future meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Ventura and seconded by Weststeyn, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 10:49 AM.


Kyle Bennett, HRC Chairman

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EXHIBIT A

MEETING NOTICE
HOUSING RESOURCES COMMISSION

A meeting of the Housing Resources Commission (“HRC”) Coordinating Committee will be held at 80 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Providence, Rhode Island on **May 9, 2024** beginning at **10:00 a.m.** for the following purposes:

1. Review and approval of draft minutes of February 2023 HRC Coordinating Committee meeting.
2. To consider and establish guidelines for the Housing Production Fund.

This notice shall be posted at the Office of the Housing Resources Commission, at the State Library, and by electronic filing with the Secretary of State’s Office.

Savage Law Partners, LLP,
Counsel to the HRC

Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting must notify the HRC at 401-278-9100, forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

Dated: May 6, 2024