

LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF **ANNUAL** MEETING
JULY 19, 2022

Roll Call:

The Annual meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Manfred Reid Sr., at 3:17 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak, participants may call in by way of Zoom Conference Video Call or attend In-Person. Members present were, Commissioner Geoffrey Ellis, Commissioner Gena Harris, Commissioner Mary Elizabeth Miles, Commissioner Lisa Nicholson (3:19 p.m.), and Commissioner Leah Peale. Absent were Commissioner Chad Collier (excused), Commissioner Cary Hearn, (excused), and Mayor's Designee, Mary Ellen Wiederwohl (excused).

Others present were Lisa Osanka, Executive Director; Wavid Wray, Deputy Executive Director; Directors; Richard Nash, III, Attorney; Vickie Fields, Executive Secretary; LMHA Staff, James Graham and other individuals of the public.

On recommendation of LMPHW and the CDC guidelines on social distancing, LMHA is doing its part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by using available technology to conduct the necessary and vital business of the agency. All public meetings will be held adhering to federal and state standards while maintaining the health and well-being of LMHA staff, residents and partners.

Program Update:

Executive Director Osanka recited the Mission Statement and also read a Letter of Appreciation from J. Carol Spencer, Director of HUD, to Chairperson Manfred Reid Sr. (see attachment #1).

LMHA Business Update:

The Director of Finance Aaron Dean, shared and Deputy Executive Director Wavid Wray, presented the Public Housing Program Statement of Operations and the Annual Board Meeting/Business Update (see attachments #2 and #3).

Introduction of LMHA Commissioners:

Executive Director Osanka, introduced the LMHA Commissioners and the current status of their terms as:

- Chairperson Manfred Reid's term ends tomorrow, and a recommendation has been made to the mayor's office for a replacement.
- Mr. Cary Hearn's term ends August of next year which will be his final term.
- Rev. Geoffrey Ellis' term was to expire in August of this year but the mayor's office just renewed for an additional three-year term which will be his final term.
- Professor Nicholson's term expires in August of next year and she will be eligible for one additional term if the mayor's office chooses to do so.
- Ms. Gena Harris' term was to expire in August of this year but the mayor's office just renewed for an additional three-year term.
- Ms. Mary Elizabeth Miles' term was to expire in August of this year but the mayor's office just renewed for an additional three-year term.
- Mr. Chad Collier's first term expires in August of 2024 and will be eligible for renewal if the mayor's office chooses to do so.
- Ms. Leah Peale just started her term and is filling an unexpired term so it will technically expire in August next year but will be able to be extended if the mayor's office chooses to do so.

Introduction of Board Officer Nominees:

Chairperson Reid introduced the slate for the Board Officer Nominees as:

- Chairperson, Commissioner Gena Harris
- Vice-Chairperson, Commissioner Geoffrey Ellis
- Treasurer, Commissioner Cary Hearn

Election of Board Officers:

Chairperson Reid yielded to the Chairperson of the Governance Committee for the Election of Officers. Governance Committee Chairperson Nicholson stated that the slate is running unopposed, therefore if all are agreeable the slate can be voted on by unanimous consent; all agreed. Chairperson Nicholson then opened the floor for voting on the slate and asked if all were in agreement to signify by saying aye; all agreed. No Commissioners opposed; therefore, the slate was accepted.

Passing of the Gavel to the New Chair of the Board of Commissioners:

Governance Chairperson Nicholson thanked Chairperson Reid for his more than 20 years of service to the Authority and for his outstanding leadership of the LMHA Board of Commissioners and stated he would be greatly missed by all. Committee Chairperson Nicholson asked Chairperson Reid, as his last official act, to pass the gavel to the new Chairperson Gena Harris. A virtual passing of the gavel took place. Newly elected Chairperson Harris accepted her new role and thanked Commissioner Reid. Commissioner Ellis then asked if the Treasurer had accepted his nomination and

Committee Chairperson Nicholson replied, for the record, that Mr. Hearn in fact did accept his Treasurer position with the Board.

Any other business that may legally come before the Board:

None.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Ellis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peale. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Board adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Vickie J. Fields, Executive Secretary

Gena Harris, Chairperson