

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Brown Bag Meeting

Potomac Gardens

1225 G Street SE

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Commissioner Terri Thompson, Chairman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Clarence Mobley

Commissioner Shelore Fisher

Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri

Commissioner Kenneth Council

Commissioner Jose Ortiz Gaud

Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones

Commissioner Ken Grossinger

Commissioner Bill Slover

Commissioner Frank Lancaster

Commissioner Brian Kenner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at approximately 11:18 am.

CALL TO ORDER

The minutes of September 14, 2016 were considered and accepted.

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

Chairman Thompson announced that a quorum was present and requested a motion to close to discuss Resolution 16-24¹: To Authorize the Execution of General Legal Services Contracts, and the Developer Business Terms² Briefing which includes discussing and negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(2) and (11); and Board Standards of Conduct - HATCH Act for the purpose of training and developing members of a public body and staff pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(12). A motion was made and then seconded to close with all in favor.

Chairman Thompson then reopened the meeting and Director Todman indicated that at the last Board meeting there was a request to follow up on the question regarding the allocation of condemnation vouchers. Currently the allocation is tied to federal funds, but the question is whether this allocation should be shifted to the locally funded voucher program instead. HCVP provided the Board with charts showing allocations for

**BRIEFING:
CONDEMNATION
VOUCHER**

¹ Closure pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-575(b)(2) and (11) to discuss material terms, including negotiating the price of a contract.

² Closure pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-575(b)(12), to train and develop members of a public body and staff.

both federal and locally funded voucher programs. There was also discussion regarding the referral and eligibility process. It was stated that when to City, typically DCRA, moves to condemn a unit or building there are now up to 100 federal vouchers available to affected families that are deemed eligible. There was discussion regarding the advocates requesting that applicants are pulled from the waiting list using LRSP vouchers. Commissioner Slover asked about current capacity and utilization rates the LRSP vouchers. DCHA staff advised that rates vary. There was discussion regarding unused funds in the LRSP program that could possibly support the Condemnation Vouchers. Director Todman stated that the ultimate decision does not just lie with the Board but must also be approved by the City Council. There was discussion on the time frame this action would take and whether or not this could adversely affect any other issues with the Board and the City Council. This discussion was tabled until next steps could be determined.

Director Todman acknowledged that the Board meeting is being held at Potomac Gardens and that there is a local developer who is interested in redeveloping Potomac Gardens. She stated that the company has sent DCHA an unsolicited proposal and someone from the firm may show up to speak at the Board meeting today. Staff has informed the company that there are no immediate plans for the redevelopment of Potomac Gardens. Director Todman also stated that a few months ago there was a storm that blew off portions of a roof at Hopkins. The roof was repaired and staff went door to door to residents to ensure their safety. Director Todman continued by saying that there is a computer training class to begin at Potomac Gardens through DC ConnectHome. Potomac Gardens and Hopkins are both privately managed by the CT company with Laurie Putscher and Layne Spicer as the Regional management team. Director Todman also stated that Ms. Pondexter-Moore has been served with a bar notice for a period of no less than 60 days because of her conduct at the September Board meeting. Commissioner Council requested to see the legal statute regarding barring time. Commissioner Slover asked what happened with the other person that created an outburst at the meeting. It was stated that the Office of Public Safety determined that he was not a threat since he was exiting the meeting as he made the outburst and was not approaching the dais. There was additional discussion regarding barring individuals.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:46 pm

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
UPDATE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS &
ADJOURNMENT**