

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

**FINAL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Brown Bag Meeting**

Executive Directors Conference Room

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

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Commissioner Terri Thompson, Chairman  
Commissioner Clarence Mobley  
Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri  
Commissioner Kenneth Council  
Commissioner Jose Ortiz Gaud  
Commissioner Brian Kenner  
Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones  
Commissioner Ken Grossinger  
Commissioner Bill Slover  
Commissioner Frank Lancaster

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Shelore Fisher

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order on  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at approximately 11:08 am.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MEETING  
MINUTES:  
DECEMBER 14, 2016**

Chairman Thompson announced that a quorum was present  
and requested a motion to close portions of the meeting related  
Personnel matters<sup>1</sup> as outlined in today's meeting agenda,  
which includes personnel matters pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-  
575(b)(10). A majority vote was taken to close the foregoing  
portions of the meeting. After discussion of the closed matters,  
the meeting was re-opened by the Chairman.

**MANAGEMENT STUDY**

The Office of Capital Programs provided the Board with an  
updated real estate/business deals template based on feedback  
received in the prior week's Committee on Development and  
Modernization meeting. There was discussion regarding New  
Communities and how DCHA partnered with developers and  
has generated the framework or test of some of the scenarios  
outlined in the template. Commissioner Slover stated that he  
appreciated the additions and added that his vision would be  
to start off with scenario A and would like a detailed

**BRIEFING: REAL ESTATE  
DEVELOPMENT/  
BUSINES DEALS  
TEMPLATE**

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<sup>1</sup> The District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners may go into executive session at this meeting pursuant to the District of Columbia Open Meetings Act of 2010, if such action is approved by a majority vote of the Board members who constitute a quorum to discuss matters prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to a court order or law under D.C. Official Code §2-575(b)(10) to discuss personnel matters.

explanation when certain scenarios occur. It was stated that the test development would be Lincoln/Heights Richardson.

An overview of resolution 17-01 was provided by Operations Stating that the pet policy would bring DCHA into compliance for senior and disabled sites and that the policy must allow for common household pets. The policy was available for public comment for 30 days. There was discussion in the Committee on Operations meeting earlier today regarding existing pets and the amendments have been made to the policy. There were also three changes made during the comment period including the change in weight and height increase limits for dogs, tank size increase for aquariums and changed the pet deposit to refundable which is expected to be set at \$50. Most comments were from people outside of DC and there was just one comment from a resident. There was discussion regarding violation of the pet policy and if it could lead to an eviction. It was stated that it is a curable violation and DCHA would give residents an opportunity to correct without getting evicted. Director Todman expressed the urgency in adopting the policy. The new language amends the policy to allow for anyone with an existing pet today to keep it. The policy reflects the wishes of the residents and the issues of implementation will be further discussed. Commissioner Mobley asked if the noise factor of some pets was considered. It was stated that it was. Commissioner Council stated that he wanted to be more comfortable with the policy. There was discussion regarding implementation and the safety and liability of residents. Commissioner Lancaster stated that residents who own pets should be encouraged to get renters insurance.

- Commissioner Vann-Ghasri requested 30 copies of a PowerPoint presentation that was given by the Office of General Council to the Committee on Residents Services regarding CSC laundry funds by 5pm. She also requested a copy of a document that Audit presented to Resident Councils. She asked Commissioner Kenner to extend an invitation the Mayor to attend a Committee on Resident Services meeting.
- Commissioner Neal Jones stated that she thought some time should be set aside for goals and actions of the Board.
- Commissioner Slover stated that he also thought it would be beneficial for the Board to get together to scope out the vision of the Board. He also shared with the Board older development project books that were detailed and requested that new projects have the same type of detailed documents to share with the Board to

**RESOLUTION 17-01 TO  
ADOPT FINAL  
REGULATIONS TO  
PERMIT RESIDENTS  
LIVING IN ELDERLY  
AND/OR DISABLED LOW-  
INCOME PUBLIC  
HOUSING TO OWN  
COMMON HOUSEHOLD  
PETS**

**COMMISSIONERS'  
ISSUES**

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keep them better informed.

The final revisions of resolution 17-01 were read to the Board and agreed upon. There was discussion regarding a public statement regarding the Luster case.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:07 pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND ADJOURNMENT**