

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

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Committee on Operations

Greenleaf 203 N. Street SW

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Commissioner Ken Grossinger, Chairman
Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri
Commissioner Jose Ortiz Gaud

**COMMITTEE
COMMISSIONER
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Joshua Lopez

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Frank Lancaster
Commissioner Ken Council
Commissioner Franselene St. Jean

**OTHER
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Chairman Grossinger called the meeting to order on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at approximately 10:14 am.

CALL TO ORDER

The minutes of March 7, 2018 were considered and approved.

MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2018

Chairman Grossinger moved to close the meeting to discuss the following topics, which includes discussion of the position to be taken in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract, pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(2): 18-05 To Authorize the Execution of a Contract for Professional Consultant Services for the Job Order Contracting Program. A motion was made a properly seconded and the meeting was closed.

**RESOLUTION 18-05
TO AUTHORIZE THE
EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
FOR PROFESSIONAL
CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR
THE JOB ORDER
CONTRACTING PROGRAM**

The meeting was reopened and Ron McCoy, Director of the Housing Choice Voucher Program came before the Committee and explained that the HCVP Homeownership, as it is currently written in the regulations, does not allow DCHA to work with all federally assisted families in its portfolio that meet minimum household income standards toward purchasing a home. The existing regulations also does not adequately address when a homeowner can revert back to rental, minimum household income for participation, minimum monthly mortgage payments, and the additional requirement(s) necessary for elderly-only or disabled-only fixed or very low income households be able to participate in homeownership based on the HUD guidelines. The proposed HCVP Homeownership regulations were vetted with the advocate community who disagreed with raising the minimum household income to \$25k (for nonelderly or nondisabled households), minimum monthly mortgage payments of \$50, and requiring elderly-only or disabled-only fixed or very low income households (below \$25k) to obtain bank pre-approval or pre-qualification for a mortgage prior to participating in the HCVP Homeownership program. HCVP believes

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these proposed changes are necessary so that the program is reflective of what it is intended to accomplish - to assist families for a set period of years in buying a home and becoming self-sufficient. There was discussion regarding some of the advocate concerns. The Committee agreed to move forward with publishing the proposed amendments.

Natasha Campbell, Senior Deputy Director of Human Resources came before the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted some of the requests from the March 7th Committee on Operation meeting including the detailed process for employees and non-employees to report sexual harassment as well as the timeline for sexual harassment investigations. A request was made for a quarterly report to the Board on alleged sexual harassment cases at DCHA. Commissioner Council added that the investigation process seemed too ambiguous and thought that more information is needed. Chairman Grossinger stated that he would like to revisit the topic of the sexual harassment policy again in a few months.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22am

**SEXUAL HARRASSMENT
POLICY UPDATE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS &
ADJOURNMENT**