

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

DRAFT Minutes

**Committee on Audit and Finance
Executive Director's Conference Room
Thursday, February 9, 2017
(Final minutes will be published once approved)**

Commissioner Frank Lancaster, Chair
Commissioner Jose Ortiz Gaud

**COMMITTEE
COMMISSIONER
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Ken Grossinger

**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS ABSENT
OTHER**

Commissioner Shelore Fisher
Commissioner Kenneth Council
Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri

**COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT**

Chairman Lancaster called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 12: 03 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

The minutes of the meeting held on November 29, 2016 were reviewed and accepted.

**MEETING MINUTES:
NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

The Office of Audit and Compliance provided a report on the status of internal and external audits. The briefing also included HQS inspections and mold inspections, quarterly financial reviews of specific Resident Councils and investigations. There was discussion regarding the current audit and the timelines for submission. There was also discussion regarding operating subsidy and debt of the Housing Authority. There was discussion regarding the year-end closing and the explanation of transactions. Commissioner Vann-Ghasri asked if the Board has a separate budget and where do the funds come from. Commissioner Council asked if the DCHA subsidiaries are in good financial standing. It was stated that the DCHA subsidiaries are in good financial standing and are reported with the DCHA comprehensive financials. Commissioner Vann-Ghasri requested the structure of the Office Of Resident Services budget. She also stated that she would speak with the Director of Audit and Compliance directly regarding issues she has and stated that she is seeking outside counsel regarding CSC laundry funds. Commissioner Ortiz Gaud asked about specific procedures regarding lead testing. The General Counsel stated that DCHA is in compliance with local laws regarding hazards and that goal is to make sure all units are available in a safe condition. There was discussion regarding how inspectors are trained.

**BREIFINGS:
STATUS OF ALL
INTERNAL AND
EXTERNAL AUDIT**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Director Todman stated that Congress continues to operate on a continuing resolution and that if Congress adopts a new budget it is likely that additional funds would go toward the military and funding for federal discretionary programs would decrease. Fortunately DCHA is a Move to Work (MTW) agency and has some flexibility with its spending. Director Todman also stated that it is predicted the country will hit its debt ceiling this spring and there is a threat of a government shutdown. The HCVP Director stated that locally, the Local Rent Subsidy Program (LRSP) has received 700 new vouchers for direct referrals from the Department of Human Services (DHS) for a total of 1900 set-aside vouchers. There was discussion regarding renters tax credits and if it would affect the Housing Authority. Director Todman announced that DCHA has its annual oversight hearing with the DC City Council next week.

**NATIONAL AND
LOCAL FUNDING**

- Commissioner Council stated that there are issues with landlords discriminating against voucher holders for potential housing and asked what is in place to fight such discrimination. The HCVP Director stated that HCVP works with the Department of Human Rights and works to educate landlords on the laws and that enforcement action is taken when necessary. Commissioner Council also asked the status of the Bixby informing potential residents that they have met their quota.

**COMMISSIONERS'
ISSUES**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND ADJOURNMENT**