

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

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Brown Bag Meeting

Executive Directors Conference Room

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

(Final Minutes will be published once approved)

Commissioner Terri Thompson, Chairman
Commissioner Clarence Mobley
Commissioner Bill Slover
Commissioner Jose Ortiz Gaud
Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones
Commissioner Ken Grossinger

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Brian Kenner
Commissioner Shelore Fisher
Commissioner Frank Lancaster
Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri
Commissioner Kenneth Council

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order on
Wednesday, March, 2017 at approximately 11:44 am.

CALL TO ORDER

The minutes of February 8, 2017 were considered and accepted.

**MEETING
MINUTES:
FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

Director Todman announced that the Resident Commissioners
are attending a conference and would not be present.

Operations gave an update on the next steps for
implementation with the pet policy. They are now in the
process of creating forms to track registration of pets and
updating a schedule of charges. The schedule of charges will
have to go out for public comment. They are also working on a
notification to residents through the Resident Councils. The
ASPCA and the Washington Humane Alliance will work with
residents regarding appropriate care for pets. There was
discussion regarding partnerships with commercial pet
companies for pet care products. It was further stated that they
are looking for a vendor to supply pet poop containers for the
properties. This applies to senior and senior/disabled
properties. There was discussion regarding if there is any
advocating for the rest of the properties and any legislation that
may affect this. There was additional discussion regarding
residents who have service animals or companion pets.

**UPDATE ON PET POLICY
IMPLEMENTATION**

Director Todman asked Asset Management to report on the
recent management hire at Capper Senior in light of the

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS'
UPDATE**

testimony at the February 8th Board meeting where several residents complained of frequent turnover at the site and poor performance. It was stated that a new permanent manager has been hired and all the recent issues with management at Capper Senior were explained to the Board. It was also stated that one of the priorities for the new manager is to utilize grant funds received from CSX for air filters. There was discussion regarding air quality and dust issues at Capper Senior and it was stated that any dust issues have been minimal.

Commissioner Slover asked if DCHA would consider withholding payment to Edgewood Management. Director Todman explained that the issues at the site have not yet risen to the level of needing to withhold payments. She further stated that DCHA has compelled change already with the management company and listened closely to the needs of the residents. Commissioner Neal Jones asked if a third party was testing the air quality at Capper Senior. It was stated that a third party engineering firm was doing the testing and was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Director Todman also informed the Board of recent news articles regarding Sanford management and some of the living conditions at some of their properties. It was stated that DCHA has some voucher holders at buildings owned by LLC's that are controlled by Sanford management but these particular units have passed HQS inspections. There was a discussion regarding enforcement and a discussion regarding rapid rehousing administered by Human Services. It was stated that DCRA is now looking at all 1,300 units owned by Sanford management. There was a discussion regarding owner/entity and a policy perspective to alleviate a search to identify those on the HUD debarred list or bad landlords.

Chairman Thompson announced that a quorum was present and requested a motion to close the next portion of the meeting related to procurement and personnel matters¹ as outlined in today's meeting agenda pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(10) and D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(2); A majority vote was taken to close the foregoing portions of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

¹The 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)(2) and (11) to discuss material terms, including negotiating the price of a contract.

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