



## **Committee on Housing Choice Vouchers**

09/24/2019 | 12:40 pm - 02:09 pm - Eastern Time (US and Canada)

1133 N. Capitol St. NE Executive Director's Conference Room

### **Commissioners (6)**

Franselene St. Jean; Aquarius Vann-Ghasri; Bill Slover; Antonio Taliaferro; Neil Albert; Kenneth Council  
members absent: Commissioner Forester

### **Opening Remarks**

Chairman St. Jean welcomed the Committee and staff to the inaugural Committee meeting of Housing Choice Vouchers at approximately 12:40 pm. She asked for staff and Commissioners to introduce themselves.

### **Quality Assurance**

Chairman St. Jean recommended that the Board move to close this meeting to discuss the following topics, to train and develop members of a public body and staff, pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-575(b)(12) to discuss Quality Assurance. A motion was made and properly seconded. The meeting was closed

### **FSS & AYBL**

Ron Fisher, FSS Manager came before the Committee to provide an overview and history of the FSS and AYBL programs stating that the Family Self Sufficiency program began in the early 1990's under the Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He further stated that its goals were to assist in providing financial literacy, credit counseling and often homeownership. He explained the Achieving Your Best Life (AYBL) program began in 2011 with a little less than 10 public housing residents as part of a Moving to Work (MTW) initiative. There was discussion regarding how caseworkers handled FSS and various milestones achieved. There was also discussion regarding escrow used as a down payment to purchase a home. Chelsea Johnson, Deputy Executive Director, Special Counsel requested that the Chair provide questions in advance to all opportunity for staff to respond with specific statistics. Carolyn Punter, Director, Housing Choice Voucher stated that she works closely with the Office of Resident Services (ORS) on

homeownership. Ms. Trinita Tyler, Homeownership Coordinator, HCVP provided the Committee with information on the process of working with residents to ready them for homeownership. Commissioner Council asked about the ages of the homeowners. That information will be provided. Ms. Tyler also stated that 135 residents have purchased homes since 2003 with the most recent on August 30, 2019.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:09 pm.