

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

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Annual Meeting

Executive Director's Conference Room
1133 N. Capitol St., N.E. Washington, DC
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
10:00AM

Commissioner Neil Albert, Chairman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Franselene St. Jean

Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri

Commissioner Kenneth Council

Commissioner Bill Slover

Commissioner Antonio Taliaferro

Commissioner Ken Grossinger

Commissioner Brian Kenner (via phone)

Commissioner Jose Ortiz Gaud

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Nakeisha Neal Jones

Chairman Albert called the meeting to order on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at approximately 10:04 am.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual meeting notice was read into the record by Director Garrett.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL
MEETING**

The Deputy General Counsel, Ed Kane stated that each year the Board elects a Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair serves in the Chair's absence or if the Chair becomes incapacitated. Mr. Kane described the election process and stated that the Board would be voting by ballot. He then opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Vann-Ghasri nominated the current Vice-Chair, Bill Slover. Chairman Albert nominated Commissioner Ken Council. Commissioners then wrote in their votes on their closed ballots, the vote of Commissioner Kenner was taken via phone. The votes were then tallied by the Office of the General Counsel. Commissioner Ken Council was elected to serve as Vice Chair.

**ELECTION OF THE VICE-
CHAIR**

Chairman Albert stated that every year there are appointments for the Committees and they are reviewed annually. Chairman Albert went on to state the new incoming Commissioner would serve as a member on the Committee on Development and Modernization as well as the Committee on Audit and Finance. Chairman Albert stated that she is establishing a new Committee, the Committee on Bylaws and Statutory Updates

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE
STANDING COMMITTEES**

that he will Char with NaKeisha Neal Jones and the Incoming Commissioner serving as members.

The proposed calendar of meeting for the 2019 Board of Commissioners' public meetings was presented to the Board. The Board agreed to cancel January and August 2019 meetings as customary. The Board agreed to adopt the calendar as written.

ADOPTION OF CALENDAR
OF PUBLIC MEETINGS CY
2019

Ed Kane reminded the Board that the annual financial disclosures are due in the spring of every year. The Board is expected to abide by Federal rules, HUD rules, BEGA rules and ethics and the members can provide there disclosures on line when they are due as well as the addendum. It was explained that the addendum was a short form that asks specific questions regarding the Commissioners' relationship with DCHA.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Mr. Kane also provided a brief overview of Standards of Conduct for the Board members pointing out some specifics regarding impartiality, accepting gifts and conduct as well as protecting the interest of the Authority. There was discussion regarding speaking as a resident versus speaking as a Commissioner for those Commissioners who are both Board members as well as a DCHA resident.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Commissioner Slover asked that as a part of the new Committee being formed that the Board takes a look at the entire Committee structure. He stated that he thinks it is ineffective and flawed how it is currently operating. Chairman Albert stated that he felt that was a legitimate concern and they would take a look at the Committee process.

Commissioner Vann-Ghasri stated that she felt Commissioners should be offered life insurance benefits and felt that long time serving Board members should be compensated with a bonus upon the end of their tenure.

Commissioner Council asked that all Board members be added to the meeting invitations regardless of their standing as a member. The Board agreed. Commissioner Council also stated that Board members should be able to attend out of town conferences every 4 months. There was discussion regarding Board expenses.

Commissioner Taliaferro asked what to do as a Commissioner when residents confront him about their issues. Director

Garrett stated that they should be directed to him. Alethea McNair, Board Manager sends follow up information to the Board and/or a specific Board member informing them when an issue was resolved or the status.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:46 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS &
ADJOURNMENT**

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