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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING STABILIZATION
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WEDNESDAY
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The Board met at 300 7th Street SW,
Tenth Floor, Washington, D.C. at 1:00 p.m.,
Raymond Skinner, Board Chair, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RAYMOND SKINNER, Board Chair
DENISE BLACKSON, Commissioner
ROSA BURBRIDGE, Commissioner
LEROY CLAY III, Commissioner
CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, Commissioner
JENNIFER REED, Commissioner
THERESA SILLA, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

NICOLE WICKLIFFE, Interim Executive Director
AMY GLASSMAN, Senior Vice President and
General Counsel
SHENETTA M. HARDEMAN-JONES, Office of
Executive Director Manager
ALETHEA MCNAIR, Chief of Staff

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1:03 p.m.

CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Good afternoon and welcome. My name is Raymond Skinner, and I am chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for the D.C. Housing Authority, and I would like to call this meeting to order. This is the record monthly meeting of the District of Columbia Housing Authority being held today, May 13th, 2026.

This meeting is being held via Zoom video conferencing, and some members of the Board are here in person, others are on virtual. And the time is 1:04 p.m. At this time I'd like to ask for a moment of silence to allow for personal reflections. Thank you.

So, today we've invited members of the public to sign up to speak via our website, or those who would just like to view the meeting can do so live via the DCHA website link to Facebook Live. The commissioners welcome input on matters of public concern and offers the

1 public today an opportunity to express your
2 views during the public testimony portion of
3 this meeting.

4 However, we do require that members of
5 the public who attend our meetings abide by
6 certain rules of decorum to allow the Board to
7 complete its business. For this virtual
8 meeting, DCHA asks that you remain muted until
9 you are instructed to speak. Anyone who
10 violates these rules will be removed from the
11 virtual meeting.

12 Serious or repeated violations of the
13 rules may result in your being barred from
14 speaking at future meetings. However, we do
15 appreciate your interest in the matters before
16 us today, and I want to thank you for abiding by
17 these rules of conduct. So, as I have mentioned
18 over the last couple of meetings, the Board is
19 still transitioning to comply with the new law
20 under the Reynold Act.

21 So, as a result of that law, five of
22 the current commissioners who are currently on

1 the Board have actually been reappointed, and
2 they were just confirmed by the council last
3 week I believe. And yesterday some of us were
4 sworn in by the Mayor's Office of Talent and
5 Appointments.

6 So, going forward there will be
7 staggered term limits for the Board, and as a
8 result of what just happened, Commissioners
9 Blackson and Clay were appointed to new two year
10 terms. Commissioners Murphy and Silla were
11 appointed to new three year terms. And I was
12 appointed to a new one year term.

13 So, as I mentioned, I guess four of the
14 five that I've just mentioned were sworn in by
15 the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointment
16 except for Commissioner Clay. But there is a
17 second swearing in that we have to do for DCHA,
18 and I'm going to ask just our general counsel,
19 Amy Glassman, to perform that duty.

20 MS. GLASSMAN: Sure. I'm going to ask
21 you to, I guess, raise your right hand and
22 repeat after me. It's a little bit long, but

1 I'm going to also send this out to the Board
2 members afterwards, and we will swear in
3 Commissioner Clay afterwards, since he has
4 unfortunately not been sworn in yet by MOTA.

5 And then, for folks who are in person,
6 I'll have you sign this afterwards, and for
7 folks who are online I will send this to you
8 afterwards to sign. So I, say your name.

9 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: I, Raymond Skinner.

10 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I, Theresa Silla.

11 MS. GLASSMAN: Do solemnly swear.

12 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Do Solemnly swear.

13 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Do solemnly swear.

14 MS. GLASSMAN: That in my capacity as a
15 member of the DCHA Board of Commissioners.

16 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: That in my capacity
17 as a member of the DCHA Board of Commissioners.

18 COMMISSIONER SILLA: That in my
19 capacity as a member of the DCHA Board of
20 Commissioners.

21 MS. GLASSMAN: I will faithfully
22 execute the applicable laws of the United States

1 of America.

2 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: I will faithfully
3 execute the applicable laws of the United States
4 of America.

5 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I will faithfully
6 execute the applicable laws of the United States
7 of America.

8 MS. GLASSMAN: And the District of
9 Columbia.

10 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: And the District of
11 Columbia.

12 COMMISSIONER SILLA: And the District
13 of Columbia.

14 MS. GLASSMAN: And will to the best of
15 my ability.

16 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: And will to the best
17 of my ability.

18 COMMISSIONER SILLA: And will to the
19 best of my ability.

20 MS. GLASSMAN: Preserve, protect, and
21 defend.

22 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Preserve, protect,

1 and defend.

2 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Preserve, protect,
3 and defend.

4 MS. GLASSMAN: The Constitution of the
5 United States.

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: The Constitution of
7 the United States.

8 COMMISSIONER SILLA: The Constitution
9 of the United States.

10 MS. GLASSMAN: And will faithfully
11 discharge the duties of the office which I am
12 about to enter.

13 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: And will faithfully
14 discharge the duties of the office that I am
15 about to enter.

16 COMMISSIONER SILLA: And will
17 faithfully discharge the duties of the office
18 that I am about to enter.

19 MS. GLASSMAN: I swear that I meet the
20 requirements of the District of Columbia Housing
21 Authority Act of 1999.

22 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: I swear that I meet

1 the requirements of the District of Columbia
2 Housing Authority Act of 1999.

3 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I swear that I
4 meet the requirements of the D.C. Housing
5 Authority Act of 1999.

6 MS. GLASSMAN: Sorry.

7 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Smaller chunks,
8 shorter sentence.

9 MS. GLASSMAN: I know, sorry. I will
10 abide by the DCHA standard of conduct.

11 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: I will abide by the
12 DCHA standard of conduct.

13 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I will abide by
14 the DCHA standard of conduct.

15 MS. GLASSMAN: I understand that I am -
16 -

17 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I understand.

18 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: I understand.

19 MS. GLASSMAN: That I am obligated to
20 avoid real and apparent conflicts of interest.

21 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: That I am obligated
22 to avoid real and apparent conflicts of

1 interest.

2 COMMISSIONER SILLA: That I am
3 obligated to avoid real and apparent conflicts
4 of interest.

5 MS. GLASSMAN: I understand I'm
6 required to file a financial disclosure.

7 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: I understand I'm
8 required to file a financial disclosure.

9 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I understand I'm
10 required to file a financial disclosure.

11 MS. GLASSMAN: Sorry, I'm shortening
12 this a little bit. You're going to sign the
13 real one, sorry. The chairman asked me to
14 abbreviate this a little bit. I understand I
15 must complete required trainings as part of my
16 membership on the Board.

17 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: I understand that I
18 must complete required trainings as part of my
19 membership on the Board.

20 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I understand that
21 I must complete required trainings as part of my
22 membership on the Board.

1 MS. GLASSMAN: Sorry. And I will not
2 solicit or accept gifts or payments.

3 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: I will not solicit
4 or accept gifts or payments.

5 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I will not solicit
6 or accept gifts or payments.

7 MS. GLASSMAN: Or any other item.

8 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Or any other item.

9 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Or any other item.

10 MS. GLASSMAN: Of more than nominal
11 value.

12 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Of more than nominal
13 value.

14 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Of more than
15 nominal value.

16 MS. GLASSMAN: From anyone seeking
17 action from DCHA.

18 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: From anyone seeking
19 action from DCHA.

20 COMMISSIONER SILLA: From anyone
21 seeking action from DCHA.

22 MS. GLASSMAN: Great, well, that would

1 be your oath, and --

2 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, we're official?

3 MS. GLASSMAN: You're official, you're
4 official.

5 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Congratulations.

7 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Congratulations.

8 MS. GLASSMAN: And I will give this to
9 you to sign as well.

10 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, just regarding
12 the Board, there is also one bit of bad news,
13 and that is Commissioner Jim Dickerson has
14 resigned from the Board. Unfortunately, he is
15 no longer a District resident, so he had to
16 resign. So, with that said, I'll ask to see if
17 we have a quorum for roll call votes. Do we
18 have a quorum?

19 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Sure. Denise
20 Blackson?

21 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Present.

22 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you. Rosa

1 Burbridge? Commissioner Burbridge, I see you,
2 it's star six to unmute yourself. So, I'm going
3 to come back. Leroy Clay?

4 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Here.

5 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you. Chris
6 Murphy? Chris Murphy? I did see him. So, I
7 will come back. Jennifer Reed?

8 COMMISSIONER REED: Here.

9 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you.
10 Theresa Silla?

11 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Yes.

12 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you. I'm
13 going to come back to Rosa Burbridge. And then
14 I'm going to call Chris Murphy. I know he was
15 on earlier, and so at this time we do not have a
16 quorum.

17 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, we do not have a
18 quorum, but hopefully Commissioners Burbridge
19 and Murphy will get back on, and we can
20 establish a quorum. So, we're not able to vote
21 on the minutes since we don't have a quorum, but
22 we can go to the executive director's report.

1 MS. WICKLIFFE: All right, good
2 afternoon everyone. I'm Nicole Wickliffe,
3 interim executive director. So, we are seven
4 months into fiscal year '26. Outside of
5 challenging times for funding, the team has been
6 doing a great job in keeping utilization on that
7 voucher side up. Our public housing occupancy
8 rates are up.

9 The team has been working feverishly on
10 our IRB properties, as well as judiciary and
11 MELVO. So again, those are substantial where we
12 have developments. We did get news from HUD
13 last week, when I was on vacation, about our
14 voucher budget for calendar year '26. It is
15 pretty much what they told us in December. We
16 did not get any type of increases.

17 So, we had already been the team
18 working along with the Board, working through
19 those challenges on the budget, since our budget
20 was approved in September of '25 for fiscal year
21 '26. So, the team, we're continuing to work on.
22 We will presenting cost saving measures. We

1 have in fact already been working on many cost
2 saving efforts throughout the Agency.

3 Again, that's strictly on voucher side.
4 On our public housing side, we also are not
5 getting an increase on that as well. That's
6 generally not a published budget that comes out.
7 They'll usually fund us throughout, you know,
8 several months. So, right now we're funded to
9 June, and then we'll see in July what we'll get
10 for the remaining of the year.

11 So, not just DCHA, many housing
12 authorities and organizations, along with the
13 city are seeing funding challenges that we all
14 need to just work through together as a team.
15 So, on a better note, Park Morton phase one
16 received the ULI 2026 Excellence Award, so great
17 project.

18 If you haven't been able to go by
19 there, definitely go see Park Morton. I would
20 like to give a huge thank you to our former
21 residents that attended the gala. So, Ms. Hive,
22 Ms. Vick, and Ms. Bryant all attended the gala

1 and were present when that award was presented
2 to the developers for that Park Morton phase
3 one.

4 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Congratulations.

5 MS. WICKLIFFE: Yes, congratulations.
6 I'm happy to say that the rebuilding community
7 events are kicking off in early June. Again, we
8 run those events until about October, our last
9 one is usually the big Halloween one. So the
10 schedule, if not out, should be coming out soon.
11 The first one is coming up on June 6th.

12 So, we're excited about that.

13 Generally, we'll always have grocery giveaways
14 there. We'll have vendors there, of course
15 food, music, and fun, just so everyone can
16 fellowship amongst each other. So, those are
17 coming up soon. Let's see, I'm trying to get
18 all of our great things out. DCHA also hosted a
19 Section 3 and hiring fair. That was at the
20 Envision Center.

21 So, they had over 350 participants that
22 came through, so that's great. I saw the

1 pictures,. They're wonderful. Also we cannot
2 forget our youth, the second annual Do the Write
3 Thing, so write, W-R-I-T-E, and the youth wrote
4 essays, and that ceremony happened, so again,
5 kudos to our young scholars for writing those
6 essays and winning those awards.

7 We're also continuing to partner with
8 Andrews Federal Credit Union on credit building
9 workshops, lunch and learns, so this is open to
10 the residents. Again, others attend in the
11 community, so that's a great opportunity to get
12 your credit scores up.

13 We're also looking at home ownership
14 opportunities, so that partnership with Andrews
15 has been great, and then those will continue.
16 On our voucher side of the house, the team
17 hosted a registration for individuals to be able
18 to sign up for RentCafe. That is the system for
19 both landlords and residents to utilize.

20 It has the capability of doing
21 recertifications, just a lot of things online to
22 prevent you having to come in person or meet in

1 person. That was at the Panorama Room, over 800
2 individuals signed up, but around 250 actually
3 attended. So, that registration number for
4 RentCafe continuously increases, so we're happy
5 to see that.

6 Let's see what else is going on.
7 Again, on our public housing side, as I already
8 talked about, the team is working closely to
9 look at all of our offline units, as well as
10 vacant units. Again, we do have the IRB
11 properties, which are the nine sites in addition
12 to judiciary and MELVO that will be undergoing
13 substantial rehab.

14 So, a lot of our vacant units, in the
15 event that the scope is so large that we have to
16 vacate any residents out. We'll be utilizing
17 those units for relocation as number one. Let's
18 see, our city funds, we have been looking at our
19 city funds. We keep our spend plans in here.
20 We do have a updated one, because we noticed
21 that Commissioner Murphy had pointed that fiscal
22 year '26 was not on there.

1 So, we'll ensure that is in all of the
2 future Board books. Again, the spending is up
3 in our earlier years, so when this
4 administration -- well, when former Keith
5 Pettigrew and then myself came on in '23, latter
6 part of '23, we began to spend funds back to
7 fiscal year '21.

8 With the capital funds, which are on
9 the federal side, which are not due to come out
10 until about October or November, we are looking
11 at all of our capital funds now, because we
12 understand the needs are so great outside of the
13 IRB properties just to ensure that major systems
14 are working, electrical upgrades are happening.

15 But just units are decent, safe, and
16 sanitary. So, we are going to be looking at
17 those funds, and if there is opportunities that
18 we have to reprogram them to a property that is
19 critical right now, then we will be submitting
20 that. So, just like to talk through -- that
21 generally does take a little time on the city
22 fund side.

1 Because again, if you're not familiar,
2 the process for us is we have to solicit. Once
3 we solicit, and get the pricing, and of course
4 before creating the scope, we then need Board
5 approval, but then also has to go to city
6 council approval. So, it does take a little
7 time to get the projects, and an actual notice
8 to proceed on these funds.

9 But we're working to get through a lot
10 of the funds, and to allocate the dollars where
11 the need is now. So, on the capital side,
12 federal capital side, we know there's not enough
13 funds for the number of public housing units
14 that we have. So, outside of that, that's all I
15 have. If there is any questions, happy to answer
16 anything on what I said.

17 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Any questions for
18 the interim executive director? Commissioner
19 Clay?

20 COMMISSIONER CLAY: I have a question.
21 The job, was it a job fair or hiring fair at the
22 Envision Center?

1 MS. WICKLIFFE: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Do you all track
3 how many people may have gotten jobs as a result
4 of it, and all of that?

5 MS. WICKLIFFE: I don't know if Brian
6 is on, if we are not tracking, we definitely
7 will start.

8 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Okay. Okay.

9 MS. WICKLIFFE: So, I can't answer. I
10 don't think Brian is on there, so we will check
11 with him to make sure we are tracking some way,
12 somehow, from the, I think, about 250 or so
13 individuals that attended if anyone was matched.

14 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Okay, okay. That
15 would be great, thank you. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Commissioner Reed
17 has a question.

18 COMMISSIONER REED: Thank you. Just in
19 looking at the monthly report, it looked like
20 there were on the voucher side a fair number of
21 vacant project and sponsor based units. Could
22 you talk a little bit about sort of what the

1 process is for residents to get into those
2 units, and why we're seeing the vacancies, and
3 what we're doing about it?

4 MS. WICKLIFFE: Yes. So, on the
5 project-based, so we have different federal and
6 local project based contracts, and those have
7 been experiencing some vacancies. Some of the
8 units are offline, meaning that the owners and
9 landlords are rehabbing them to get them up to
10 housing quality standards to be able to be
11 occupied.

12 So, we can get that exact number. So,
13 the process is right now you have to be pulled
14 from the centralized housing choice voucher wait
15 list. So, the team went out, I don't know how
16 many months ago, went out and pulled individuals
17 from the wait list for these specific
18 properties.

19 We do have a suspense list. Again,
20 some of these are smaller-size units. They may
21 not be in wards that individuals want, so the
22 team is actively working the suspense list.

1 We're able to pull from the housing choice
2 voucher centralized list to fill those units. I
3 don't want to get ahead of myself, but I guess I
4 will get ahead of myself.

5 We are looking at property-specific
6 wait list for these, and by doing that, if you
7 sign up for that, then we know you want this
8 location. Right now, the issue is we pull,
9 individuals are going out, either units are too
10 small, not in the location that they want, or
11 whatever the case may be, and they're not
12 renting those units out.

13 COMMISSIONER REED: Got it. And is
14 that -- I agree with the site-based approach.
15 Is that something that we can put into place
16 sooner rather than later?

17 MS. WICKLIFFE: You've read my mind,
18 I've already been on the team. So, some of them
19 are already in the plan. I know Amy, you want
20 to speak to that, because I know I've been
21 beating you up about that.

22 MS. GLASSMAN: So, yeah, the

1 administrative plan allows for, yes. I mean our
2 plan allows us to do that following a certain
3 procedure. So, that's the short answer.

4 MS. WICKLIFFE: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER SILLA: And if there's an
6 opportunity to jump in, I'm assuming the
7 homeless preference also applies to the project
8 base once it's adopted in the ACOP and the admin
9 plans, and so there is an opportunity to make
10 sure that we are bumping up the wait list
11 against HMIS, and making sure we're prioritizing
12 or implementing the homeless preference?

13 MS. GLASSMAN: We'd have to look at how
14 that interfaces, because I think it sort of --
15 the way that the homeless preference, I think
16 sort of assumes a little bit of sort of the
17 centralized wait list. And so, that's a good
18 question, because if you're talking about a
19 site-based waiting list, you're really talking
20 about people who have applied specifically to
21 the site.

22 As opposed to sort of if you're talking

1 about a bump against HMIS, that's not people who
2 are in our --

3 COMMISSIONER SILLA: And right now you
4 are pulling from the central, main wait list --

5 MS. GLASSMAN: Exactly, exactly.

6 COMMISSIONER SILLA: So, you could
7 prioritize, you could do that data bump on that
8 main wait list, and do that cross walk, and
9 prioritize people experiencing homelessness.

10 MS. GLASSMAN: Right, right. But
11 what's happened with the central waiting list is
12 we've essentially reached out to people on that
13 wait list and said do you want to. We have been
14 through that wait list and said do you want
15 project-based units? And it's no, no, no, no,
16 no. And so what Nicole is trying to solve for
17 is that, right?

18 COMMISSIONER SILLA: And I think, and
19 we can take this offline to talk about it --

20 MS. GLASSMAN: Yeah, that may be a
21 separate discussion yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER SILLA: In our committee

1 meeting or even separately. I think a part of
2 what I'm trying to raise is that traditionally
3 that they were maybe a variety of housing
4 resources that were dedicated to people
5 experiencing homelessness, and people might have
6 said no to a project-based opportunity because
7 they were anticipating the funding of housing
8 opportunities that are dedicated to people
9 experiencing homelessness.

10 As those opportunities are no longer
11 available, and no longer coming forth, people
12 might have a different reaction to the project-
13 based offers.

14 MS. GLASSMAN: Right, sure. But one
15 thought there is, if what we're talking about is
16 the opening of a project-based list at a site,
17 that's open to everyone.

18 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Yes, it would be
19 open to everybody, but I'm assuming that that
20 preference then layers when you are going
21 through the list, and sorting the list, and
22 offering people concrete opportunities within a

1 project.

2 MS. GLASSMAN: Right, but they would
3 also need to apply.

4 (Simultaneous speaking.)

5 COMMISSIONER SILLA: But that's how
6 we're going to try to fill those units.

7 MS. GLASSMAN: Yes, sorry.

8 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay. All right.
9 Any other questions?

10 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Thank you to
11 Commissioner Reed for opening that line of
12 questioning.

13 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay --

14 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Sorry, Carolyn,
15 you did. Just wanted to answer the question
16 that Commissioner Clay posed. So yes, we do
17 track hires when we have the hiring fair, so
18 that's something that's also in the resident
19 services folder.

20 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Okay. And that can
21 be included in your report, the executive
22 director's report.

1 MS. WICKLIFFE: Yes. Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Okay, thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, so we still
4 have not heard from Commissioners Clay and
5 Burbridge?

6 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: So, Burbridge did
7 confirm that she is working through her
8 technical issues.

9 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay.

10 MS. GLASSMAN: And I think Murphy
11 texted me that he was just stepping away for a
12 moment, so is he back?

13 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Yeah, he's going
14 to be getting back on, but not right now.

15 MS. GLASSMAN: Oh, good, good, good.

16 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, so is that five?

17 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: It is five.

18 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Good, so we do have
19 a quorum?

20 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Yes, we do.

21 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you.

22 So, with a quorum having been established, let's

1 go back and approve the minutes of the April
2 8th, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting. Are
3 there any additions or corrections to the
4 minutes? Hearing none, I'll ask for a motion to
5 approve the minutes of April 8th.

6 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Motion.

7 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER REED: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: All in favor say
10 aye.

11 (Chorus of aye.)

12 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, the minutes
13 are approved as presented. Thank you. Okay,
14 that was you, Commissioner Burbridge, right?
15 Okay, welcome. Okay, so next we're going to go
16 to testimony. So, we'll start with resident
17 testimonies. Again, you can provide testimony
18 on resolutions, or any other issues that you
19 have concerns about, and each person will have
20 three minutes to testify.

21 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: So, we're going to
22 start with Carolette Sweatt. Carolette Sweatt?

1 Ms. Sweatt, we just sent you a promotion
2 request. Star six to unmute yourself so you can
3 begin your three-minute testimony.

4 MS. SWEATT: Am I in?

5 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: You are.

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yeah, we can hear
7 you.

8 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: You have three
9 minutes.

10 MS. SWEATT: Okay, great. Just quickly
11 to start, Matthew 25 states that every kingdom
12 divided against itself is but desolation, and
13 every city or house divided against itself shall
14 not stand. Verse 35 goes on to state that a
15 good man or woman out of the good treasure of
16 the heart bringeth forth good things.

17 And an evil man or woman out of the
18 evil treasure brings forth evil things. And it
19 is my prayer as I speak before you to bring
20 forth good treasure from my heart that is
21 received as a good thing that is needed in order
22 for us to remove the negative stigma associated

1 with voucher holders, and bring a voice to the
2 actual realities of our collective plights
3 throughout the city.

4 I am proposing to implement a Section 8
5 Voucher Holders Participants Action Committee.
6 With this limited time I can only present the
7 ideology with the intention of following DCHA's
8 mission statement to cultivate opportunities for
9 residents to improve their lives.

10 With the creation and implementation of
11 the voucher holders centralized interface, this
12 will allow us, the actual voucher holders, to
13 enter into the dangerous, murky, and ever-
14 changing affordable housing oceans of greedy
15 developers and their property managers. It will
16 allow us to come off the shores, and build a
17 bridge of understanding between DCHA and its
18 participants.

19 Instead of the two running on different
20 courses to reach the ultimate point of
21 affordable, fair housing. The committee will
22 provide community engagement, and promote a new

1 whistle-blowing ideology, as voucher holders are
2 uniquely placed throughout the city. We see
3 something, we say something.

4 Sort of like adopt a block in the hood.
5 Come on you all, let's do something good. This
6 concept promotes gratitude and instills
7 community leadership. It allows participants to
8 be part of the solution to regain our
9 communities, and most important, it will serve
10 as a rehabilitative roadmap to show other
11 governmental-assisted entities the empowerment
12 of organized inclusivity.

13 We need a city-wide social services
14 call of action, and we don't need to reinvent
15 the wheel, but we must be creative, using what
16 we have until we get more resources. People are
17 dying from a lack of health. Cutting benefits
18 and subsidy programs doesn't make people less
19 poor. It makes our lives so much harder, we are
20 further burdened down psychologically, socially,
21 and spiritually, there is no peace in the home.

22 Because our mentality and our actions

1 are programmed for survival mode constantly. I
2 don't have any time to speak about DCHA's
3 pattern of neglect. A participants action
4 committee will allow DCHA to be a beacon and
5 broaden D.C.'s social services safety net. This
6 form of peer community outreach utilizes the
7 unique qualities, experiences, and attributes of
8 participants all across the city.

9 And this is the change that D.C. needs.
10 We the people, for the people, will help the
11 people. We must become strategic, creative, and
12 innovative in our approach. DCHA is in a unique
13 position of reforming the lax state of our
14 city's underserved, most vulnerable, and
15 impoverished families by understanding that
16 property management has nothing to do with the
17 social services needed for the Section 8 voucher
18 holders.

19 This demographic of Section 8 voucher
20 holders needs more than just a place to live.
21 DCHA extends the most monetary assistance in
22 providing rent. This unique position of DCHA

1 needs to be enforced. Everybody on all rails
2 needs to be held accountable. It's written in
3 DCHA's Obligations of the Family.

4 It's time for further social
5 intervention into the violating families that
6 are not the landlord's responsibility. On the
7 health pyramid, DCHA has a --

8 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Ms. Sweatt, can you
9 wrap it up please?

10 MS. SWEATT: That's time?

11 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yes. You're over
12 time.

13 MS. SWEATT: Okay, great, I'm going to
14 follow up with each individual commissioner,
15 because I have so much more to say.

16 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, please do, I
17 like the concept.

18 MS. SWEATT: God bless you.

19 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Next we have Dr.
20 Malaya Alasad. Hopefully, I'm pronouncing your
21 last name correctly, and first name. Dr., I
22 want to say, Malaya Alasad? Okay, I'm going to

1 move forward. Next, we have former Commissioner
2 Kenneth Council. We've just sent you a
3 promotion request, star six to unmute yourself.

4 MR. COUNCIL: Good afternoon all.

5 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Good afternoon.

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Good afternoon.

7 MR. COUNCIL: Kenneth Council, City-
8 Wide Advisory Board president. We have several
9 questions about regarding your proposal that you
10 requested. We're requesting that you would
11 table Resolution 26-10 and 26-14 regarding
12 Microsoft licensing, and as well as the mold
13 remediation. There's some questions that we
14 have that we can't really say now.

15 But there's some that we want to bring
16 to the forefront. We see that in the contract
17 for the remediation, we want to know why there's
18 six companies that's being brought on to mediate
19 the services, and the companies should be
20 engaged for the record. We want to know if
21 they're being engaged, or will they be engaged
22 for the Section 18.

1 I'm trying to shorten it so it won't
2 cut me off in my minutes. Along with the
3 addition, we would like to request a copy of the
4 RFP associated with both of the resolutions to
5 review, and we want to know if the Davis-Bacon
6 has been added within these two resolutions.

7 We'll send you a more updated copy,
8 email to you all before close of this VOC today.
9 That's the business that we're dealing with the
10 City-Wide Advisory Board, but as a resident of
11 DCHA, the submissions that I'm noticing, I know
12 the budget is cut short, but the day-to-day
13 operations, I want you all to focus on the
14 immediate small things.

15 Such as the door knob, or screen, or
16 filter, or even a pipe for your toilet or your
17 sink. These things need to be put in place,
18 which they are not. A lot of these things you
19 all have to go and purchase, or you have to go
20 and take it out of an empty unit, and that
21 shouldn't be.

22 So, I know the money is kind of scarce,

1 but I want you all to pay attention to everyday
2 things that we go through as a tenant. Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you, Mr.
5 Council. When we get to the resolutions we can
6 explain, and respond to the issues that you
7 raised there. And thank you again for bringing
8 to our attention some of the day-to-day very
9 small, but very important issues that you have
10 to deal with on the day-to-day.

11 And our maintenance chief is here, and
12 is hearing this, and certainly would like to see
13 appropriate follow up.

14 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: So, next we have
15 former Commissioner Aquarius Vann-Ghasri. We've
16 just sent you a promotion request, it looks like
17 you declined it. And we see that you're on,
18 star six to unmute yourself, and you can begin
19 your three-minute testimony.

20 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Wait a minute,
21 because I don't have my phone to star six.

22 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: We can hear you.

1 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: We can hear you.

2 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Okay. So, now this
3 is in reference to Resolution 26-14. What I
4 want for the record is for you to name the six
5 companies, are any of the companies minority
6 companies, and where are they located from?
7 Because in this time and era we also need to
8 give business to D.C. companies.

9 And when it comes to 26-10 and 26-14 I
10 am wondering whether or not the Board is
11 encouraging vendors to include Section 8 in
12 their contracts and writing, because it is an
13 incentive to them, because they get tax credit
14 write-offs. So, that's a marketing approach
15 there. I also want to congratulate Commissioner
16 Blackson, and want for the record for it to be
17 noted that she is a housing choice voucher
18 appointee.

19 But she will still, as a holder, vote
20 on the bills. Now, when it comes to the
21 elections, it is very essential that you tell
22 the third-party monitor that when they have this

1 meeting at Sibley to let public housing
2 residents know how to vote, since they have to
3 be at the voting polls, I think at 11:00
4 o'clock, so that's very important.

5 And last but not least, I want to know
6 where can I -- because your main mission is have
7 audits, and as one of the many whistleblowers of
8 the audit, I've been trying to find where can I
9 be on the net to find out what you all have
10 successfully completed and what's left.

11 And now that we're having our first
12 election, I also want to know whether or not we
13 are now an independent board. Now, this is the
14 last thing I have to say. Please don't have me
15 have to go and door-knock, and ask residents to
16 force you all back into the communities.

17 You would have meetings at Sibley,
18 Stotter, Fort Dupont, Marvin Gay Center, and
19 usually in most of the wards, because this is
20 very unfair for you all to continuously just sit
21 there, and the council itself allows us to come
22 into their chambers, so that's a must. And

1 hopefully that those who are running for mayor
2 may step, because I asked everybody, and they
3 want to give complicated contingents, and the
4 Homeless Committee, because she knows that we
5 need a voice.

6 So, you all need to figure out once you
7 all get the whole board together, how many times
8 a year that you can come into the community, and
9 bring the Board back into the hood so that those
10 who don't have a phone or can talk, you'll be
11 able to hear them. That's all I have to say,
12 thank you very much.

13 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you
14 former Commissioner Vann-Ghasri.

15 MS. VANN-GHASRI: Thank you,
16 Commissioner Skinner.

17 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, you may be
18 surprised that I'm going to agree with you. I
19 think we ought to have our meetings move around
20 to properties throughout the city, and I am
21 going to ask the staff, I'm looking at Nicole,
22 to meet with the City-Wide Advisory Board and

1 come up with a plan for how we can take these
2 meetings out into the community.

3 MS. WICKLIFFE: Okay, will do.

4 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Next we have Pat
5 Malloy. Ms. Malloy, we see that you are on as
6 panelist, star six to unmute yourself if you're
7 having difficulty. We see that you've unmuted
8 yourself, did you want to start your three-
9 minute testimony?

10 MS. MALLOY: Can you hear me?

11 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: We can, do you
12 have another device in the background?

13 MS. MALLOY: No, I don't.

14 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: I'm not sure why
15 we hear the echo.

16 MS. MALLOY: Why did they remove me?

17 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: There you go,
18 you're good now. You can go ahead and begin
19 your testimony.

20 MS. MALLOY: Okay. Can you hear me?

21 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yes, we can, good

1 afternoon.

2 MS. MALLOY: Good afternoon
3 commissioners, my name is Patricia Malloy,
4 former Lincoln Heights Resident Council
5 president, now a project-based voucher holder
6 under the new initiative, relocated to the
7 Strand Residences. Today I am here to inquire
8 as to why Lincoln Heights Management Office
9 hasn't had phone service for over nine-plus
10 months.

11 During previous Board meetings I have
12 asked the same question. No correct response
13 from upper management, nor only to be told
14 working on the issue. It does not take almost a
15 year to get the phones working in the rental
16 office. It does not take months to get phone
17 service up in the office, and tell us they don't
18 have money to pay the bills.

19 I am aware of Lincoln Heights having a
20 new manager. She has put out flyers with her
21 cell phone number for residents to call. That
22 is not acceptable. Seniors, disabled residents

1 have to find ways to go to the office to get
2 services. Residents are calling me to help them
3 to get simple maintenance concerns addressed.
4 Why?

5 Why should I have to call Ms. Hunter,
6 or the manager Ms. Buckner, or even Daniel from
7 Empower D.C. to get simple maintenance issues
8 resolved? And what I mean by that is, and Ms.
9 Hunter and Ms. Buckner, the manager, can tell
10 attest, staff does not clean the hallways.

11 When you have seniors that are on
12 walkers, and canes, and wheelchairs in the
13 hallways trying to clean up dog poop and the
14 smell, but my main concern today is Commissioner
15 Skinner, other commissioners around the table
16 and on Zoom, can you please explain to me why
17 there is no phone service in Lincoln Heights
18 Rental Office?

19 Please stop telling me you're working
20 on it. It's going to be really hard for you all
21 to explain to me why, because there is no
22 reason. Obviously, you don't want to hear from

1 the residents in Lincoln Heights. You know they
2 have no representation. I am still their voice.
3 You are not going to silence me.

4 But if I have to, I know you've seen
5 the video footage of residents talking to the
6 media in regards to maintenance issues and the
7 conditions. I'm going to bring them to your
8 rental office to show them there's no
9 communication between DCHA and the residents.
10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Thank you, Ms.
12 Malloy.

13 MS. WICKLIFFE: I was going to say I'm
14 not aware of it not having --

15 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Just 7248535?

16 MS. MALLOY: 7248535, 7248534 doesn't
17 even work.

18 COMMISSIONER CLAY: So, I just tried it
19 --

20 MS. MALLOY: So, you can try calling it
21 now for yourself, and see for yourself.

22 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Yeah, I did --

1 MS. MALLOY: That's what I'm saying to
2 the manager.

3 COMMISSIONER CLAY: I did try to call
4 it. It goes to a menu. Was there an issue with
5 the menu, or is it just not --

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: She wants a live
7 person to call, to answer.

8 MS. MALLOY: Why is it you all are not
9 aware of this, are you telling me that our
10 testimony means nothing to the STAR Board?

11 COMMISSIONER CLAY: No, no, no --

12 MS. MALLOY: Please don't tell me that.

13 COMMISSIONER CLAY: It means a lot,
14 that's why I just tried to call it, and it --

15 MS. MALLOY: You tried all three
16 numbers? It's going to tell you the same thing,
17 unacceptable.

18 COMMISSIONER CLAY: I just called
19 2027248535, and it went through --

20 MS. MALLOY: Try 34.

21 COMMISSIONER CLAY: The number that's
22 listed is 8535. I called that number and didn't

1 have a problem.

2 MS. MALLOY: The rental office to the
3 residents, the only number they have is the 34.
4 Someone needs to get up off their behind and go
5 out there and talk to the residents, don't put
6 it all on Ms. Hunter and the manager. You all
7 are the upper management. We have a STAR Board.
8 Not one member of the STAR Board has been to
9 Lincoln Heights to talk to the residents about
10 anything.

11 Unacceptable, that's why you're always
12 in the media. I'm just frustrated.

13 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Thank you, Ms.
14 Malloy.

15 MS. WICKLIFFE: Thanks, Ms. Malloy,
16 we'll take care of it.

17 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yeah, we'll do
18 better.

19 MS. WICKLIFFE: And I'll just say
20 that's an operational, so it should be our team
21 doing it, meaning management team, Carolyn's
22 team, so we'll see what's going on. Sounds like

1 Commissioner Clay called the number. It was
2 working, so we'll figure out what's going on
3 with the one that ends in four that you
4 mentioned.

5 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Okay, next we have
6 Melody Cooper. Melody Cooper, we are sending
7 you a promotion request. We see that you are
8 unmuted, you have three minutes to begin your
9 testimony.

10 MS. COOPER: Can you hear me?

11 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: We can.

12 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yeah, we can hear
13 you.

14 MS. COOPER: Okay, awesome. Good
15 morning, actually good afternoon everyone. My
16 name is Melody. First I wanted to say how
17 grateful I am to the D.C. Housing Authority
18 voucher program. However, lately the
19 administration side has been an uphill battle.
20 My request for tenancy approval packet was
21 submitted on April 10th, and assigned to my
22 housing specialist Maurice Holton. I want to

1 say about April 15th.

2 And I haven't heard anything in
3 reference to the process except it's always
4 pending. I've been up to the office biweekly,
5 I'm calling weekly, and my unit has really been
6 in abatement for almost a year now. I have an
7 emergency transfer voucher, and the urgency just
8 to get out of this place is just, it just hasn't
9 been where it's at.

10 I want to say the most disheartening
11 thing is when I call by myself to advocate for
12 myself I feel like I'm not given the correct
13 information. However, when I call with Ward 8
14 Director of Constituent Services on the call,
15 the conversation is always so different. I'm
16 given different numbers during that time.

17 My email, well, people don't email me
18 back. And I have to be out of my unit by May
19 31st at the end of this month, and I have
20 nowhere to go. And yeah, I just want someone to
21 actually take care of my case.

22 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, Ms. Cooper, I

1 will have staff follow up directly with you.

2 MS. COOPER: Okay, also when I went to
3 the office yesterday, they said I still need a
4 re-certify. Although in order for me to get my
5 transfer voucher, I submitted that information
6 in March, and it still hasn't been uploaded.

7 MS. WICKLIFFE: Ms. Cooper, Anton Shaw
8 is the director. He's out sick today, but I'll
9 definitely follow up with him as soon as this
10 meeting is over, and we'll get back to you
11 today.

12 MS. COOPER: Thank you. I've put in
13 complaints, and I haven't heard anything from
14 anyone.

15 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you.

16 MS. COOPER: That's my time, thank you
17 for allowing me to speak.

18 MS. WICKLIFFE: Thank you.

19 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Okay, so next
20 we're going to move onto, I believe, this is
21 former Commissioner Janet Parker. Janet Parker.
22 Okay, I'm going to move forward. Next we have

1 Donna Townes. Ms. Townes, we see that you're on
2 as a panelist, if you could star six to unmute
3 yourself so you can begin your three-minute
4 testimony?

5 Okay, you're unmuted. Donna Townes?
6 So, Ms. Townes, we're going to move forward,
7 please text Carla if you wanted to come back to
8 add your testimony to the record. Next we have
9 Tanisha Tuckson. Tanisha Tuckson, we're adding
10 you as a panelist. You are unmuted --

11 MS. TUCKSON: Hello?

12 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Yes, we can hear
13 you, you can begin your three-minute testimony.

14 MS. TUCKSON: Good afternoon, my name
15 is Tanisha Tuckson. I am a former student at
16 DPO. I was a resident holder, and I was
17 approved for an HCV voucher. I chose to leave
18 the heat there. I had little instruction, and
19 communication, and updates on the rehouse
20 process.

21 I asked for help doing DHS and DCHA
22 many times through email, and office visits. I

1 submitted my paperwork on time, my landlord and
2 DCHA did not continue the process on the time I
3 submitted my voucher and did not communicate
4 with me or give me any updates regarding my
5 extension the second time.

6 And this was all in the time of my
7 homeless period, and my voucher was taken from
8 me. So, now I am in a home with me trying to
9 move with the voucher that I was supposed to be
10 given, trying to move, and I have no electric
11 for about a month. So, it's just like I was
12 given a voucher, and it was taken back from me
13 due to no one communicating, rental office, DCHA
14 Resident Office and everything.

15 And they were told that they can help
16 me out, and it was just so much back and forth,
17 and they couldn't help me out, and then one of
18 the employees told me that this happens all the
19 time with the rental office not responding, so
20 we can just add more time to your voucher.

21 And now I'm in the loop of this not
22 knowing what's going on with my housing

1 situation for me and my kids. And they were
2 supposed to give me a voucher December 20th of
3 2025, an updated voucher without a time limit,
4 and that would have prevented me having my
5 electric off for weeks, so I could move into
6 another unit.

7 But now, I advocate for myself, I don't
8 have a case manager or anything like that, so
9 that's all I have to do.

10 MS. WICKLIFFE: Ms. Tuckson, we can
11 reach out to you on that. Because Rapid Re-
12 Housing, that was being run by one of our
13 contractors, so we'll have HCVP staff reach out
14 to you.

15 MS. TUCKSON: Thank you so much.

16 MS. WICKLIFFE: You're welcome.

17 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Next we have
18 Paulette Matthews.

19 MS. MATTHEWS: Excuse me, hello
20 everybody, how are you all doing?

21 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Good, hello.

22 MS. MATTHEWS: My name is Paulette

1 Matthews, I'm a former resident of Barry Farms,
2 I live in Kelly Miller. I'm also the president
3 here. But communication is the key in all these
4 matters. So, I want to talk about a few things,
5 but I don't have enough time, so I will be
6 talking to the director on where she is on some
7 issues, and I'll have that time.

8 So, I want to first talk about
9 security, and the DCHA Police Department that
10 has been short-staffed for as long as I've known
11 it. I believe what goes on is that you hire,
12 they train, and then they go to MPD. There
13 needs to be something done, or written in the
14 job description, or something where they have to
15 at least give you all two years or something.

16 Because it makes no sense to keep
17 saying that you're short, when there's a lot of
18 security issues. Okay, around here on the
19 apartment doors they use these keypad things,
20 which break. You've got to order them, because
21 I don't think they have enough on the properties
22 for all their places that they have to have it.

1 I'm wondering why they can't just go
2 back to keys. I get it that people put things
3 in the door, they break it, and all that, but I
4 think keys would be an easier method because a
5 lot of times in the winter there's a lot of
6 homeless people, sex going on, drugs going on,
7 or what have you.

8 And that makes no sense, so some of the
9 people, the same with the Liberty building,
10 we're scared to come out. So, something really
11 has to be done about the security, and the DCHA
12 Police Department. Also a lot of times, because
13 I do a lot of fliering up the properties to make
14 sure that people get the information that they
15 need.

16 And I have a way of actually putting
17 them in the door, because I learned that through
18 Empower D.C. and One D.C. I started doing that
19 a long time ago. So, I learned how to put in
20 the house so nobody can say that they didn't get
21 it. But I was informed yesterday that because
22 the DCHA staff have a union that they're not

1 supposed to do that.

2 I'm like they're going to the building,
3 why can't they just take a piece of paper? But
4 I've been doing it, I've been walking through
5 everybody doing it, sliding under their door,
6 but I've gotten a little older now, so I try to
7 tape it in the hallway. But I'm just wondering
8 about that part right there. Why is that so
9 difficult?

10 Because I would think that when you all
11 were saying that they were getting ready to get
12 some brooms and stuff for the dog poop, I would
13 have been bucking that. I'm not going. These
14 people have got these dogs, and I'm getting old.
15 That I wouldn't have been bucking.

16 But to put a piece of paper just to
17 inform the residents of the things that are
18 happening within their community, it doesn't
19 make sense. So, when I heard that the other
20 day, I was like wow. But I passed out some
21 before I left the neighborhood. And also I want
22 to talk about the high rise. I don't know, I

1 guess they did inside of the units.

2 But throughout that whole building it
3 looks ridiculous. And I don't know how them
4 coming and doing inside the units and didn't
5 think about the appearance of the hallways and
6 the floors, and stuff like that. So, I'm going
7 to leave the rest of it for the conversation
8 next week.

9 But those things are what's bothering
10 me the most, the security, and the fact that the
11 seniors are here, and they feel some type of
12 way. And you all's contractors, when the
13 contractors come, and you all get all these
14 contractors, how many DCHA inspectors do you all
15 have, and who be with them. What do they do?

16 I mean, because I have seen some crazy
17 stuff, and I didn't go to school for that, but I
18 think could be a dadgum good one, because I'm
19 not understanding how a lot of things get done,
20 and then you find out at the last minute that it
21 don't work now, and it ain't up to them, or
22 either DCHA can't touch it. We've got to call

1 them because they're still under their contract,
2 and things like that.

3 And then to have units where you don't
4 even have the racks in your closet, but you
5 allow somebody to move into a unit, and they
6 can't even hang their clothes. I've seen so
7 many different things that don't make sense.

8 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, Ms. Matthews --

9 MS. MATTHEWS: And not just here. But
10 something needs to be done. CHAIRMAN

11 SKINNER: Ms. Matthews, I know you're going to
12 be meeting with the director next week, so you
13 can bring up all your issues at that time.

14 Thank you.

15 MS. MATTHEWS: Yeah, but I want --

16 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Okay, that
17 concludes our residents, we're going to move to
18 our non-residents. And we have first Daniel del
19 Pielago.

20 MR. PIELAGO: Good afternoon, can you
21 hear me?

22 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: We can.

1 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yes, we can.

2 MR. PIELAGO: Thank you, the process
3 has changed a little, before it would say join,
4 and now it says unmute, so thank you. Good
5 afternoon everyone, my name is Daniel del
6 Pielago, I work with Empower D.C. I've got just
7 a quick question, and more of a matter of
8 process.

9 I just spoke recently to a senior
10 resident at a public housing property who shared
11 that her nephew, who is kind of her ride to
12 doctor's appointments, and to the errands she
13 has to run around the city, was barred from the
14 property. The person shared the barring notice
15 with me.

16 And there appears to be very little
17 information on there, in the check boxes it
18 doesn't list the reason for why, it appears it
19 may be due to it being one of those kind of
20 things where you write on one piece of paper,
21 and then you rip it off and it's supposed to
22 leave a copy to leave with the person.

1 I'm not sure exactly what that looks
2 like, but the copy they received does not have
3 that information. I don't have the full story
4 to be honest, 100 percent, because what the
5 person is telling me is that she was not told
6 the reason why the nephew is being barred, and
7 the officer, which was a DCHA Police Department
8 officer, refused to give their name.

9 Although we do have it, and we can
10 share that with the appropriate person. So, I
11 guess one question is what is that process, and
12 really how does that work, and then secondly, if
13 this person wants to contest it, is it the
14 grievance process, is there something else? I
15 found some stuff online, but the form itself
16 does say you would file a grievance at the
17 management office.

18 So, just wanted to flag that, and see
19 who maybe could follow up about this.

20 MS. GLASSMAN: Yes, is the chief on --
21 I don't know if OPS is on, if you want to talk
22 about the barring process. If not, I can talk

1 briefly. Okay, so I will -- I mean it would not
2 go through the grievance process that folks are
3 used to, and I don't know if Mr. Douglas wants
4 to discuss it, but it's not a grievance process
5 like what you would go through as resident.

6 Because we only bar non-residents from
7 our sites, typically for engaging in criminal
8 activity. If the resident wanted to reach out
9 to me, or to our chief we could get them a full
10 copy of the barring notice, and further
11 explanation. So, I can --

12 MR. PIELAGO: Thank you, okay, I'll
13 follow up with you directly.

14 MS. GLASSMAN: Yeah, go ahead and do
15 that, I'm happy to discuss more with you.

16 MR. PIELAGO: Thank you so much.

17 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: I'm going to go
18 back, I believe we have former Commissioner
19 Janet Parker on. Janet Parker, I want to give
20 some time so you can be joined to the panelists.
21 We have sent you a promotion request. Star six
22 to unmute yourself. You've unmuted yourself,

1 you want to begin your three minute testimony?

2 MS. PARKER: Hello everyone, how are
3 you doing?

4 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Hello Ms. Parker.

5 MS. PARKER: Hi, I'm Janet Parker. I
6 am a resident at Regency House, and I wanted to
7 talk about my concerns in regards to the aging
8 plumbing in many of these buildings, and the
9 fact that we have lots of pipes that are
10 leaking, and causing mold problems. You
11 currently have a resolution in front of you in
12 regards to mold control.

13 And I wanted you to consider the fact
14 that these buildings really do need that, black
15 mold is a very serious health concern for all of
16 our residents, and it can also be undetected
17 inside the building for quite a while before
18 residents realize it's a problem, because water
19 is seeping between walls, and on floors, and
20 such.

21 I had a situation in my own apartment
22 where the neighbor above me had a very pin hole

1 prick in a pipe up there, and she unfortunately
2 passed away, and the bucket that she had put
3 underneath that leak of course filled with
4 water, and I guess it flooded the entire
5 apartment. And then before I knew it, it was
6 coming down in my apartment, streaming down the
7 wall.

8 And so I actually had a flood in my
9 bathroom because of the situation, and there are
10 many problems with piping, and plumbing problems
11 in all of these properties, and I don't know
12 what you're doing to address upgrading the
13 piping systems in these older buildings, but
14 it's very important to do so, and mold is a
15 major problem when the plaster board gets wet.

16 I also wanted to mention I'm glad that
17 we're finally having an election for an elected
18 person on the Board of Commissioners, and I am
19 on the ballot, and will be running for that
20 position. And I hope to be able to meet with
21 you all later. So, I thank you very much for
22 listening to me today, and I appreciate the

1 opportunity to talk to you.

2 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Thank you, Ms.

3 Parker.

4 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Going back to non-
5 residents, the final person that we have is
6 William Jordan. William Jordan, I know we sent
7 you a promotion request, star six to unmute.
8 Perfect, I see you have unmuted yourself.

9 MR. JORDAN: Good afternoon.

10 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Good afternoon.

11 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Hi Mr. Jordan.

12 MR. JORDAN: I want to thank the Board
13 for taking steps towards a more resident-centric
14 approach, and urge the Board to accelerate to a
15 resident-centric approach from the unit-centric
16 approach. And that by taking a resident-centric
17 approach I guarantee the results will be much
18 better.

19 I wanted to first speak on the mold
20 contract, and share the experience at Park
21 Morton when remediating mold was used as a
22 reason to displace residents in the development

1 process, and ask that you study exactly what
2 went down in that process. And that what
3 actually happened, they didn't do mold
4 remediation, they did an interim control, which
5 is a different process.

6 And that the management at that time
7 used that as an opportunity to displace
8 residents, and I think that's a large reason why
9 you have these panelists often coming on the
10 Board to complain, because it was used as a
11 smoke screen for other purposes, and to ensure
12 that that contract is not used in this way in
13 other places.

14 Second, when that process was
15 happening, we pushed the Agency to encourage
16 either resident training, or creation of
17 resident companies to actually participate in
18 that process so that residents would earn
19 income, employment in fixing up their own
20 buildings, and other properties of DCHA. And by
21 doing that you actually create stronger resident
22 employment, et cetera.

1 And that's what a resident-centric
2 approach means, is that you actually look for
3 how do you leverage what you're going to do
4 anyway to move residents forward. The last, or
5 the next one is there's some things that came up
6 earlier that are systemic. And if you don't
7 address some of this, this is why you have a
8 problem.

9 The reason project based vouchers
10 become a problem is many times the developers
11 are developing projects that are not in the
12 interest of residents, but in the interests of
13 getting the project done. And so you create one
14 bedrooms because that fits financially, but
15 those one bedrooms don't fit the needs of
16 residents.

17 And then when you try and leverage
18 those units, residents don't want them because
19 they were designed for the project, and not
20 designed for residents. A related matter is the
21 taking on debt, so the Agency is taking on debt,
22 including the revenue bonds, but that debt has

1 to be paid back.

2 And often what happens is if resident
3 income doesn't rise faster than the debt that
4 you're taking on, then residents pay the price
5 in other ways. So, it's important that we work
6 on strengthening resident families, and that
7 their income grows twice the level of debt
8 service in order to ensure that the debt doesn't
9 drown resident aspirations.

10 And then my last comment is there's
11 rumors going around that residents don't want
12 home ownership, equity, and those things that
13 improve their lives. And if this Agency is part
14 of that, it needs to stop. Many, many, many
15 residents want their own homes, they want better
16 lives, and they just don't want to be puppets of
17 a process.

18 So, I urge this Board to push for a
19 resident-centric approach, and look whenever it
20 spends money for a way to circulate that money
21 back to residents. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Thank you, Mr.

1 Jordan.

2 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Chairman, that
3 concludes our testimony for today.

4 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, again, I want
5 to thank all of those who came forward to
6 provide testimony today. Again, we do take your
7 comments into account as we evaluate, and look
8 at ways that we can improve the Agency, and make
9 the lives of our residents better. Okay, next
10 on the agenda is going to committee reports and
11 resolutions.

12 And I'm going to start with the
13 Operations and Administrative Services
14 Committee. Commissioner Silla?

15 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Thank you, chair.
16 We're going to do resolutions first --

17 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yeah, right.

18 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Introduce
19 resolutions first, and then talk about the
20 Committee. So, Resolution 26-10 is to authorize
21 the execution of the contract for Microsoft
22 Office 365, and I thought Michael Buck was

1 here, he did step out. So, Gene Summerville is
2 coming to the table to give the procurement
3 update.

4 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, Gene, let me
5 pause for a second.

6 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Because we had some
8 comments earlier about the resolution, I want
9 you to kind of just high level, just walk
10 through the process in terms of how we procure
11 various types of services. But the first thing
12 to know, somebody asked about the RFP. The RFPs
13 are posted on our website.

14 And within the RFP it lists the scope
15 of services that we're requesting, but also the
16 requirements, and the scoring criteria. So,
17 when we get the responses to the RFP in, there's
18 a team that's put together to actually score,
19 but that scoring is based on the criteria, that
20 again is specifically laid out in the RFP.

21 So, anyone can go online, get the RFP,
22 and you can see the criteria that was used to

1 evaluate the responses that we get. And then --
2 and I'll let Gene --

3 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Well, Commissioner
4 Skinner, you did a great job, that's exactly it.
5 But yeah, so --

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: But the point I want
7 to make is that there is transparency, that all
8 of this stuff is on the website, and anyone can
9 go on it and look at it.

10 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Yes. The template
11 with Microsoft 365 and with mold, they were both
12 requests for proposals, and that information is
13 on our website, the evaluation criteria is very
14 specifically laid out in the solicitation,
15 because that is the only way that the
16 respondents know how they're going to be scored.

17 So, all of that information is within
18 there, and it's very detailed out, including how
19 they are to prepare their proposal, and how they
20 are to include everything that we're asking for
21 within that proposal.

22 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: And I know this is

1 Mr. Jordan's issue, we also ask for some Section
2 3, there is some Section 3 requirements.

3 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Yes, so Section 3 is
4 always required with all of our soliciting.
5 However, Section 3 doesn't always apply. If it
6 is a professional service, if there is no
7 Section 3 that can be kind of carried out on
8 that, although we do have companies that will
9 say you know what, even though it's not
10 required, I still can help this initiative in
11 this way.

12 So, there are requirements for Section
13 3, and where they are not applicable we do not
14 push that.

15 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Go ahead,
16 Commissioner Clay.

17 COMMISSIONER CLAY: In the scoring, is
18 it possible to perhaps give additional scoring
19 for people who, even if it's not required --

20 MS. SUMMERVILLE: HUD does not allow
21 altering scoring.

22 COMMISSIONER CLAY: They don't, okay.

1 MS. SUMMERVILLE: So, it is not
2 allowed.

3 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Thank you for that,
4 that's all.

5 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I think something
6 that's been really helpful in our committee
7 discussion about the procurement process has
8 been how you evaluate the quality of contractors
9 that are already working for the D.C. Housing
10 Authority but are bidding on a contract.

11 So, I think it would actually be
12 helpful to the people that are listening as well
13 as the Board, if you could just talk a little
14 bit about the system you have in place for
15 evaluating current contractors who are also
16 bidding on future work.

17 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Great question,
18 Commissioner Silla. So, currently we have a
19 couple different avenues to rate performance
20 rating. So, a lot of our team has traditionally
21 been used to doing that rating within this kind
22 of manual process. Last year we introduced a

1 program, and software called Procorated, of
2 which the staff, and that includes anyone at our
3 headquarters locations, as well as on the sites,
4 can go into that system, and they can rate
5 contractors, but the contracts have to be put
6 into that system. And so we have not made it a
7 business of putting some of our professional
8 services in there, because we were more focused
9 on the construction side, and the development
10 side of it.

11 So, we are now implementing where we
12 put more of our professional services contracts
13 into that system, so that when they go into the
14 system they can choose that contract, and then
15 from that contract is where they would get the
16 work reviewed. So, when it comes to mold, we do
17 have some reviews for some of the contractors.

18 Again, some of the contractors are new
19 on that list, and some of them are new to mold,
20 so we are still compiling for some of the teams
21 that are used to doing it the traditional manual
22 way, we're having to have them kind of go

1 through emails, and collect those that we can --

2 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, just to be
3 clear, who is doing the reviewing?

4 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Any DCHA staff,
5 whether it's, like I would say Mike Buck, or
6 anyone on Carolyn -- team that's actually on
7 site working with the contractor.

8 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Working with that
9 contractor, okay.

10 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Yes, and for my team
11 it's my labor compliance that handles Davis-
12 Bacon, they're out there, and they're in the
13 field, and so they are eligible to do those
14 evaluations so that they can talk about what
15 they saw when they were out there, just whatever
16 wide variety of what they want to discuss in
17 their reviews.

18 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: And you just
19 mentioned Davis-Bacon, I know former
20 Commissioner Kenneth Council brought that up,
21 and I think that for these contracts Davis-Bacon
22 does not apply?

1 MS. SUMMERVILLE: So, for Microsoft 365
2 it absolutely does not apply, because it is not
3 -- so Davis-Bacon, just to kind of give a quick
4 definition of how it applies, it is applied to
5 contracts that are construction, repair, and
6 maintenance with a value of equal to or greater
7 than \$2,000.

8 So, if it's a project where Microsoft
9 365, that is just them giving us licensing and
10 support, there is no Davis-Bacon applicable
11 there. When it comes to mold, Davis-Bacon will
12 only become applicable if in their mold
13 discovery there is now construction work or
14 repair work that is equal to or greater than
15 \$2,000.

16 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, the mold
17 remediation is considered maintenance, is that
18 part of the difference?

19 MS. WICKLIFFE: This RFP is considered
20 maintenance, right?

21 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Yes.

22 MS. WICKLIFFE: It's you call in a work

1 order, and some jobs may morph bigger than that,
2 may go to construction, but this is for --

3 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Exactly, but for just
4 typical they go out, they assess, they look, if
5 there is no remediation that needs to be
6 handled, then there is no Davis-Bacon that
7 applies to them going out, taking a look, and
8 assessing.

9 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay. With that,
10 can you talk about Resolution 26-10? That's the
11 Microsoft -- and Mr. Buck is back, so right on
12 time.

13 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Yeah, you're right on
14 time. Resolution 26-10, to authorize the
15 execution of a contract for Microsoft Office 365
16 licensing. The purpose of the resolution is to
17 authorize the interim executive director to
18 enter into a contract for Microsoft Office 365
19 licensing and support with Crayon Software
20 Experts.

21 The contract will have a term of one
22 year with option to extend at DCHA's sole

1 discretion for two additional one year option
2 terms for a potential total maximum three year
3 term in the amount of \$584,145.72 per year, or
4 an aggregate amount of \$1,752,437.16, of course
5 subject to the availability of funding.

6 And just to give you all some
7 background on it, we currently have Microsoft
8 365, it's what we operate off of, it is
9 everything from our emails, to Teams, and
10 everything within the Microsoft 365 suite. And
11 so a solicitation was conducted, we did have
12 three respondents for that solicitation.

13 However, two were disqualified in the
14 evaluation process because they did not possess
15 the required certification for someone that is
16 going to provide licensing for an agency of this
17 style and size, and so we had to disqualify
18 them. And then our most responsive, responsible,
19 and cost reasonable contractor for that was
20 Crayon Software Experts, which is who we're
21 presenting today to do a contract for. And I
22 will turn it over for questions --

1 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, who is the
2 incumbent, is that the same company?

3 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Yes, Crayon is the
4 current contractor that has provided those
5 licenses.

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, questions from
7 the Board? Commissioner Silla, I know you went
8 over this in your Operations Committee meeting,
9 did you have any concerns or questions?

10 COMMISSIONER SILLA: No, we did not.
11 In fact we were quite delighted that the D.C.
12 Housing Authority team paused the process once
13 they realized that the selected party didn't
14 have the appropriate certification. And we were
15 happy that they pivoted to the next most
16 responsible bid that was qualified and had the
17 appropriate certification. So, this passed
18 without too much discussion.

19 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, so having
20 heard that, can I get a motion to approve
21 Resolution 26-10 for Microsoft Office 365?

22 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Motion.

1 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: We've got a motion,
2 and second?

3 COMMISSIONER REED: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Second, any further
5 discussion? Commissioner Clay, you looked like
6 you had a question.

7 COMMISSIONER CLAY: I did have a
8 question, and I don't mean to be nitpicky at
9 all, but things like PowerBI, Planner, do you
10 find that those are used throughout the
11 organization? When you do these licenses, are
12 there cost savings if you don't apply all of
13 these to everyone?

14 PARTICIPANT: What is PowerBI?

15 MR. BUCK: It's for dashboards and
16 reporting for the Agency. So, we're working on
17 implementing that right now, and we don't apply
18 it to everybody. So, those licenses, we only
19 purchase those for those that are going to need
20 it. And there's lots of different tiers without
21 getting too into the weeds, but yes --

22 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: That's helpful, I

1 wasn't sure if everyone was getting it, or --

2 MR. BUCK: Yeah, we absolutely make
3 sure that we're not overspending in that regard.
4 So, we only give folks what they need to do
5 their job, is our goal.

6 MS. WICKLIFFE: And to add to the
7 PowerBI, so we heard loud and clearly through
8 many hearings and others that dashboards were
9 needed, so that's why we did that.

10 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: It makes sense to
11 have, I just wasn't sure.

12 COMMISSIONER SILLA: You are reminding
13 me that we also discussed AI, and why the team
14 was not taking advantage of AI.

15 MR. BUCK: So, yeah, as I think a lot
16 of us know, there is lots of different options
17 for AI tools, we're evaluating a bunch of those,
18 whether it be for things like meeting note
19 taking, you have these great tools that can
20 listen to everybody and take notes for you, so
21 we're evaluating those.

22 And Copilot, which is Microsoft's

1 option for that, we have a couple of licenses
2 for that so that we can evaluate, and then we
3 can roll out a little bit as we figure out what
4 would be most advantageous to the Agency.

5 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, does Copilot
6 automatically come up, like on my personal
7 computer I have Microsoft --

8 MR. BUCK: If you have a license for
9 it, yeah. So, like on your personal computer,
10 Microsoft is pushing that out as part of
11 Windows.

12 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yeah, I have 365.

13 MR. BUCK: Right, so you'll see that
14 pop up, but as an Agency we won't have the --
15 not everybody, to your point, will have the
16 Agency licensing, because it is expensive, so
17 we're going to identify where we need it, where
18 we can use it. And Copilot for instance won't
19 be the right answer for every situation.

20 We actually found it's not as good for
21 meeting note taking, surprisingly, as this other
22 option that we've been evaluating.

1 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, I have noticed
2 recently that stuff is popping up when I'm in
3 meetings, that there are these AI things that
4 take notes, and it does a really good job of
5 notes. So, are we using any of that?

6 MR. BUCK: Well, and that's what we're
7 evaluating, and we're working with general
8 counsel so that we don't -- we don't want it
9 applied to every single meeting, right? We need
10 to have good training in place for our staff so
11 that somebody doesn't join a confidential
12 meeting, and then inadvertently note take, and
13 then send that out, right?

14 So, there is a lot of ins and outs with
15 this that we want to make sure we do it right,
16 and not just throw it out there, and then have
17 other issues.

18 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: All right, thank
19 you. Any commissioners online, any questions?
20 Commissioner Murphy, are you moving to unmute
21 yourself?

22 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: No, I am

1 comfortable.

2 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, all right,
3 thank you. So, having said that, can we get a
4 motion -- it's been moved and seconded, so can
5 we get a roll call vote on Resolution 26-10 for
6 a contract for Microsoft Office 365?

7 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Sure.
8 Commissioner Rosa Burbridge? You're muted, so
9 star six to unmute yourself. Okay, I'm going to
10 move forward. Commissioner Chris Murphy?

11 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Yes.

12 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you.
13 Commissioner Jennifer Reed?

14 COMMISSIONER REED: Yes.

15 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you.
16 Commissioner Theresa Silla?

17 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Yes.

18 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you.
19 Commissioner Rosa Burbridge?

20 COMMISSIONER BURBRIDGE: Yes.

21 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you.
22 Commissioner Denise Blackson?

1 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Yes.

2 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you. And
3 Chairman Skinner?

4 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yes.

5 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you. The
6 resolution is approved.

7 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you.
8 So, the next resolution is 26-14, this is to
9 authorize execution of multiple contracts for
10 mold remediation services. And again we heard
11 from some of the testimony that mold is a
12 really, really big issue in many of our
13 properties. So, I think it's really important
14 for us to move forward, and get this contract in
15 place as soon as possible, so we can continue
16 the remediation that we have been doing, but we
17 need to do more.

18 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Are you ready?

19 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yes.

20 MS. SUMMERVILLE: All right.

21 Resolution 26-14, to authorize the execution of
22 multiple contracts for mold remediation

1 services. The purpose of this resolution is to
2 authorize the interim executive director to
3 enter into multiple contracts for mold
4 remediation with BILT, Kovayas, Launch, Salud,
5 Sandow, and Total Environmental for a term of
6 one year.

7 With annual amount up to \$75,000 per
8 contract, or for a possible aggregate not to
9 exceed \$450,000 subject to the availability of
10 funding. I'll just give you all -- I'm going to
11 kind of skip this one to just kind of the
12 amounts, because that was a question that was
13 brought up in our committee meeting, to address
14 the amounts, and if they would suffice, and last
15 the life cycle of the contract for the time
16 that's needed.

17 And so, Commissioner Silla, we have 6
18 contracts for \$75,000, that is a total of
19 \$450,000, and that is about, I spoke with CCD
20 and PMO, that's about 180 units that can be
21 covered with a price tag average of about \$2,500
22 dollars per unit. And so then we came back and

1 asked the question kind of in the fiscal year,
2 the average fiscal year '25, the average was
3 about 289 work orders for mold remediation.

4 However, in those work orders, staff
5 was able to handle some of those, because it was
6 just an issue of sometimes it was just an air
7 conditioning vent, or they needed to kind of
8 help with venting within the unit. So, it
9 wasn't always where there was mold that was
10 actually found.

11 And so we are actually confident in
12 that 180 number of units that we could possibly
13 cover with these 6 contractors is going to be
14 sufficient. And so we ran those numbers through
15 both PMO and CCD, and they seem to be happy with
16 what we actually are proposing to work for a
17 contractor, and the volume of which they'll be
18 able to address our mold issues.

19 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, I think it was
20 also former Commissioner Council had asked about
21 naming the six companies, and the companies are
22 listed in the resolution, right?

1 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Yes, they are, yes.

2 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: All right, okay.

3 COMMISSIONER SILLA: And Gene also
4 kindly called out who the awardees were, so
5 hopefully Commissioner Kenneth Council also
6 caught that.

7 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, sorry, are any
8 of those incumbents that are on the list?

9 MS. SUMMERVILLE: Well, Salud, Sandow,
10 and Total Environmental yes, have handled mold,
11 Launch has also handled mold remediation.
12 Kovayas is new to mold, but they are not new to
13 the Agency. They have contracts with
14 janitorial, they have I believe construction
15 contracts through CCD.

16 And then BILT is the only new name I
17 think that we have on the list, but their
18 scoring, and their proposal were well within --
19 responsible and cost reasonableness, we feel
20 like they are capable of doing the job, and then
21 we have performance ratings if they do not.

22 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I was a little bit
2 surprised by Commissioner Kenneth Council's
3 public testimony, and questions about mold
4 remediation. Because at the last hearing he had
5 really talked up the contractor who had done the
6 mold remediation in his particular unit, and had
7 said that that was exemplary.

8 So, we were hoping that this particular
9 resolution would be one that he would be
10 supportive of. And so I hope when he has an
11 opportunity to see who was selected, that part
12 of that jives with his experience with really
13 good mold remediation work. So, hopefully that
14 will be one outcome of this discussion and
15 adoption.

16 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, so having had
17 that, can we get a motion to approve Resolution
18 26-14 to authorize contracts for mold
19 remediation services?

20 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Motion.

21 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: And a second?

22 COMMISSIONER BURBRIDGE: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Any further
2 discussion? Any commissioners online? Let me
3 see, nobody has their hand raised. If there's
4 no further discussion, can we get a roll call
5 vote?

6 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Sure.
7 Commissioner Jennifer Reed? Okay, I can come
8 back. Commissioner Denise Blackson?

9 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Yes.

10 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you.
11 Commissioner Rosa Burbridge?

12 COMMISSIONER BURBRIDGE: Yes.

13 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you.
14 Commissioned Chris Murphy?

15 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Yes.

16 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you.
17 Commissioner Theresa Silla?

18 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Yes.

19 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Thank you.
20 Commissioner Jennifer Reed?

21 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: She may have dropped
22 off.

1 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: Okay, so Chairman
2 Skinner?

3 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yes.

4 MS. HARDEMAN-JONES: That's five, the
5 resolution is approved.

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you.
7 Okay, Commissioner Silla, can you continue with
8 your Operations Committee report?

9 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Yes, so other
10 things that were discussed during the meeting
11 included a little bit of planning around the
12 move to work plan. The staff updated us to let
13 us know that there will be some changes, likely
14 not as many as the last time. And to think
15 through whether we needed an education symposium
16 to walk the Board through some of those updates.

17 We will evaluate the need for
18 scheduling an education symposium as we get
19 closer to drafting and finalizing that move to
20 work plan. We most certainly, we did talk about
21 this, make sure there is a presentation to
22 either the block by block, or the citywide

1 Advisory Board so that resident leaders are also
2 kept informed, and have an opportunity to
3 comment on the plan as well.

4 As part of that, we also flagged
5 resolutions for the Committee on Resident
6 Services, and whether it is appropriate to share
7 some of the resolutions that are being evaluated
8 at the Committee on Operations and
9 Administrative Services. We can continue to
10 talk about that, especially as we do our
11 strategic planning.

12 But I wanted to flag to you, chair,
13 that that was a part of the conversation. Now,
14 in the Board book for our committee, I think you
15 know we cover so many different areas of domain,
16 it's not possible for us to dive into all of
17 those different domains. So, we focused on HR
18 vacancies, security, and regulation and policy
19 updates.

20 So, under public safety we looked at
21 that section first, we did notice that there was
22 a surge in bar notices, it looks different than

1 the same time period last year. And the chief
2 had reassured us that this was in close
3 coordination and collaboration with the
4 reassignment of staff to specific properties
5 that have been identified as challenging to
6 ensure that we are following up on bar notices.

7 So, it seemed like it was very
8 intentional, and a very specific strategy. I
9 was therefore concerned about, and tracking the
10 comments on bar notices. So, we'll make sure as
11 a committee we follow back up to make sure that
12 the complaint and the concern being raised don't
13 give us a slightly different picture of what
14 might be happening on the ground, and the
15 pressures that residents are facing because of
16 this shift in policy.

17 HR vacancies, of course I think we all
18 know that due to the challenging fiscal
19 conditions there is a freeze in place since
20 November. And so we were reassured by the
21 executive director that HR will be planning to
22 repurpose certain duties, so that we can be

1 assured that all of the duties and
2 responsibilities, the critical ones are covered
3 throughout the Agency, despite the fact that
4 hiring is not possible right now given our
5 fiscal situation.

6 MS. WICKLIFFE: And I'll just add, so
7 certain positions we will backfill. As we heard
8 there is some police officer positions, housing
9 choice voucher side if we lose inspectors, so
10 we've got to keep the operations going, so those
11 positions are being backfilled if those
12 individuals leave.

13 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Thank you for that
14 clarification, I'm sure it's reassuring. With
15 regulation and policy updates, we walked through
16 the admin plan, the ACOP plan, made sure we were
17 on the same page. We do know we will likely be
18 adopting the final admin plan, and so we had a
19 conversation about the packet, and the contents
20 of the packet that will be escalated to the
21 Board for review, first to the Committee and
22 then the full Board.

1 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: And what is the
2 timing of that?

3 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I think June.

4 MS. GLASSMAN: That is the goal, it was
5 published in the D.C. Register approximately a
6 week or two ago, so it is presently out for what
7 should be the final public comment period.

8 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: That's 30 days, 60
9 days?

10 MS. GLASSMAN: 30 days.

11 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: 30 days, okay.

12 MS. GLASSMAN: And it's been posted on
13 our website, so we'll see if we get further
14 comments.

15 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: We will.

16 MS. GLASSMAN: Yeah, we got a lot last
17 time, so we've been very responsive to those.

18 COMMISSIONER SILLA: That's it.

19 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you,
20 Commissioner Silla.

21 COMMISSIONER SILLA: You're welcome.

22 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Next we're going to

1 go to the Committee on Resident Services.

2 Commissioner Blackson, are you -- I see you're
3 still on.

4 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Yes, I'm here.

5 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Good afternoon
7 everyone.

8 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Good afternoon.

9 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Yes, we had a
10 great meeting on the Committee on Resident
11 Services, we had a presentation from Mr. Shaw
12 with a lot of the questions that are often asked
13 here in the Board meetings, as well as in the
14 block by blocks. So, he gave a very detailed
15 and informative presentation. He covered things
16 like what is a voucher, the different types of
17 vouchers, how they are funded, the rules, the
18 portability, process for lease out.

19 And often times, I know I wanted to
20 know the rules and responsibility of each of the
21 HCVP staff. So, we got a very detailed
22 presentation from him, as well as a report from

1 Director Harris of the Office of Resident
2 Services with updates on the impact events from
3 February to April.

4 And I just want to say I really
5 appreciate the Office of Resident Services,
6 because I oftentimes attend a lot of their
7 events, or even educational sessions, or
8 trainings. I saw the enhancement center, and
9 show face, and meet some of the residents, and
10 get to talk to them about these events, and
11 education sessions that they receive, or
12 trainings.

13 So, I want to commend Director Harris
14 and his team for that. We also, at that
15 Committee meeting we discussed the block by
16 block. The block by block is an initiative
17 created with the residents in mind to give them
18 the collaboration with DCHA staff tasked with
19 training, other opportunities for resident
20 leaders to communicate with each other face to
21 face, where they oftentimes don't have that time
22 to do so.

1 But we bring everybody into one
2 session, be very transparent, and we have a
3 question session with the directory team. So,
4 we had a lot of questions this past block by
5 block, and I think PMO, Carolyn and her team did
6 a great job with answering. We had questions
7 like talking about the smoking, that was a big
8 concern.

9 And I've already seen signs and notices
10 posted since that block by block in some of the
11 properties, I've walked some of the properties,
12 and I've also been to some meetings, and some of
13 the different DCHA public housing properties.
14 Some of the other questions consisted of -- as
15 Commissioner Silla mentioned.

16 Property management and training, of
17 course the dogs and pets are a big topic at
18 every meeting. Even the resident council
19 meeting I attended yesterday, the dogs were a
20 big topic. So, this Committee is highly focused
21 on residents, and things that affect residents
22 directly.

1 And hearing straight from actually the
2 resident leaders, as well as the city wide
3 advisory board at the block by block, we
4 received updates from Erin Wilson about the bond
5 properties, and she covered things like
6 residents' rights, the financing, the tenant
7 protections, and the steps, and time lines.

8 So, I think we had a great meeting. As
9 well, don't let me forget, from DHS the new TANF
10 rules and regulations, that was very informative
11 and good to know the new steps that will be
12 taking place with TANF. Commissioner Silla, did
13 I leave out anything?

14 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER SILLA: No, Commissioner
16 Blackson, that was very comprehensive, thank
17 you.

18 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Thank you,
19 Commissioner Blackson.

20 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: And one, let me
21 ask Commissioner Murphy, because he had sent it,
22 and he was present --

1 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Yeah, I was just
2 going to jump in to appreciate you, Commissioner
3 Blackson. It was such a good meeting, the
4 attendees were so engaged, just a really, really
5 important vehicle for us to be able to share
6 information with them, and get their feedback.
7 And I'm just so grateful that you organized
8 that, because they're just quite powerful. So,
9 thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: You're welcome.

11 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you,
12 Commissioner Blackson. And commissioner Murphy,
13 since you're unmuted, I'm going to call on you
14 for the Capital Projects Committee report.

15 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Okay, terrific,
16 thank you, Mr. Chairman. We did sort of a
17 preliminary dive into the capital spend numbers,
18 and into the latest urgent needs update numbers.
19 But I think we all agree that, including the
20 staff team, that the data we were looking at
21 wasn't quite what we needed.

22 So, we've asked, and I know they were

1 under the gun, getting ready for the oversight
2 hearing, and they have a bunch of crises. So, I
3 appreciate that, so we've asked them to come
4 back next month with a little bit more specific
5 information, and updated information, and we're
6 excited for that conversation coming up in a
7 couple weeks.

8 We also got a bit of an update on the
9 IRB funded projects, the nine funded, bond
10 supported projects. And I don't know if
11 Director Wickliffe, if you want to say anything,
12 but the resident meetings and the other resident
13 briefings that have been going on sound like
14 they've been going really well.

15 And I appreciate the team has sort of
16 used this as an opportunity to kind of design a
17 resident communication strategy that they're
18 able to replicate at all the properties as they
19 do these briefings. So, great to hear that
20 that's happening, and we'll look forward to
21 hearing more.

22 And then we will also, we talked about

1 the line of credit, we'll get an update on that
2 at our next meeting as well, and I think we've
3 talked about this, we've asked for monthly
4 updates on the line of credit, what we're
5 drawing down, and what the payback schedule is
6 looking like.

7 Because we want to kind of bird dog
8 that, and make sure that things are looking as
9 conservative as we want them to be. We want to
10 make sure that we're keeping an eye on that. I
11 think that's probably where I would stop.
12 Director, I don't know if you want to add
13 anything about any of that?

14 MS. WICKLIFFE: No, I didn't have
15 anything to add. Thank you, that was great.
16 Erin and Sheila are actually attending something
17 else, so they have been facilitating the
18 meetings, they have been great they said. And
19 we'll just continue that momentum, and coming
20 back as we get more information.

21 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: That's great, and
22 Erin did the presentations on the IRB projects

1 to the block by block group, she did a really
2 nice job. And I think part of it is just coming
3 clean and saying to residents we have not done a
4 good enough job of keeping you in the loop on
5 these things in the past, and we are going to
6 work to fix that.

7 So, I appreciated her just making that
8 concession, because I think it's important that
9 we admit where we've fallen down so that we can
10 get back up and do better.

11 MS. WICKLIFFE: Agree, thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: And I don't think
13 we have any resolutions, I know we don't have
14 any resolutions.

15 COMMISSIONER SILLA: We don't, but I
16 did want to make a comment if I might. And this
17 is associated with the feedback that we got from
18 Mr. Williams on the phone call. When he was
19 talking about some of the ways in which he feels
20 residents are not prioritized by developments,
21 so for example, and I think there was one
22 particular example that he gave that really

1 stuck out to me, right?

2 It was about the fact that one bedroom
3 units are so much cheaper to develop, and
4 therefore we do not develop enough of the larger
5 unit sizes. And then that made me think of this
6 extensive analysis that we actually did where
7 Sheila was helping us understand what the unit
8 cost associated with a particular development
9 was.

10 And I am so sorry, I do not recall the
11 development off the top of my head. But in that
12 we had itemized that a part of the reason why
13 the costs were so high was because we were
14 prioritizing larger bedroom sizes. And so I
15 just wanted to flag that there might be some
16 ways in which we are not communicating the work
17 that we are doing, and just how resident-
18 centered we are.

19 In even approving construction costs,
20 or total development costs, or per unit costs
21 that make us feel uncomfortable, but that we
22 know is necessary based on the bedroom sizes

1 that we want to achieve. And so just hearing
2 that comment, and recognizing the disconnect
3 with decisions that we are making, I just wanted
4 to speak to that disconnect kind of on the
5 record.

6 And to maybe encourage us to think
7 about when we're making decisions like that.
8 And it's hard to figure out what to communicate,
9 and how to communicate it. But maybe there's a
10 way in which we need to amplify when we are
11 assuming these higher costs for construction,
12 especially because we're working so hard to
13 provide the kinds of units that we know our
14 larger families need. So, just wanted to say
15 that.

16 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay. Commissioner
17 Murphy?

18 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: I agree.

19 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, so you're
20 done?

21 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: We are done,
22 yeah, we didn't have a resolution, so it takes -

1 - it's anti-climactic this month, I apologize.

2 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you.

3 So, I guess Commissioner Reed had to drop off,
4 she's in the midst of budget season. I don't
5 know if Commissioner Clay is prepared to talk
6 about the --

7 COMMISSIONER CLAY: I can just mention
8 one thing, I think there is a --

9 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, the Committee
10 on Budget and Audit.

11 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Okay, I will just -
12 - I actually have a question. The audit is due
13 June 1st, and that would be before our next
14 meeting. Historically we have had the Board
15 vote to accept the audit before the audit is
16 submitted, but I don't know that that's a
17 requirement, so.

18 MS. WICKLIFFE: Since this isn't our
19 -- this is the -- the single audit that we do
20 for HUD, we would definitely bring to you, but
21 this one is done through OIG Office.

22 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Through OIG, okay,

1 fair enough.

2 MS. GLASSMAN: The single audit due to
3 HUD is not due until the end of June. And so
4 right, both the June 1st is really the one
5 that's going to be submitted to the council, and
6 just the -- just financial statements, I mean
7 it's still important, I'm not trying to minimize
8 it, but it's not the -

9 (Simultaneous speaking.)

10 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Whether we vote or
11 not --

12 MS. GLASSMAN: It's going.

13 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Yeah, okay. So, we
14 should have another Board meeting before the
15 single audit.

16 MS. GLASSMAN: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Okay, that's really
18 all that I had that the team was working on, on
19 the audit.

20 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Can I ask, will
21 they give us a briefing on that?

22 MS. GLASSMAN: We should, I mean that's

1 what we did last year.

2 MS. WICKLIFFE: I'm hoping they will,
3 we'll circle back with them, because that's how,
4 as Amy said, we had a briefing last year with
5 the last firm.

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, just so I'm
7 clear, the audit is due June 1st?

8 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Yes, so the OIG
9 audit is due June 1st.

10 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, and that's the
11 one that CLA is working on, right?

12 COMMISSIONER CLAY: They're doing both,
13 that's the one that the council, that's in the
14 D.C. law that the OIG has to do with the Agency.
15 And then there's the single audit that has to go
16 through federal government, that's the --

17 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Right, okay. So, I
18 guess my question is will it be completed by the
19 June 1st deadline?

20 COMMISSIONER CLAY: I don't think we
21 have a choice, but the question is that I think
22 we still don't know is what will be the outcome

1 of it. But it will be done.

2 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: It will be done, but
3 the question is whether it's a, I guess clean,
4 is that the term, clean audit?

5 COMMISSIONER CLAY: Or how clean, or
6 how --

7 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Well, right, and
8 we should expect, just to manage all of our
9 expectations, we should expect that we don't
10 think all of the previous findings will be
11 closed. There will be some that are likely to
12 remain open, not because great work hasn't been
13 done.

14 Part of it is because what great work
15 was done after the time period closed, and they
16 can't opine on that yet, right? So, we expect
17 good progress, but probably not -- no findings,
18 I think that would be overly optimistic, is that
19 fair?

20 COMMISSIONER CLAY: That's fair. And I
21 think there is also question as to what the
22 opinion will be, because there still are some

1 accounts that the team is working to reconcile,
2 and one of the big ones is the interagency. And
3 we even talked about that in the last hearing,
4 how significant interagency is, but that could
5 have an impact on what the audit opinion comes
6 out to be.

7 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, thank you,
8 Commissioner Clay. So, that's it for all of our
9 committee reports. Again, I want to thank the
10 committee chairs and members for really diving
11 in, and doing good work, and hard work, and
12 looking at some of the issues that affect us on
13 a day to day basis.

14 So, next is commissioners time, and let
15 me start out with a couple things that I want to
16 mention, and then I'll open it up for all of the
17 commissioners. First thing is, as you know,
18 we're going to do a search for a new executive
19 director. There's an RFP that has been posted
20 to the website, the responses are due May the
21 18th. We will follow the same process that Gene
22 talked about earlier in terms of our

1 procurement.

2 In terms of the RFP, and going through
3 a process of looking at the responses, and
4 scoring the responses, and selecting the best
5 firm that would work with us in terms of
6 reaching out to the universe and getting
7 potential candidates to fill the position. So,
8 we've appointed -- I have appointed a board
9 Search Committee to work together on that
10 selection process.

11 And that consists of Commissioner
12 Silla, Commissioner Clay, Commissioner Blackson,
13 and myself as chair. So, we will be the ones
14 ultimately responsible for first reviewing the
15 responses for the selection of the search firm.
16 And then once we'll start working with the
17 search firm to identify candidates, and
18 interview candidates.

19 And the Search Committee of the Board
20 will make a recommendation to the full Board for
21 selecting a candidate. So, that process could
22 take several months, but I would certainly like

1 to have a new person identified and selected by
2 the fall. Second, I think it just came up very
3 briefly in one of the comments earlier.

4 The election for our resident
5 commissioner on the Board again, as part of the
6 new law, we are having an election for two
7 resident commissioners. The first one is
8 underway, I think the voting is starting next
9 week.

10 MS. GLASSMAN: It's in a week or two,
11 there's a forum, I think on the 18th, and then
12 yeah --

13 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, my understanding
14 is that there are --

15 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: The 21st and
16 22nd.

17 MS. GLASSMAN: Thank you, thank you,
18 imminent, yes.

19 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, yeah. My
20 understanding is that there are four candidates
21 that have been qualified, there will be the
22 forum for residents to talk with those four

1 candidates, and then the election, Commissioner
2 Blackson, you said 21st and 22nd?

3 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Yes, the forum
4 is on the 18th, the voting is on the 21st and
5 22nd.

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Yeah. So, if
7 everything goes okay then we could possibly have
8 a resident commissioner by the June meeting.
9 So, keep your fingers crossed, and hopefully we
10 can get that through.

11 COMMISSIONER CLAY: How will the -- how
12 can we view the forum, or is it in person, or?

13 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I just asked that,
14 I'm just sending Alethea a message, or whomever
15 --

16 MS. GLASSMAN: I was going to say is
17 anyone, is Alethea --

18 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, we'll find out.

19 MS. GLASSMAN: We'll find out, yeah.

20 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, hopefully it's
21 posted on the website, and --

22 MS. GLASSMAN: It is, there is

1 information about the voting on our website, and
2 about the forum, and certainly we encourage all
3 residents to attend the forum, to vote.

4 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Those meeting
5 highlights have been super helpful in making
6 sure that we make it to some of these events.
7 So, if that's possible, if you could send
8 something out? That would be helpful, we can
9 put it on our calendars.

10 MS. GLASSMAN: Well, it's also a
11 resident thing though, so I don't know if we're
12 -- but yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Just to support
14 --

15 MS. GLASSMAN: Okay, because I was
16 going to say, I don't know if we're invited or
17 not.

18 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I understand.

19 MS. GLASSMAN: I didn't know who all
20 was invited to the forum. I'd just have to
21 double check, because it's not a -- I'll double
22 check.

1 COMMISSIONER SILLA: Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: And finally again, a
3 bit of bad news which I mentioned earlier. That
4 Commissioner Jim Dickerson had to resign from
5 the Board. So, we want to recognize, and honor
6 him for his service. He has really been a
7 stalwart not only here on the Board, but in his
8 work throughout the District for over 50 years I
9 believe.

10 So, we do have a resolution that we
11 will present to him, and I'll just briefly
12 summarize, I'm not going to read all of the
13 whereases, because there are a lot of whereases,
14 so I'll just briefly summarize. Whereas Jim
15 Dickerson has been intimately involved in
16 affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization,
17 ending generational poverty and homelessness in
18 Washington, D.C. for over 45 years.

19 And whereas Jim Dickerson recognizes
20 the value of need for investing in affordable
21 housing to build neighborhoods, and support
22 families, and build strength through community

1 and home ownership. And whereas Jim Dickerson
2 founded MANNA, a vital organization creating low
3 to moderate income housing for families.

4 And whereas Jim Dickerson was
5 instrumental in establishment of the Coalition
6 for non-Profit Housing and Economic Development.
7 And whereas Jim Dickerson accepted the call when
8 he was appointed to serve on the DCHA
9 Stabilization and Reform Board, the so-called
10 STAR Board, in 2022, and has served with honor
11 and distinction.

12 Serving on the Capital Projects
13 Committee, now therefore it is proclaimed that
14 the DCHA Board of Commissioners, through the
15 adoption of this proclamation to recognize
16 James, Jim, Dickerson for his dedication to
17 service in the mission of DCHA, and to sincerely
18 thank him for his commitment to DCHA residents.

19 It's adopted by the Board of
20 Commissioners, and signed this 13th day of May,
21 2026. So, for the record we want to establish
22 that. Okay, so that's all I have. So, anyone

1 else? Commissioner Clay?

2 COMMISSIONER CLAY: So, I will use my
3 commissioner's time just to also go on the
4 record to speak on Commissioner Dickerson, and
5 what he has meant to the Board, what he has
6 meant to the committees that I have served on
7 with him. Not only did he bring a great deal of
8 experience and knowledge to this Board, but he
9 brought something that I think I certainly
10 aspire to, and I think we all could.

11 It is a genuine heart for this work. He
12 cared, and it was evidenced in everything that
13 he did on this Board. And I think that he set
14 an example for personally me, and I'm just
15 thankful for his service.

16 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Commissioner Murphy?

17 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: I could not agree
18 more, I think Commissioner Clay put it
19 eloquently, and I completely agree. I miss him
20 already, I feel like he was sort of the soul of
21 the Board in a way, and it will be nice to maybe
22 get some reinforcement coming down the road.

1 But I miss him, and he's just done so much for
2 our city, and I had the pleasure of going to his
3 church with my son, and just an incredibly
4 moving experience, and just I'm really going to
5 miss him.

6 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Commissioner Silla?

7 COMMISSIONER SILLA: I reiterate
8 everything that's been said about Commissioner
9 Dickerson, he will be missed. It was such a
10 pleasure to serve alongside him. I wanted to
11 use a little bit of my commissioner's time to
12 uplift Commissioner Blackson's block by block,
13 to recognize its value, similar to how
14 Commissioner Murphy recognized its value
15 earlier.

16 And to flag that supporting the block
17 by block also means supporting food for the
18 resident leaders, it's a full day meeting and
19 engagement. So, just wanted to uplift that
20 concern, and hopefully we can work towards a
21 resolution on making sure there is some form of
22 budget that supports that kind of engagement,

1 especially until we are able to get out and do
2 our roving meetings.

3 That is really the platform that we
4 have available to interact with residents,
5 resident leaders, so I would like to just uplift
6 that for our consideration.

7 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, anything else?

8 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Thank you,
9 Commissioner Silla, I agree.

10 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, if there's --

11 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Let me say one
12 thing, chair.

13 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: I have also had
15 the pleasure of working with Jim prior to his
16 role here at DCHA as an outreach specialist, and
17 presenting to MANNA, and the attendees at the
18 MANNA events. So, I just want to say he was
19 very pleasant always, and great to work with.

20 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Okay, if there is
21 nothing else, then the next Board of
22 Commissioners meeting will be held on Wednesday,

1 June 10th, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

2 Information regarding viewing or participating
3 in the meeting can be found at www.dchousing.org
4 unless we are able to do all the coordination
5 that we need to do to have the meeting at
6 another location by the June meeting. So, with
7 that I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

8 COMMISSIONER BLACKSON: Motion.

9 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: Seconded. All in
10 favor, aye.

11 (Chorus of aye.)

12 CHAIRMAN SKINNER: So, the meeting is
13 adjourned at 3:02 p.m. Thank you, everyone.

14 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
15 went off the record at 3:02 p.m.)
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