

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE  
AUGUST 21, 2017

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Seattle (“Seattle Housing Authority” or “SHA”) met in regular session on August 21, 2017, at SHA’s Central Office Building located at 190 Queen Anne Avenue North, Seattle, Washington. Board Chair Debbie Thiele called the meeting to order at 5:02p.m. Kimberly Garrett performed a roll call for Board Commissioners in attendance. Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

Present:       Debbie Thiele, Chair  
                  Emily Abbey, Vice-Chair  
                  Ahmed Abdi (Arrived during Public Comment)  
                  Zachary DeWolf (Arrived during Public Comment)  
                  Dr. Paula Houston  
                  David Moseley

Absent:         Jermaine Smiley

Public Comment

Tom Whitman  
Bethany Hill  
Susan Hill  
Marguerite Richard

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Thiele presented the Consent Agenda, which included approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of July 17, 2017; minutes from the Regular Board Briefing of August 14, 2017; and, the Expenditure Certification Reports (Authorization to Pay Outstanding Obligations of Salaries and Claims for the Period of July 1 through July 31, 2017).

Commissioner Moseley moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Commissioner DeWolf. Hearing no questions or comments, Commissioner Thiele called for a vote. The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously by those Board members

present (6 yes 0 no). It was made of note that Commissioners Abdi and DeWolf had joined the meeting during the Public Comment period.

### Regular Agenda

#### Resolution No. 5134 - Adopting a Policy Creating a Family Access Supplement for Voucher Holders who Rent in Designated Seattle Neighborhoods

Commissioner Houston moved for consideration of Resolution No. 5134; it was seconded by Commissioner Abbey. Executive Director Andrew Lofton and Policy & Strategic Initiatives Director Andria Lazaga presented Resolution No. 5134 to the Board and recommended adoption of the resolution.

Resolution No. 5134 would adopt the Family Access Supplement (FAS), which will provide additional rental assistance to increase the ability of voucher families with children to lease units in designated opportunity neighborhoods by supplementing the Voucher Payment Standard (VPS) to better align with actual market rents in these neighborhoods. The goal of the FAS is to increase the number of voucher families with children living in higher opportunity neighborhoods.

After further comments, Commissioner Thiele called for a vote of Resolution No. 5134. Resolution No. 5134 was approved by majority vote of the Board present (6 yes; 0 no).

#### Resolution No. 5135 - Adopting a Policy for the Temporary Targeting of Vouchers for Families with Children

Commissioner DeWolf moved for consideration of Resolution No. 5135; it was seconded by Commissioner Moseley. Policy and Strategic Initiatives Director Andria Lazaga presented Resolution No. 5135 to the Board and recommended adoption of the resolution.

Resolution No. 5135, a companion piece to Resolution No. 5134, would implement a temporary targeting of vouchers to enhance opportunities for families to receive housing assistance and to leverage additional resources to develop and implement effective strategies to increase their access to housing in opportunity neighborhoods. In addition, it would lessen a decline in the proportion of families with children served by SHA. These families will be pulled

from the 2017 HCV waitlist, as well as a random drawing of families with children from the pool of 2017 lottery registrants so that SHA is able to meet CMTO issuance targets.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Commissioner Thiele called for a vote of Resolution No. 5135. Resolution No. 5135 was approved by majority vote of the Board present (6 yes; 0 no).

### State Legislative Update

Intergovernmental Relations Director Lisa Wolters gave a brief update to the Board that the State Legislature had just adjourned from their third session in July, so information will still be forthcoming. The final operating budget summary was \$2.1 billion above maintenance level, with the greatest increases being \$1.8 B for K-12 public school, \$102 M for behavioral health, and \$75 M for higher education.

The legislature failed to pass a Capital Budget, which is significant in the housing community, because therefore there is no Housing Trust Fund. All of Housing Trust Fund, HOME, and National Housing Trust Fund projects that are in construction or in contract negotiation will not be affected. The Legislature has passed, and the Governor has signed, an interim Capital Budget on July 1, which effectively re-appropriated all of prior biennia funding. However, with no Capital Budget, there will not be a Stage 2 solicitation for the Housing Trust Fund.

### Employment & Education Overview

Mr. Lofton introduced Anne Keeney, Employment and Self Sufficiency Administrator for the Housing Operations Department, who gave an overview of new adult employment services aimed to support working age residents to become more economically secure and self-sufficient.

In line with SHA's Mission Statement, the goal of the program redesign is to increase self-sufficiency for SHA's workable population and assist them in moving up the ladder of the economic stability through program objectives. These objectives focus on stability, education, and employment; an increased emphasis on education and training in high-demand industry sectors by providing career navigation services that help individuals identify, prepare for, and connect to education and employment opportunities within these occupations. There will be a

stronger focus on data and evaluation to help increase accountability and SHA's ability to evaluate its programs and strategies.

#### Executive Director Report

In the interest of time, Mr. Lofton asked for inquiries from the Board regarding specific questions about the report submitted to the Board. Commissioner Moseley inquired as to any input SHA had regarding the City-approved Fair Chance ordinance, which stipulates that criminal background checks may not be used in consideration of renting to an applicant. He also complimented the KPI's report for its comprehensive format. Board Chair Thiele reported to the Board that correspondence sent to the Commissioners via the Executive Office will be listed in the Executive Director Report in the future.

Commissioner Thiele asked if there were any further questions or comments from staff, or from her colleagues on the Board. Hearing none, the August 21, 2017 regular session of the Board adjourned at 6:27p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer