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SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD BRIEFING  
MEETING AGENDA

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LOCATION Seattle Housing Authority, Jesse Epstein Rm, First Floor, 190 Queen Anne Ave N

DATE Monday, February 13, 2017 4:30pm-6:00pm (NEW Briefing time)

BOARD ATTENDEES Emily Abbey, Vice-Chair David Moseley  
Ahmed Abdi Zachary DeWolf  
Dr. Paula Houston Jermaine Smiley  
Deborah Canavan Thiele, Chair

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DISTRIBUTION SHA Board of Commissioners; Cabinet

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Commissioner Roll Call

AGENDA:

- SHA Board Development Work Program

Board Debbie Thiele opened the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

All Commissioners were present and accounted for.

## MEETING NOTES

Review 2/21/17 Regular Board Meeting Agenda and Updates

### SHA Board Development Work Program

The focus of the meeting was on SHA Board development. The entire meeting was dedicated to explore ways in which the Board can work together, be more effective, clarifying responsibilities, identifying Commissioner interests and priorities, and preparing for the work identified for 2017. Steve Boyd of MacDonald Boyd and Associates facilitated the discussion.

In November 2016, Mr. Boyd interviewed each Commissioner individually and came up with key themes among the group that arose during the conversations:

- More connection with other Commissioners on both a formal level (what do they bring to the Board) as well as informal level (who are they)
- SHA financing needs more in-depth explanation
- Provide clarity between policies and procedures
- SHA focus should be on the homeless issue for continued success
- More information sharing and communication from Andrew and the Cabinet so Commissioners are better informed and have a better understanding of current SHA issues

Three common themes were expressed among the Commissioners; discussions included rescheduling Board Briefing time from morning to late afternoon, social time for the Board was encouraged to become better acquainted with each other, as well as definition of roles of the Board. Commissioner Thiele turned the meeting over to Steve Boyd for facilitation of the meeting.

## OUTCOMES

### Overall

*Continue to enhance our Board knowledge and professionalism to positively affect the lives of low income families by providing quality housing options*

- *Participate in a team development activity to better understand fellow board members -- their work styles and Learning styles*
- *Discuss ideas clarifying Board focus areas and setting agenda priorities*

- *Identify suggestions to improve Board member engagement and enhance structures and processes for meetings*
- *Using a mini-assessment, clarify Commissioner interests for improvement*
- *Continue to learn from each other (and have fun!) as we deepen our professional and personal commitments and relationships.*

Board Chair Thiele adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer