
SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD BRIEFING
MEETING AGENDA

LOCATION	Seattle Housing Authority, Jesse Epstein Rm, First Floor, 190 Queen Anne Ave N	
DATE	Monday, July 11, 2016 8:00 am – 9:30 am	
BOARD ATTENDEES	Aser Ashkir Emily Abbey Dr. Paula Houston Deborah Canavan Thiele, Chair	David Moseley Zachary Pullin Jermaine Smiley
DISTRIBUTION	SHA Board of Commissioners; Cabinet	

Commissioner Roll Call

AGENDA:

1. Self-Sufficiency/Graduation Rates Definition Matt Helmer-20 min
2. Proposed Pilot – School Stability for Neighborhood Transformation Andria Lazaga-25 min
3. Voucher Utilization Update Cynthia West-5 min
4. Board Positions Discussion Andrew Lofton-5 min

Executive Director Andrew Lofton opened the meeting at 8:11 am.

Commissioners Ashkir, Houston, Moseley and Thiele were absent from the Briefing.

MEETING NOTES

Review 7/18/16 Regular and Board Meeting Agenda and Updates

Self-Sufficiency/Graduation Rates Definition

Sr. Policy Analyst Matt Helmer presented to the Board on Self Sufficiency & Graduation Rates **Definition. One of SHA's primary goals of our mission is to assist residents in gaining economic** self-sufficiency in order to further their lives past subsidized housing needs and, as a result, to serve more of those in need of affordable housing. In order to measure and set goals for a successful outcome, SHA would need to define what economic self-sufficiency would be for our residents and develop baseline goals to target graduation rates of families transitioning from subsidy. Self-sufficiency is often situational, and can be unique to each family. A definition would also assist in aligning SHA with partner agencies to guide strategies to track measures and recognize progress towards economic security and self-sufficiency for families, and fill gaps where needed.

Proposed Pilot – School Stability for Neighborhood Transformation

Policy & Strategic Initiatives Director Andria Lazaga reported to the Board that SHA is embarking on a proposed pilot at Bailey Gatzert Elementary School, located in the heart of the Yesler neighborhood, to serve families of students in a housing crisis. Currently, nearly 60 students (in 36 families) are literally homeless, or with unstable housing, representing 17% of students at the school. Housing instability contributes to increased academic challenges (absences and chronic absenteeism) and low-income students miss four times more school than more financially affluent children. The goals of this pilot are to continue to transform the Yesler neighborhood through access to quality schools and education, and to reduce school and classroom instability for students experiencing homelessness by increasing housing stability for them and their families. Through a collective effort of active partnership and participation with Seattle School District, the City of Seattle, service providers and Yesler neighborhood property owners, we hope to support families to become invested and living in the neighborhood where their children attend school.

The pilot is going out for public comment and will be reintroduced to the Board for action in August 2016.

Voucher Utilization Update

HCV Program Analyst Michelle Hoang reported that, to date in 2016, SHA has served an additional 106 households, and utilization increased by .08% from May 2016 to June 2016 (from 90.56% to 90.64%).

Board Positions

Currently, the position of Vice-Chair of the SHA Board of Commissioners is vacant. Commissioner Thiele will be reaching out among the Board to solicit interest in those willing to serve in the position. Nominations and voting will take place at the next Board Meeting.

Executive Director Lofton adjourned the meeting at 9:06 am.

Secretary-Treasurer