

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE
APRIL 18, 2016

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Seattle (Seattle Housing Authority) met in regular session on April 18, 2016, at the Seattle Housing Authority's Central Office Building located at 190 Queen Anne Avenue North, Seattle, Washington. Board Chair Nora Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. Kimberly Garrett called a roll call for Board Commissioners in attendance. Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

Present: Nora Gibson, Chair
 Emily Abbey
 Aser Ashkir
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 Debbie Thiele, Vice-Chair

Absent: Zachary Pullin
 Jermaine Smiley

Public Comment.

Consent Agenda. Commissioner Chair Gibson presented the Consent Agenda, which included approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2016; minutes of the Regular Board Briefing of April 11, 2016; and, the Expenditure Certification Report (Authorization to Pay Outstanding Obligations of Salaries and Claims for the Period March 1 through March 31, 2016). Commissioner Ashkir moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Abbey. Hearing no discussion, Commissioner Gibson called for a vote, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda

Resolution No. 5099 – 2016-20 SHA Strategic Plan

Commissioner Abbey moved for consideration of Resolution No. 5099 and Commissioner Ashkir seconded the motion. Executive Director Andrew Lofton presented Resolution No. 5099 and recommended adoption of the Plan by the Board. This resolution authorizes the Executive Director to implement SHA's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, which would allow SHA to implement the plan through its operations, annual budget and Moving to Work efforts. The plan is a culmination of input, effort and feedback over the past year from staff, Commissioners, stakeholders and residents to identify the future plans and goals strategically for the agency. The plan captures relevant and important areas of interest, and reflects not just the intent of the plan, but how the agency will go about executing it.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote. Resolution No. 5099 was approved unanimously.

Executive Director

Executive Director Andrew Lofton announced to the Board that the agency received a letter of agreement from HUD, executing the extension for the MTW agreement through 2028. After almost two years of negotiation with HUD, this is a major accomplishment. This agreement indicates that the agency will continue its MTW authority under the same terms and conditions through 2028. For the purpose of clarification, and to codify the agreement with HUD going forward, the agency will respond to HUD in a way that accepts this as a two-party agreement, and not a unilateral action by HUD.

Calendar of Events

Executive Director Lofton invited the Board to attend the SHA Annual Anniversary Luncheon for staff to celebrate milestone years working at SHA.

Mr. Lofton invited Commissioner Ashkir to share with the Board that he would be leaving his residency from SHA housing and is moving to private market housing.

Media Clips

Communications Director Kerry Coughlin spoke of the recent announcement of the Mayor's Digital Equity Initiative, which in partnership with Google grants, would provide free Wi-Fi to approximately 400 SHA households with school age children, as well as a few of the surrounding community centers around Seattle. In addition, Ms. Coughlin reported that Comcast is now offering discounted internet services to all public housing residents. There also was media coverage around the construction progress at Yesler.

Commissioner Gibson asked if there were any further questions or comments from staff, or from her colleagues on the Board. Hearing none, the April 18, 2016 regular session of the Board adjourned at 5:32p.m. Ms. Gibson then opened up the SHA Annual Meeting of the Board.

2016 Annual Meeting of the Board

Commissioner Roll Call

- Commissioner Pullin and Commissioner Smiley were absent.

SHA Annual Board Elections

The election of officers would serve through April 2017.

The motion was presented that Debbie Thiele serve as Board Chair and that Nora Gibson would serve as Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Ashkir moved, and Commissioner Abbey seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the motioned was approved unanimously.

The Board Chair asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, the April 18, 2016 annual session of the Board adjourned at 5:39 p.m.


Secretary-Treasurer