MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE
OCTOBER 14, 2019

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Seattle (“Seattle Housing Authority” or “SHA”) met in Regular Session on October 14, 2019, 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 5:07 p.m. Kimberly Garrett performed a roll call for Board Commissioners in attendance. Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

Present:  Debbie Thiele, Chair
          Michael Diaz
          Twyla Minor
          Gerald Smiley

Absent:  Dr. Paula Houston, Vice-chair
         Robert Crutchfield
         Paul Purcell

Public Comment

Dr. Jeffrey Perkins
Marguerite Richard
Michael B. Fuller

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Thiele presented the Consent Agenda, which included approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2019; the Regular Board Briefing of October 7, 2019; and, approval of the Expenditure Certification Report (Authorization to Pay Outstanding Obligations of Salaries and Claims for the Period of September 1 to September 30, 2019).

Commissioner Smiley moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was then seconded by Commissioner Diaz. Hearing no questions or comments, Commissioner Thiele called for a vote. The Consent Agenda was approved by majority vote of those Board members present at that time (1 yes; 1 abstention; 0 no).
Regular Agenda

Resolution No. 5172 – SHA Designated Line of Success

Commissioner Smiley moved for consideration of Resolution No. 5172; it was seconded by Commissioner Diaz. Executive Director Andrew Lofton presented Resolution No. 5172 to the Board and recommended adoption of the resolution.

Resolution No. 5172 authorizes a designated line of succession of SHA department directors to serve as Acting Executive Director in the absence of the Executive Director to provide for continuity of operations of the Authority during those periods when the Executive Director is not available.

Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thiele called for a vote. Resolution No. 5172 was approved by a majority vote of the Board present (4 yes; 0 no).

Resolution No. 5175 – SHA Annual MTW Plan

Commissioner Smiley moved for consideration of Resolution No. 5175; it was seconded by Commissioner Minor. Policy Director Andria Lazaga presented Resolution No. 5175 to the Board and recommended adoption of the resolution.

Resolution No. 5175 approves SHA’s planned activities, projections for units, vouchers and finances, and planned capital expenditures as part of the agency’s annual MTW Plan and authorizes the Executive Director to submit the Plan to HUD, as required.

Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thiele called for a vote. Resolution No. 5175 was approved by a majority vote of the Board present (4 yes; 0 no).

Resolution No. 5176 - SHA 2020 Budget

Commissioner Smiley moved for consideration of Resolution No. 5176; it was seconded by Commissioner Diaz. CFO Shelly Yapp presented Resolution No. 5176 to the Board and recommended adoption of the resolution.
Resolution No. 5176 adopts SHA’s Combined Operating and Capital Budget for 2020, which includes operating, capital, grant, and redevelopment expenditures, in total of $322.9M ($227M allocated towards operations, and $95.6M toward capital). This budget was developed consistent with SHA’s 2016-2020 Strategic Plan and MTW Agreement, as extended.

Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Thiele called for a vote. Resolution No. 5176 was approved by a majority vote of the Board present (4 yes; 0 no).

SHA Executive Director Report

Executive Director Andrew Lofton gave a warm welcome to the two new Resident Commissioners: Michael Diaz and Twyla Minor, expressing appreciation for their willingness to serve on the Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. He then extended an invite to the Board to attend the Boards and Commissions Appreciation event held by the City of Seattle on November 17 at City Hall. He also invited the Board to attend the October 17 SHA All Staff meeting if their schedules permitted.

Commissioner Smiley extended his thanks and appreciation to SHA for their hard work.

Commissioner Thiele then asked if there were any further questions or comments from staff, or from her colleagues on the Board. Hearing none, the October 17, 2019 Regular Session of the Board adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer