

# 10-21-21 Minutes

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

October 21, 2021

As permitted under the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, dated March 12, 2020 due to concerns of COVID-19 ("Executive Order"), the members of the Board of Commissioners will participate in the meeting via a teleconference connection at locations that may be located outside of the Agency's jurisdiction. Such locations shall not be publicly disclosed, nor shall such locations be open to the public as is expressly authorized by the Executive Order.

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara met in regular session on October 21, 2021, via teleconference. Chair Pearson convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present: Christian Alonso, Lisa Knox-Burns, Robert Doyle, Henry Mercado, and James Pearson. Commissioner John Lizarraga was absent.

Also present were Bob Havlicek, Secretary/Executive Director, Irene Melton, Director of Finance, John Polanskey, Director of Housing Development, Sanford Riggs, Director of Operations, Irene Vejar, Director of Human Resources, Nancy Wesoff, Director of Contract Administration and Compliance and Juan Garcia, Information Systems Manager.

### INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments were received.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Alonso, second by Commissioner Burns to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2021. Commissioner Doyle abstained. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director reported that staff in the Santa Maria area are busy relocating clients in building one of the Central Plaza Apartment complex and upgrades to the development are well underway.

Contrary to what was stated in the written report, the proposed development for Cypress and 7th Streets in Lompoc was not awarded tax credits due to a late appeal from a competing project.

Our agency continues to work closely with the police departments in Lompoc and Santa Maria to curtail gang activity near our developments. A shooting in Lompoc on the street outside one of our developments and an arrest at Depot Street occurred recently and our working relationship with the police departments has helped both of our agencies in the identification and apprehension of suspected criminals.

### APPROVAL OF OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

MOTION by Commissioner Doyle, second by Commissioner Mercado to approve the operation and management reports. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

**Resolution No. 2932** - Approval of Expenditure List as submitted, including meeting expenses. MOTION by Commissioner Doyle, second by Commissioner Mercado to adopt Resolution No. 2932. Irene Melton answered several questions to the satisfaction of the Board. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Burns reported that she had received an email from the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara requesting that she voice her support of a public/private partnership between the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara and a private investor to build homes for proposed middle income workforce housing in Santa Barbara. Commissioner Burns voiced her support as a member of the public. This report was informational only.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2933** - Proclaiming a Local Emergency, ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom dated March 20, 2020, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara for the period of 30 days pursuant to the Brown Act provisions.

MOTION by Commissioner Alonzo, second by Commissioner Doyle to adopt Resolution No. 2933. Bob Havlicek explained that this resolution will be required to be adopted every 30 days for the time period in which meetings are held remotely, in accordance with the Brown Act. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

**Resolution No. 2934** - Adoption of the 2022 Flat Rent Schedule for Public Housing.

MOTION by Commissioner Alonzo, second by Commissioner Doyle to adopt Resolution No. 2934. Sanford Riggs explained the reason for the Flat Rate schedule adjustment and answered questions to the Commissioners' satisfaction. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

(Government Code Section 54956.8).

Property: 3699 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, CA

Authority Negotiator: Bob Havlicek

Negotiating Parties: Potential Purchaser

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

The Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Santa Barbara reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

No reportable action was taken in the closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION by Commissioner Burns, second by Commissioner Doyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

James E. Pearson

Chair

Robert P. Havlicek, Jr.

Secretary/Executive Director