

## **MINUTES OF THE LONG BRANCH HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

**Consistent with the Executive Order issued by NJ Governor Murphy and as suggested by the CDC, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, it is safer and, therefore, recommended that the LBHA Board meeting scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020 have a conference call option.**

**LBHA therefore established a conference call option for the meeting for three (3) of the board members to call into the meeting. The remaining four (4) members will attend in-person, so that the required statutory quorum is met. The in-person meeting will require the Commissioners (as well as counsel, the Executive Director and Executive Assistant) to be spaced at least 6' apart around the room. Although senior staff of the LBHA, are dismissed from attending this meeting, if members from the public should show up, arrangements will be made to space them at least six feet apart from any other person.**

The Meeting Convened at 5:00 PM with the following persons present:

**In-Person:**

Donald Covin, Chairman  
Nekesha Marshall, Vice-Chairman  
Maritza Berrios, Commissioner  
Carl Jennings, Commissioner

**On Phone/Call in Meeting:**

Robert Vignolini, Commissioner  
Anita Clavering, Commissioner

**Absent:**

Dorthia Johnson, Commissioner

**Staff Present:** Gloria J. Wright, Executive Director  
Sophia Loren Banks, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Kevin McCann, Finance Director

The Chairman Covin announced that all cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate for the meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER - BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT: (READ BY ATTORNEY JOSEPH MANFREDI)**

In accordance with the Local Public Meetings Act of 1975 and as amended, advanced notice of the meeting including the agenda, was sent to the Local Newspapers, delivered to the City Clerk's Office, posted on the Long Branch Housing Authority Web Site, and posted at all Long Branch Housing Authority Offices at least (48 hours prior to the convening of the meeting).

## **CHAIRMAN COVIN LED THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Gloria J Wright, Executive Director opened the meeting with Roll Call. Commissioners present and absent are listed above.

## **NO PUBLIC PRESENT AT MEETING**

## **ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2020**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the public session of the regular meeting held October 19, 2020, second by Vice-Chairman Marshall -.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Ayes, Commissioners Vignolini, Clavering, Berrios, Jennings, Vice-Chairman Marshall, and Chairman Covin.

Opposed, None

Abstain, None

Absent, Commissioner Johnson

Motion, Carried

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Executive Director Wright provided the board with relevant activities and news for the month of October 2020. Executive Director Wright outlined and summarized the Executive Director's Report provided to the Board.

## **Resolution 11-01-2020 - Resolution approving the list of bills for October 2020, and authorizing the payment of bills**

Vice-Chairman Marshall stated that finance committee has reviewed the List of bills with the Finance Department and that all questions have been satisfied. Vice-Chairman Marshall requested a motion to accept and approve Resolution 11-01-2020 the List of Bills in the amount of **\$1,239,433.27** Vice-Chairman Marshall motioned, seconded by Commissioner Berrios.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Ayes, Commissioners Vignolini, Clavering, Berrios, Jennings, Vice-Chairman Marshall, and Chairman Covin.

Opposed, None

Abstain, None

Absent, Commissioner Johnson

Motion, Carried

**Resolution 11-02-2020 - Resolution approving the transaction, authorizing a contract for QPA services, authorizing an expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, subject to appropriations**

Vice-Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve and accept Resolution 11-02-2020 second by Commissioner Jennings.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Ayes, Commissioners Vignolini, Clavering, Berrios, Jennings, Vice-Chairman Marshall, and Chairman Covin.

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, Commissioner Johnson  
Motion, Carried

No public present

**Resolution 11-03-2020 - Resolution authorizing the transaction, authorizing an option to renew a contract for Supply and Delivery of Hot Water Heaters, authorizing an expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 per year, subject to appropriations**

Commissioner Berrios made a motion to approve and accept Resolution 11-03-2020 second by Vice-Chairman Marshall.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Ayes, Commissioners Vignolini, Clavering, Berrios, Jennings, Vice-Chairman Marshall, and Chairman Covin.

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, Commissioner Johnson  
Motion, Carried

No public present

**Resolution 11-04-2020 - Resolution authorizing the transaction, authorizing a contract for a temporary staffing agency, authorizing an expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$18,000, subject to appropriations.**

Commissioner Berrios made a motion to approve and accept Resolution 11-03-2020 second by Vice-Chairman Marshall.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Ayes, Commissioners Vignolini, Clavering, Berrios, Jennings, Vice-Chairman Marshall, and Chairman Covin.

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, Commissioner Johnson  
Motion, Carried

No public present

### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

No comments from the commissioners.

### **CLOSED SESSIONS**

Enter Closed Session at 5:18PM, to discuss certain personnel matters and litigation permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b). Discussions of the items in Closed Session will be disclosed to the public when the matter no longer requires closure from the public.

Exit Closed Session, return to Public Session at 5:26PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further matters of discussion for the Board of Commissioners Meeting of November 16, 2020 Commissioner Vignolini made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jennings.

All in Favor, All Ayes

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, Commissioner Johnson  
Motion, Carried

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:30PM**

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Gloria J Wright, Secretary

Date