

# **MINUTES OF THE LONG BRANCH HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MARCH 15, 2021**

**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, March 15, 2021 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, Chairperson  
Nekesha Marshall, Vice-Chairperson  
Carl Jennings, Commissioner

**On Phone/Call in Meeting:**

Robert Vignolini, Commissioner  
Maritza Berrios, Commissioner  
Anita Clavering, Commissioner

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

The Chairperson 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).

## **CHAIRPERSON 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 FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of the public session of the regular meeting held February 16, 2021, second by Commissioner Vignolini.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

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

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, None  
Motion, Carried

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Executive Director Wright provided the board with relevant activities and news for the month of February 2021. Executive Director Wright outlined and summarized the Executive Director's Report provided to the Board.

## **Resolution 03-01-2021 - Resolution approving the list of bills for February 2021, and authorizing the payment of bills**

Vice-Chairperson Marshall stated that finance committee has reviewed the List of bills with the Finance Department and that all questions have been satisfied. Vice-Chairperson Marshall requested a motion to accept and approve Resolution 03-01-2021 the List of Bills in the amount of **\$1,264,843.95** Vice-Chairperson Marshall motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jennings.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

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

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, None  
Motion, Carried

**Resolution 03-02-2021 - Resolution approving the transaction, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for use of the Adam Bucky James Center, ratifying past actions**

Commissioner Vignolini made a motion to approve and accept Resolution 03-02-2021, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Marshall.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

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

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, None  
Motion, Carried

**Resolution 03-03-2021 - Resolution approving the transaction, approving the LBHA Annual Plan for FY2022, approving the revised Housing Choice Voucher (formerly Section 8) Program Administrative Plan, authorizing the submission of the Annual Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Commissioner Vignolini made a motion to approve and accept Resolution 03-03-2021, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Marshall.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

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

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, None  
Motion, Carried

**Resolution 03-04-2021 - Resolution authorizing a Closed Session of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on March 15, 2021**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve and accept Resolution 03-04-2021, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Marshall.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

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

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, None  
Motion, Carried

**OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 5:21PM**

**Resolution 03-05-2021 - Resolution approving the transaction, granting access to New Jersey Natural Gas Company to enter onto the grounds and buildings at Sea View Manor for environmental site remediation**

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve and accept Resolution 03-05-2021, seconded by Commissioner Berrios.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

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

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, None  
Motion, Carried

**Resolution 03-06-2021 - Resolution Executive Director contract renewal 2021-2022**

Vice-Chairperson Marshall made a motion to approve and accept Resolution 03-06-2021, seconded by Commissioner Berrios.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

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

Opposed, None  
Abstain, None  
Absent, None  
Motion, Carried

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

**NO COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further matters of discussion for the Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 15, 2021 Commissioner Jennings made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Vignolini.

All in Favor, All Ayes

Opposed, None

Abstain, None

Absent, None

Motion, Carried

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:25 PM**

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Gloria J Wright, Secretary

Date