

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
4731 NORTH BOULEVARD
MAY 9, 2019 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in Regular Session on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 12:00 pm in the Main Office located at 4731 North Boulevard.

Meeting Called to Order **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**

Invocation **Commissioner Chris Brown**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present: **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**
Commissioner Chris Brown
Commissioner Al Barron, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Helena Cunningham
Commissioner Tyra Banks

Members Absent: **Commissioner LaMiesa Bonton**
Commissioner Philip Smith, Jr.

QUORUM PRESENT

Public Comments

Commissioner Payton asked if there were any public comments to be made. None were voiced. Public comment period was closed.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1:
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST
BATON ROUGE PARISH HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD MARCH 14, 2019**

Motion was made by Commissioner Barron to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 14, 2019 and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

Mission Statement

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST
BATON ROUGE PARISH HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD APRIL 1, 2019.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Barron to approve the minutes for the special meeting held on April 1, 2019 and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
PRESENTATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Daniels presented the report. Partners Southeast had been awarded an additional \$1.155 million dollars for the Cypress River Flats project.

CEO had arranged a visit from the HUD Regional Administrator out of the Dallas-Fort Worth office. They would be talking about their different transformation visions regarding the repositioning. HUD was on a roadshow pushing RAD and other various repositioning strategies.

EBRPHA and community partners participated in ribbon cutting at River South. They were very excited about reactivating that space that had been vacant for quite some time. Mr. Daniels stated that they were working with the Otey White firm to finish up their 2018 Community Report.

There was some additional discussion regarding the date for the board retreat. A final decision was made to have the board retreat and the regular scheduled board meetings of EBRPHA and Partners on June 13th or June 20th.

This concluded the presentation of the Chief Executive Executive's report.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
A. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT**

Ms. Bayham presented the report. She stated that April and May financials were included in the board packets. The permanent transfer of the Plaquemine and OCD Housing Choice Voucher programs had been approved by HUD and would be finalized soon.

They had recently received their funding notice on Section 8 and were waiting for the final funding subsidy on Public Housing which should be the same as last year. There was some discussion regarding the new auditing firm, the audit itself and the delays surrounding it. It was felt that the reason for the delays was that the new firm was not prepared for some of the associated complications with their housing authority and had not allowed themselves ample time for preparation. After some time, the report was concluded after the discussion ended.

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B. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS

Ms. Traci Lang presented the report. She stated that all the AMPs and programs were in the black. COCC was the only program that was currently in the red due to lower operating revenue. The year to date deficit was \$6,209. Overall, for the entire organization, they were doing very well. The year to date surpluses for Partners: \$66, 360, AMP 1: \$142,234, AMP 2: \$116,748, AMP 3: \$45,394, AMP 4: \$28, 852, AMP 5: \$29, 630 and AMP 6: \$20,499. On the subsidy side, there was a surplus of \$614,016. This concluded the presentation of the report.

C. HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

This report was not addressed.

D. PUBLIC HOUSING

Ms. Ivra Amacker presented the report. To prepare for the REAC inspection in the short timeframe given, they had been walking the units to determine the high point items and correcting those things identified. She felt that they were being very proactive. This concluded the presentation of this report.

E. CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM

This report was not addressed.

F. HUMAN RESOURCES

This report was not addressed.

Commissioner Payton asked if there were any questions regarding any of the reports. None were voiced.

This concluded the presentation of the departmental reports.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5: PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT

This report was not presented.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6: NEW BUSINESS

No new business was addressed.

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:
ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Payton asked if there were any other matters that needed to be brought out in the meeting. None were voiced.

MEETING ADJOURNED

APPROVED:

Dianna Payton
Chair
East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority

J. Wesley Daniels, Jr.
Secretary/Chief Executive Officer
East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority