

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY  
OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, HELD ON  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2024

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Michigan City, Indiana held a regular board meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024. The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. and was held at Michigan City Housing Authority, 621 E. Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana 46360. Attendees at this meeting included Chairperson Robert Lonie, Vice Chairperson Tulani Reyna, Commissioner Stasi Benning, and Commissioner Michael Vinson. Attorney Tramel Raggs. Housing Authority employees included: Public Housing Manager LaSherie Garmon, Section 8 Housing Manager Angela May-Cooper, HCV specialist Luci Maney, and Finance Assistant Brittany Fulwider.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00pm.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The board stood for The Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL:**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Robert Lonie moved the meeting along by asking for the approval of the regular board meeting minutes from January 18, 2024. Commissioner Vinson motioned to approve the minutes with Commissioner Benning giving a second.

**AYES**

Michael Vinson  
Stasi Benning  
Tulani Reyna  
Robert Lonie

**NAYS**

**CARRIED**

**V. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS:**

Chairman Robert Lonie then gave an update to the public with visitors and meetings that have taken place within the week.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3-Minute limit):**

Odetta Crawford then stood and gave a public comment regarding her placement on the HCV waiting list. Attorney Tramel Raggs stated that he had an update for her and would speak with her after the meeting.

**VII. COMMUNICATION:**

**VIII. REPORTS:**

Chairman Robert Lonie then brought before the board the expenditures for The Housing Authority. Commissioner Vinson motioned to approve the expenditures and Commissioner Benning gave the second.

**AYES**

Michael Vinson  
Stasi Benning  
Robert Lonie  
Tulani Reyna

**NAYS**

**CARRIED**

Chairman Robert Lonie then called on Brittany Fulwider for an update on invoices. Brittany Fulwider stood and then informed the board of the progress within the finance department.

Chairman Robert Lonie then asked for Public Housing Manager LaSherie Garmon to give an update. Ms. Garmon stood and gave her report and updates within public housing.

Commissioner Benning then asked for a timeline on moving tenants in at Lakeland Estates and an update on Boulevard Gardens.

Chairman Lonie then called for a 5-minute recess.

Coming back from the recess, HCV Manager Angela May-Cooper stood and gave her report. Commissioner Vinson then asked about the Homeownership program. Commissioner Benning then asked a question regarding the repairs of those homes and who's responsible.

Attorney Tramel Raggs then informed the board that it is the responsibility of the tenant for the repairs of the home. Attorney Raggs then gave his brief report by piggybacking off of the Public Housing Manager.

Chairman Lonie then asked a question regarding the housing authority having an outreach program.

Chairman Robert Lonie then asked the Maintenance Supervisor Clemet Mogba for his report. Clemet Mogba stood and gave an update to the board.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Robert Lonie then presented a drafted resolution for an understanding with Michigan City Housing Development Inc. Commissioner Benning then asked for the resolution to be tabled to give everyone time to view the resolution. Commissioner Benning motioned to table the resolution with Commissioner Vinson giving a second.

### **AYES**

Michael Vinson  
Stasi Benning  
Robert Lonie  
Tulani Reyna

### **NAYS**

**CARRIED**

Chairman Robert Lonie then stated why the resolution was necessary. Attorney Tramel Raggs then explained the process of getting the titles for all the properties. Raggs continued to inform the board of what he did he was able to obtain as far as deeds.

Chairman Robert Lonie then touched base about keys and informed the public that The Michigan City Housing Authority takes the safety of their clients and staff seriously. Mr. Lonie then stated that he has been in contact with a security company to utilize a grant that was received.

The board then went into discussion regarding the modernization of locks on all properties.

Chairman Lonie then brought up the topic of a janitorial service to clean common areas and office. Ms. Garmon brought up hiring a tenant for the janitorial service.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Robert Lonie then informed the board and public of the status of the hiring of the Executive Director.

Chairman Robert Lonie then spoke about the status of BDO coming into the housing authority and assess.

The board then went into discussion regarding The Gary Housing Authority coming in to assist The Michigan City Housing Authority.

Commissioner Vinson then had a question regarding eLLOCS. Chairman Robert Lonie then gave clarity to Commissioner Vinson.

**XI. COMMISSIONER REMARKS (3-Minute limit):**  
**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Robert Lonie then entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Benning moved the motion with Commissioner Vinson giving the second. The ayes had the majority. The meeting was adjourned.

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Robert Lonie, MCHA Chairperson

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ATTEST: