

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY  
OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, HELD ON  
THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Michigan City, Indiana held a regular board meeting on Thursday, March 21, 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: Section 8 Housing Manager Angela May-Cooper, Public Housing Manager LaSherie Garmon, 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:**

Commissioner Conley was absent.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Robert Lonie called for the approval of the board minutes. Commissioner Michael Vinson moved to approve the minutes with the correction on the February 15, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Stasi Benning second the motion.

**AYES**

Michael Vinson  
Stasi Benning

**NAYS**

Tulani Reyna  
Robert Lonie

**CARRIED**

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

George Laudon a landlord with the HCV program then stood and addressed the board of commissioners and informed the board of his situation with the HCV department at The Michigan City Housing Authority.

Lakisha U. then stood before the board and informed them of her voucher situation with the HCV program. Chairman Robert Lonie informed the client that he would look into it and get back to her.

Terrance Catchings stood before the board and informed them of his current situation. Chairman Robert Lonie then informed Mr. Catchings that he would unfortunately have to wait until the list for public housing reopened or he could go to the Salvation Army and see if would qualify for a referral.

**VI. COMMUNICATION:**

Chairman Robert Lonie informed the board and public that there was a request for public records and that it was referred to the attorney and being taken care of.

**VII. REPORTS:**

Chairman Robert Lonie moved along the meeting by informing the board of the accounts payable report within their board packet. The board then review and asked questions regarding certain payments.

Commissioner Tulani Reyna motioned to approve the payables from The Michigan City Housing Authority. Commissioner Michael Vinson second the motion.

**AYES**

Michael Vinson  
Stasi Benning  
Tulani Reyna  
Robert Lonie

**NAYS**

**CARRIED**

Public Housing Manager LaSherie Garmon then presented her report to the board of commissioners. The board then questions of Ms. Garmon regarding the public housing report.

HCV Specialist Angela May-Cooper then presented her report to the board. The board then went into discussion with Ms. May-Cooper pertaining to the HCV Programs report.

Attorney Tramel Raggs informed the board of two evictions that were sent over to the office to be filed. With the impression of there being more on the way. Mr. Raggs touched on the public records request.

Mr. Raggs proceeded with his report by informing the board of Commissioner Rodney McCormick's resignation.

The board then had a few questions regarding collections on monies owed to the agency from past tenants. Mr. Raggs informed the board of the process now and what could happen as well.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Robert Lonie then informed the board of HUD's visit and touched on certain subjects, what's to come from HUD, and what HUD is expecting in return.

Chairman Robert Lonie then revisited the fact of their new Executive Director Tiffany Dixon and her start date being April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman Robert Lonie then brought the company work vehicle for the executive director to the board's attention by stating it could be cleaned and gassed up for the new executive director.

Attorney Raggs then informed Chairman Lonie that it could wait for her first day due to it not needing the boards approval and that he already has an appointment set up.

Chairman Robert Lonie then moved the meeting along by calling on the next line item of lucrative boards for the purpose of information and educational.

Commissioner Stasi Benning called point of order due to feeling that this topic is not in the realm of what is to be discussed per this board.

The board then went into discussion regarding the topic of the lucrative boards.

Chairman Robert Lonie then informed the board of the definition of a lucrative board.

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chairman Robert Lonie then moved the meeting along by bringing up the topic of the waiting list.

Attorney Tramel Raggs then informed The Chairman of their no longer being a quorum and the meeting legally has to stop.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT:**

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Robert Lonie, MCHA Chairperson

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Tiffany Dixon, Executive Director

ATTEST: