

Agenda Item – No. 1

Minutes – April 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Action:

1. Approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Staff Resource(s):

J. Daniels, Secretary/CEO

April Downs, Interim COO & Asst. Board Secretary

External Resource(s):

N/A

Background/Explanation:

Parliamentary Procedure

Time Sensitivity:

None

Funding Source:

N/A

MWBE/DBE/Section 3:

N/A

Attachments:

Transcribed Minutes

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
MAIN OFFICE AT 4731 NORTH BOULEVARD
APRIL 13, 2023 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in Regular Session on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the main office 4731 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

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

Invocation **Commissioner Chris Brown**

Roll Call:

Members Present **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**
Commissioner Al Barron, Vice Chair
Commissioner Chris Brown
Commissioner Justin Gaudet

Members Absent **None**

QUORUM PRESENT

Public Comments

Commissioner Payton asked if there were any public comments. 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 APRIL 13, 2023**

Motion was made by Commissioner Barron to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on April 13, 2023, and Commissioner Gaudet seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING MAINTENANCE CHARGES
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05**

Mr. McKinley presented the item. He stated that we have experienced increased labor costs and increased material costs. He further stated that the increase reflects an average of 12% increase. Commissioner Barron made a motion

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to approve the budget and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
ASSET REPOSITIONING EBRPHA REDEVELOPMENT POWERS
DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

Mr. Daniels presented the item. He stated that this is a continued discussion about additional tools to assist EBRPHA and Partners Southeast in their development activities such as exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes or Sales Taxes. These powers are granted by the legislature and would require legislative action.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT
A. EXECUTIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Daniels presented the item. He stated that Ardendale had secured environmental clearance in February 2023 after several years. He added that the annual audits for EBRPHA and Partners Southeast which were due to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor by March 31, 2023 were not able to meet the deadline due to a thorough audit process and staff has requested an extension from the LLA. He updated the board on the recent trip to D.C. NAHRO. He discussed the possibility of donating Clarksdale back to Southern University and reminded the board of Capitol Day and that he would be sitting on an LHC housing panel in the upcoming week. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any further questions. None were voiced.

This concluded the report.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5:
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
A. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT
B. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS (FEBRUARY 2023)**

Mr. Lazarone informed the board of the February 2023 financials presented in the board report and discussed how they relate to the budget. The financials were included in the board packets distributed to the board members prior to the board meeting.

- C. HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**
- D. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- E. CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM**
- F. HUMAN RESOURCES**

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The departmental reports were included in the board packets distributed to the board members prior to the board meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6:
BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT**

The departmental reports were included in the board packets distributed to the board members prior to the board meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:
PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT**

The departmental reports were included in the board packets distributed to the board members prior to the board meeting. No further questions were voiced.

This concluded the departmental reports.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8:
NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was addressed.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9:
ADJOURNMENT**

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APPROVED:

Dianna Payton
Chair
East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority

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

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