

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON  
HELD ON MARCH 28, 2012**

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeton was held on Wednesday March 28, 2012 in the Conference Room at 429 Oakview Heights on West Vine Street in Bridgeton New Jersey. Adequate notice for the meeting was provided by publication in the Bridgeton Evening News and the Atlantic City Press and by notification of the City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 5:00 PM and upon roll call, those present were: Chairman Williams, Vice Chairman Thomas, Commissioners MacFarland, Commissioner Santiago, Commissioner Lugardo-Hemple, Commissioner Cortes and Commissioner Leek. Also present were Executive Director Joanne Sbrana, Assistant Executive Director James Howell and Attorney Robert Pryor.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Authority Attorney who proceeded to explain that nominations and votes would be taken for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, the Authority's official newspaper and the schedule of meetings.

**Chairperson**

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Chairperson for the next year. Commissioner Leek nominated Commissioner Santiago and this was seconded by Commissioner Cortes. Commissioner Williams nominated Commissioner Thomas and this was seconded by Commissioner MacFarland. A show of hands vote yielded the following results: Commissioner Santiago: 4 votes Commissioner Thomas: 3 votes Commissioner Santiago accepted the position of Chairperson.

## **Vice Chairperson**

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson for the next year. Commissioner Williams nominated Commissioner Thomas and was seconded by Commissioner Lugardo-Hemple. Commissioner Thomas was unanimously elected through a show of hands vote. Commissioner Thomas accepted the position of Vice Chairperson.

## **Authority Newspaper**

The floor was opened to designate a newspaper as the Authority's publishing source. A motion was made by Commissioner Lugardo-Hemple to designate the News of Cumberland County. This was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and a show of hands vote unanimously approved the News of Cumberland County for the next year.

## **Schedule of Meetings**

The floor was opened to establish the schedule of times that the Board would meet for the coming year. Commissioner Lugardo-Hemple motioned to maintain the current monthly meeting time of the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 PM. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried after a show of hands vote.

Commissioner Williams moved that Commissioner Santiago take over the meeting as Chairperson. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and after a unanimous show of hands vote, Chairperson Santiago took over the running of the meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

Personnel – Mr. Pryor gave a report was made regarding the HUD Office of Inspector General (OIG) case involving allegations made by Section 8 client against Section 8 Coordinator Dorothy Calderon. Rivera accused that Calderon was aware that Rivera's boyfriend lived illegally with her. The case is basically one person's word against another and the OIG investigation found no proof to

back up Rivera's accusations. Rivera was scheduled to come into Mr. Pryor's office to give her side of the issue but never reported. Mr. Williams also pointed out that the case demonstrates the seriousness of employees adhering to confidentiality standards when carrying out their duties.

There were no other committee reports.

### **Report of Secretary/Treasurer**

The secretary/treasurer report is placed on hold until next month's meeting.

### **Public Portion**

An individual who introduced himself as Mike Abbott spoke during the public portion of the meeting. Abbott had a list of issues he wished to present regarding the High Rise. He claimed that the night time security guard is not in the building. He claims that the workers of the CWEP program do nothing. Commissioner Cortes informed the Board that the Administrator of the CWEP program had visited the High Rise and investigated but found no problem. He complained that the men's bathroom of the building had janitorial supplies in it. He complained of people throwing keys from windows. He also claimed that there was a drug issue at Oakview Heights but did not have the address of where the issue supposedly exists.

Commissioner Lugardo-Hemple motioned to close the public portion of the meeting and Commissioner Thomas seconded it. The public portion was closed with a unanimous show of hands vote.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM. The Next meeting shall take place on Thursday April 26 at 5:00 PM.