



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY  
IN AND FOR THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
March 28, 2018**

The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority in and for the City of Minneapolis met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 P.M. on March 28, 2018, at 1001 Washington Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the date, time, and place established for the holding of such meeting.

**Roll Call:**

The Chair called the meeting to order, the following members of the Board being present:

F. Clayton Tyler	Chair
Charles T. Lutz	Vice Chair
Mikkel Beckmen	Secretary
Tom DeAngelo	Commissioner
Abdullahi Isse	Commissioner
Cara Letofsky	Commissioner
Tamir Mohamud	Commissioner
Hon. James Rosenbaum	Commissioner

The following members of the Board were absent:

Faith Xiong	Commissioner
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The following others were also present:

Tracey Scott	DED / Investments & Innovation
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The Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Lutz moved approval of the proposed agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beckmen. Upon a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 24, 2018, were presented for approval. Commissioner Rosenbaum moved the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Isse. Upon a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.



## **Executive Director's Update:**

In an effort to keep MPHA Commissioners, staff and the public informed regarding significant activities being addressed by the Agency, Deputy Executive Director Scott spoke briefly on the topics shown below, upon which the Board took no official action:

### **CLPHA (Council of Large Public Housing Authorities)**

- Three staff attended the CLPHA meeting in Washington, DC last week and while there, budget discussions were going on with Congress. At the CLPHA meeting, Representative Emanuel Cleaver from Missouri and Representative Steve Stivers from Ohio discussed forming a public housing caucus – which is still in the early stages - a deliberate lobby and advocacy group for public housing long-term. They are trying to get other congresspersons to sign on.
- Note: Commissioner Letofsky inquired if Congressman Ellison is interested in joining the Caucus. Staff spoke with Representative Cleaver about that and he thought Congressman Ellison would be and would reach out to him. The public housing caucus is still in the early stages, staff will wait for more details, and try to figure out how to approach him.

### **Budget**

- Congress passed and the President signed the FY2018 budget; it was 2,232 pages long and they had about six hours to read it. The good news is that it was much more encouraging for public housing, it showed support for continuing to fund housing. In all the areas that usually affect MPHA, Congress increased the allocation of the appropriation for FY18:
  - The Public Housing Operating Fund, which is general public housing, went up \$4.5 billion - a significant increase of \$150 million over last year.
  - The Capital Fund, which is used for capital improvements, was increased by \$800 million - it's now \$2.75 billion.
  - The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) went up \$1.2 billion - we weren't expecting any of the funding for these programs to go up - so again, all good news!
  - The HCV Administration Fee, which is important as that pays for our administration of the vouchers, went up by \$11 million.
- How the budget increase may affect MPHA - rough estimates, about \$600 thousand more for Public Housing; \$4 million for the Capital Fund, (this is also depending on the way we spend it because this is a reimbursement fund); an additional \$1.3 million for HCV and for administration of vouchers about \$60 thousand. These are our first estimates prior to official numbers from HUD.

### **City Council Members**

- Staff met with all the new council members and with almost all the reelected city council members. All meetings had very encouraging conversations, a lot of interest in our energy



approach and long-term plans for preserving public housing, and we also have identified some new ideas on ways to work together. Staff also met with the Mayor and his staff.

**Item No. 1: Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Upgrades at 3205 East 37<sup>th</sup> Street & 3755 Snelling Avenue South**

After a brief presentation by staff and discussion, Commissioner Lutz moved approval of the recommendation set forth in the Report. Commissioner Letofsky seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. [See Document No. 2018-07]

**Receive and File Items:**

The following items were received and filed by the Board:

- The Monthly Performance Report for February 2018. [See Document No. 2018-08]
- Presentation of Certificate for Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS) Graduate, Jamila Thomas

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 1.54 p.m.

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Secretary of the Board of Commissioners

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Date These Minutes Approved