

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
MAIN OFFICE, 4731 NORTH BOULEVARD
JANUARY 9, 2020 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in Regular Session on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 12:00 pm in the Main Office located at 4731 North Boulevard.

Meeting Called to Order **Commissioner Al Barron, Vice-Chair**

Invocation **Commissioner Tyra Banks**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present: **Commissioner Al Barron, Vice-Chair**
 Commissioner Philip Smith, Jr.
 Commissioner LaMiesa Bonton
 Commissioner Tyra Banks

Members Absent: **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**
 Commissioner Chris Brown

QUORUM PRESENT

Public Comments

Commissioner Barron asked if there were any public comments to be made. No public comments were voiced. Public comment period closed.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1:
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST BATON ROUGE
PARISH HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD OCTOBER 24, 2019.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on October 24, 2019 and Commissioner Bonton seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST BATON ROUGE
PARISH HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD DECEMBER 12, 2019.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on December 12, 2019 and Commissioner Bonton seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE VEHICLES
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-01**

Ms. Bayham presented the agenda item. She stated that there were three, housing authority agency vehicles up for disposal. Two of them were over ten years old and the mileage was very high making them obsolete. With board approval, they would send them to state surplus and be able to cancel the insurance and realize a cost savings.

Motion was made by Commissioner Banks approve the disposition of obsolete vehicles and Commissioner Barron seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
PUBLIC HOUSING LAWN SERVICE
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-02**

Ms. Bayham presented the agenda item. She stated that they had received five bids. They were seeking approval to execute a contract with Corbin Management Group for \$129,900 and consisted of four of the public housing blocks. They were a Section 3 employer and had stated that if they were granted the contract and were able to become familiar with the properties then they would actually hire some of their residents. The second bid they were considering was Luxury Lawn which was the low bid for all of their vacant properties. There was a third bid with Genesis who had worked with them before on all properties except for River South. They had the low bid on a few of the blocks and had agreed to continue services and sign a contract on that.

Motion was made by Commissioner Banks approval to execute a contract with the three separate lawn services listed above and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

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MOTION PASSED.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5:
CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD: SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-03**

Mr. Daniels requested that this item be deferred because there were some technical items which needed to be reviewed regarding how the contract between Integral and Ascent was going to work. The way the agreement was drawn up if presented today was not indicative of that process. Those technical issues would be worked out and the agreement would be brought back before the Board, if necessary.

This agenda item was deferred.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6:
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Mr. Daniels presented the report. He stated that last month they had discussed the landlord rental program. They had decided on submitting two applications mainly because there was a developer cap and they were trying to maximize their resources and possibly identify other opportunities.

The \$42 million CDBG NOFA was due in March. They had not convened with the development team to discuss potential projects although they did have some in mind. In February, they would be coming back before the Board to discuss those particular projects.

On the administrative side, they had been successful in obtaining five additional vouchers for veterans.

Partners Southeast had hired their new COO, Mr. David Summers who was from Dallas, TX. He was a seasoned real estate professional and they were glad to have him onboard.

This past December, they had convened their annual staff meeting. He felt it had been beneficial to their team to review their vision and direction for the future.

He did mention that they were going to be the third housing authority listed on a bill requesting to be exemption from State Civil Service. Commissioner Barron encouraged everyone to show advocacy for this bill.

Mr. Daniels stated that the HUD CNI team would be there from DC next week. They would be convening a small stakeholder meeting.

RAD was moving forward. Also, a PR calendar had been drawn up with Otey White and Associates to outline what they would be promoting in 2020 and they would be presenting their end of the year report in February or March.

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He informed them that in the coming months they would be bringing an approval for the demolition and disposition strategy related to Turner Plaza and Sharlo Terrace before the board.

This concluded presentation of the Chief Executive Officer's report.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS

This report was not addressed. Mr. Daniels stated that the team was wrapping up the end of the fiscal year financials and at the next meeting, the updated financials for October, November, December and January would be presented.

B. HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

This report was not addressed.

C. PUBLIC HOUSING

This report was not addressed.

D. CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM

This report was not addressed.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

This report was not addressed.

Commissioner Barron asked if there were any questions regarding any of the reports. None were voiced.

This concluded the presentation of the departmental reports.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8:
PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT**

This report was not presented.

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9:
NEW BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10:
ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Barron if there were any other matters that needed to be brought out in the meeting. None were voiced.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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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