

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
4731 NORTH BOULEVARD
July 18, 2019 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in Regular Session on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Main Office located at 4731 North Boulevard.

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

Invocation **Commissioner Chris Brown**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present: **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**
Commissioner Chris Brown
Commissioner Al Barron, Vice-Chair
Commissioner LaMiesa Bonton
Commissioner Philip Smith, Jr.

Members Absent: **Commissioner Helena Cunningham**
Commissioner Tyra Banks

QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Daniels requested that the public comments be made at the end of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1:
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST
BATON ROUGE PARISH HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD MAY 9, 2019.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Barron to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 9, 2019 and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:
CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE***

Mission Statement

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Commissioner Payton requested that the representative from the Personnel Committee present the recommendation to the Board. Director Sanders, a member of the Personnel Committee, stated that the committee was unable to reach a fully unanimous decision and their default recommendation was to open a national search and allow Mr. Daniels to apply.

There was a unanimous vote to reject the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

Brandon DeCuir, legal counsel, advised that the next action was for the Board to resume contract negotiations with Mr. Daniels.

This concluded the presentation of the agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
PRESENTATION OF FY2018 INDEPENDENT AUDIT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-08**

Mr. Lance Schmidt, Clifton Larson Allen, LP presented the audit information in detail. He gave an overview of the audit which was included in the Board packets.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barron to accept the FY2018 audit and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
FY2019 ANNUAL PHA PLAN (REVISED)
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-09**

Ms. Bayham presented the report. She stated that the current fiscal year would bring them to September. This agenda item was regarding altering their current PHA plan to make sure that certain language which was required with their RAD approval was included in the plan. It had to be stated that they had been approved for the RAD portfolio award and the properties had to be identified. They also had to clearly define what a significant amendment to their plan and budget was. The plan was revised according to HUD standards.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barron to approve the revised FY2019 PHA plan and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5:
FY2020 ANNUAL PHA PLAN
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-10**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bonton to approve the FY2020 PHA plan and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6:
CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM 2018-2022
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-11**

Ms. Bayham stated that last year this was tabled by the board and the budget was never sent in and the paperwork needed so that they could have access to the capital fund monies was not sent in either. She pointed out that they would not have access to the capital fund monies unless the board approved the plan and they were able to turn in the appropriate paperwork to HUD.

Motion was made by Commissioner Banks to approve the FY2020 PHA plan and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:
PARTNERS SOUTHEAST BOARD APPOINTMENT – DIANNA PAYTON
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-12**

Due to the expiration of her term, Director Dianna Payton needed to be reappointed to serve on the Partners Southeast Board. She was reappointed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to reappoint Dianna Payton to serve on the Partners Board and Commissioner Barron seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8:
BOARD APPOINTMENT – AL BARRON**

Commissioner Barron's term expires on July 23, 2019.

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9:
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Mr. Daniels presented his report. He updated the board on the three applications they would be submitting. The locations included Ardendale Senior, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Building, and Elm Grove Garden. He went over details about these projects.

Due to time constraint, Mr. Daniels referred the Board to their packets, and this concluded the presentation of the Chief Executive Officer's report.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10:
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS

This report was not addressed.

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 Payton 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 11:
PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT**

This report was not presented.

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 12:
NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was addressed.

Public Comments

Commissioner Payton asked if there were any public comments to be made.

Mr. Jules Lockett stated that he had a Section 8 home. It had recently failed inspection. He made the necessary repairs and it still failed the inspection a second time. It failed due to the flooring he had used. He showed the board the type of flooring he used. His tenant had to move due to the failed inspection and he also received a bill because of the failed inspections. He went through the chain of command and basically, he stated it did not work. He requested that the board assist him with resolving the matter. Discussion ensued and a timeframe was given for the occurrence.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:
ADJOURNMENT**

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

MEETING ADJOURNED.

APPROVED:

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Dianna Payton
Chair
East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority

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