

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
4731 NORTH BOULEVARD
April 1, 2019 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened a Special Call Session on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 12:00pm 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 Al Barron, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Chris Brown
Commissioner Helena Cunningham
Commissioner LaMiesa Bonton*

Members Absent: **Commissioner Philip Smith, Jr.**
Commissioner Tyra Banks

QUORUM PRESENT

Public Comments

Commissioner Payton asked if there were any public comments to be made. None were voiced. Public comment period was closed.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1:
TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH HOUSING AUTHORITY AND NEGOTIATION
OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.**

Mr. DeCuir presented the agenda item. He stated that the previous resolution to this effect had expired. He did confirm that this issue was not a matter for executive session at this time as they were not discussing details regarding the contract. If discussion needed to be made regarding any part of the resolution, then they would be at liberty to enter into executive session. There were two issues within the resolution that had been approved by the Board in March. Mr. DeCuir explained the issues.

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Basically, there was some questions regarding the effective date of the new five-year contract for Mr. Daniels. Secondly, there had not been a meeting between the employee which in this case was Mr. Daniels and the Board to discuss and negotiate the terms of his contract as the new CEO instead of the position of interim CEO which he currently held. Typically, the appointment was made to the position, a personnel committee was formed to discuss and form a contract and then the Board was given the opportunity to be fully vetted of all details before going forward with the approval of the contract.

There was some discussion regarding what exactly they should do with the first resolution and how they should go about the forming of a personnel committee. Mr. DeCuir explained further that the language they would normally include in the resolution was the appointment of the person to the position with a contract to be negotiated by personnel or standing committee and bringing the contract back to the Board for approval to extend the offer of the contract to the appointed employee. He also clarified that the previous resolution was valid to the extent that Mr. Daniels had been appointed as the CEO, so it would still stand in that regard.

*At some point during the discussion, Commissioner Bonton arrived at the meeting.

After more discussion and various questions by the board, a final decision was made. Motion was made by Commissioner Payton to retain the appointment of Mr. J. Wesley Daniels to the position of CEO of the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority and Partners Southeast and appoint a personnel committee consisting of Commissioner Dianna Payton, Commissioner Helena Cunningham, Commissioner Al Barron, and Director Samuel Sanders, designee from Partners Southeast and to conduct negotiations of employment contract and terms and set salary level. Commissioner Barron seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2: 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:

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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