

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
VIA VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE
February 10, 2022 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in Regular Session on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 12:00 pm via video and teleconference meeting.

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

Invocation **Commissioner Chris Brown**

Roll Call:

Members Present **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**
Commissioner Al Barron, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Philip Smith, Jr., Second Vice-Chair
Commissioner Tyra Banks
Commissioner Chris Brown
Commissioner Lynn Farris
Commissioner Justin Gaudet

Members Absent **N/A**

QUORUM PRESENT

Public Comments

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

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1:
CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM**

No action taken for this item.

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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 JANUARY 13, 2022**

Commissioner Payton asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes and if there were any questions or corrections. None were voiced. Motion was made by Commissioner Barron to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 13, 2022, and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
RELOCATION CONSULTANT
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03**

Mr. Daniels stated that this was an agreement to negotiate relocation services for 265 units for Turner Plaza and Sharlo Terrace. This is a negotiation to ensure the best service for our dollars. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any interested parties that were local. Ms. Bayham stated that there were two interested parties that were local, but she did not know the names of the parties. Commissioner Barron made the motion and Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent with no abstentions or oppositions.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE REPORT**

- a. Executive Update**
- b. Asset Repositioning Strategy Report**

Mr. Daniels presented the items. He stated that we continue to focus on leadership, transition, schedules, deadlines, and execution. He stated that we need \$15M to break ground on the first phase. The mayor is committed to the infrastructure dollars. He further stated that we continue to have meetings with at the federal, local, and state levels to discuss strategies. He added that we received an award in the amount for \$1.7M for a grant that Ms. Brown applied for from LA DOTD. This grant will fund the multimodal path through the wetlands of BR Choice. He then further stated that we expect to receive notification on the award announcement in April 2022, for the tax credit applications for Cypress at Ardendale (70 units) and Duane Street (29 units). Mr. Daniels stated that we will determine financing solutions for EKL property. He stated that the agency will create a plan to provide support for Ms. Jackson's son to ensure he will have the necessary resources. Commissioner Smith offered his personal commitment to provide support for this young man. Commissioner Gaudet also committed his support

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and suggested a committee be created to further assist by providing support for this young man. Commissioner Barron and Commissioner Brown offered their support. Commissioner Payton thanked everyone for their support and stated that the YWCA has mental health resources for young children ages 0-3 years old and free trauma counseling for the family members and residents. Commissioner Payton stated that this is an opportunity for the Housing Authority to bring together the community by talking about solutions and become a model as a neighborhood coming together, and actions, strategies, and solutions to come out of it. She mentioned that there are financial opportunities for the family. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any questions. None were voiced.

This concluded the report.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5: DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

The departmental reports were included in the board packets distributed to the board members prior to the board meeting.

A. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. Bayham stated that the departmental reports were provided in the board packet and asked if there were any questions.

B. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 7 REPORTS (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021)

Ms. Bayham stated that we finished that last quarter all departments and amps were operating within budget. She asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any questions on finance or the COO report. None were voiced.

- C. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- D. CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM**
- E. HUMAN RESOURCES**

The departmental reports were included in the board packets distributed to the board members prior to the board meeting. No further questions were voiced.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6: BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

Ms. Brown presented the item. She stated that they are working with HUD to develop the arts and culture corridor. They will create a plan to attract artists to the area. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any questions. None were voiced.

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This concluded the report.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:
PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT**

Mr. Summers stated that conversations with the city and LHC were continuing with Cypress River Lofts regarding gap funding and closing the project. He stated that Cypress River Lofts is projected to close within the next 90 days. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any questions for Partners Southeast. None were voiced.

This concluded the report.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8:
NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Payton asked if there was any new business to be addressed. She asked about the app. Mr. Daniels stated that we were consulting with the legal team and working out details before executing the Statement of Work. Commissioner Smith expressed his thanks to the team on sharing the scholarship opportunities and that they were seeing results. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any questions or comments. None were voice.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8:
ADJOURNMENT**

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