

These minutes are not verbatim, but a condensed version of what transpired at the Lakewood Housing Authority (LHA) Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting held on Friday, January 3rd, 2020, at 8:21 am, in the Community Room at the Rev. Albert Clayton Administration Building, 317 Sampson Avenue, Lakewood, NJ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Stafford-Smith called the meeting to order at 8:21 am. Teresa Acosta announced that consistent with the Open Public Meetings Law: P.L.1975 c231, which requires that all meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public at all times, a notice of this meeting was provided to the clerk of the Township of Lakewood, the Ocean County Library, the Asbury Park Press, and the Star-Ledger on December 31st, 2019 and was posted on the Authority's official designated public bulletin board at the LHA Administration Building and website.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, attending Commissioners were:

Miriam Medina – *Chairperson (via phone)*
Gregory Stafford Smith – *Vice Chairperson*
Shabsi Ganzweig – *2nd Vice Chairperson*
Eli Rennert – *Commissioner*
Angela Caldwell – *Commissioner*
Denise Douglas – *Commissioner*

Also attending:

Scott Parsons – *Acting Executive Director (8:24 am)*
Terrence Corriston – *Attorney (via phone)*

Absent were:

Ray Coles – *Township Liaison*

NEW BUSINESS - The following new business came before the Board:

a. Reorganization of Board – Nominations of Officers for 2020

Chairperson: Mr. Stafford-Smith was nominated by Mr. Rennert, seconded by Mr. Ganzweig. Ms. Medina was nominated by Ms. Douglas, there was no second. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford-Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Mr. Rennert Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Douglas voted for Mr. Stafford-Smith, Ms. Medina abstained. Mr. Stafford-Smith will become the new Chairperson. Election of Chairperson approved.

Vice Chairperson: Mr. Ganzweig was nominated by Mr. Rennert, seconded by Mr. Stafford-Smith. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Mr. Rennert, Ms. Caldwell. Ms. Medina and Ms. Douglas voted no. Mr/ Ganzweig will become the new Vice Chairperson. Election of Vice Chairperson approved.

2nd Vice Chairperson: Ms. Caldwell was nominated by Mr. Ganzweig seconded by Mr. Rennert. On roll call approving, Ms. Medina, Mr. Stafford-Smith, Mr. Rennert, Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Douglas. Ms. Caldwell will become the new 2nd Vice Chairperson. Election of 2nd Vice Chairperson approved.

Ms. Medina congratulated Mr. Stafford-Smith.

b. Resolutions:

Resolution 5248 - Appointment of Commissioner to New Jersey Public Housing Authority Joint Insurance Fund. Motion to approve made by Mr. Rennert, seconded by Ms. Caldwell. On roll call approving, Ms. Medina, Mr. Stafford-Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Mr. Rennert, Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Douglas. Resolution 5248 approved.

Resolution 5249 – 2020 Lakewood Housing Authority Adopted Budget Resolution, Fiscal Year from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Motion to approve made by Mr. Ganzweig, seconded by Mr. Rennert. On roll call approving, Ms. Medina, Mr. Stafford Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Mr. Rennert, Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Douglas. Resolution 5249 approved.

Resolution 5250 – Ratification of Full-Time Maintenance Mechanic: John Kownacky. Motion to approve made by Mr. Rennert, seconded by Ms. Caldwell. On roll call approving, Mr. Stafford-Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Mr. Rennert, Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Douglas. Ms. Medina abstained. Resolution 5250 approved.

Resolution 5251 – Ratification of Part-Time Receptionist: Susan Pierson. Motion to approve made by Mr. Rennert, seconded by Ms. Caldwell. On roll call approving, Ms. Medina, Mr. Stafford-Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Mr. Rennert, Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Douglas. Resolution 5251 approved.

Resolution 5252 – 2020 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings. After brief discussion, motion to approve made by Mr. Ganzweig, seconded by Mr. Rennert. On roll call approving, Ms. Medina, Mr. Stafford-Smith, Mr. Ganzweig, Mr. Rennert, Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Douglas. Resolution 5252 approved.

c. Additions:

Discussion of By-Laws

A motion was made by Mr. Ganzweig to table the discussion; motion was seconded by Mr. Rennert. All present were in favor.

MEETING OPENED TO HOUSING AUTHORITY CLIENTS - None

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC – None


COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Ganzweig wished all a Happy New Year. Mr. Stafford-Smith was congratulated on his new position. Mr. Stafford-Smith stated that he is looking forward to a very productive year moving forward in many different aspects and becoming more in touch with the staff and their needs and requirements and also establishing a progressive forward moving relationship.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Ganzweig, seconded by Mr. Rennert. All present voted to adjourn at approximately 8:32 am.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as held on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2020.



Scott Parsons, Secretary
Acting Executive Director