

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
MAIN OFFICE AT 4731 NORTH BOULEVARD AND
VIA VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE
MARCH 12, 2026 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in regular session on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 12:00 pm at the main office 4731 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 and via video and teleconference and in-person. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Payton at 12:00 pm.

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

Invocation **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**

Roll Call:

Members Present **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**
 Commissioner Al Barron, Vice Chair (Virtual)
 Commissioner Lynn Farris (Virtual)
 Commissioner Justin Gaudet
 Commissioner Brandon Kelly (Virtual)
 Commissioner Raushanah Hunter

Members Absent **Commissioner Chris Brown**

QUORUM PRESENT

Public Comments

The floor was opened for public comments. Hearing none, the Board proceeded to the agenda items.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1:
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

On a motion made by Commissioner Barron, and seconded by Commissioner Gaudet, the minutes of the February 12, 2026 Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting were unanimously approved, as distributed.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The CEO report highlighted the resignation of Commissioner Chris Brown due to relocation and noted that the Board will formally recognize his service. Updates were also provided on federal housing advocacy during the NAHRO Legislative Conference and housing-related bills under consideration during the Louisiana legislative session.

Additional highlights included the partnership with The Walls Project through a USDA Forest Grant, continued planning for the Earl K. Long (Compass) redevelopment, and expanded communications efforts, including the launch of the BR Choice website and upcoming updates to the EBRPHA website.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3: DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS (JANUARY 2026)

- i. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – INCOME & EXPENSE**
- ii. AMP – INCOME & EXPENSE**

The Board was updated on the January 2026 financial statements and reports, noting that the Central Office Cost Center (COCC) reflects a temporary variance associated with ongoing operational improvements. The Housing Choice Voucher program continues to operate steadily and provide assistance to participating families. Partners Southeast reflects a timing-related variance associated with developer fees activity pay-in, with anticipated revenues tied to upcoming project milestones. The agency's housing portfolio remains financially stable, and staff reported continued efforts to strengthen financial management, reporting, and internal controls.

b. CHIEF HOUSING OFFICER REPORT

- ii. HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**
- iii. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- iv. CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM**
- v. RESIDENT SERVICES**

c. HUMAN RESOURCES

During discussion, Commissioner Payton recommended establishing Audit and Development Committees and reviewing the agency's bylaws to ensure they reflect the organization's growth. A motion was made by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Gaudet to establish the committees and review the bylaws. The motion carried.

Departmental reports were included in the board packets distributed prior to the meeting. There were no questions or comments.

Mission Statement

To provide and develop quality affordable housing opportunities for individuals and families while promoting self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

The Board received an update on the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. Phase I is approximately sixty-five percent occupied and Phase II construction is approximately thirty percent complete, with completion anticipated before year end. Preparations continue for Phases III and IV.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5:
PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT

An update was provided regarding development activities, including preparation of funding applications and evaluation of additional financing opportunities.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6:
NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm.

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