

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
MAIN OFFICE AT 4731 NORTH BOULEVARD
JUNE 11, 2026 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in regular session on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 12:00 pm at the main office 4731 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Payton, Chair at 12:04 pm.

Meeting Called to Order	Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair
Invocation	Commissioner Al Barron, Vice Chair

Roll Call:	
Members Present	Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair Commissioner Al Barron, Vice Chair Commissioner Lynn Farris Commissioner Raushanah Hunter

Members Absent	Commissioner Justin Gaudet Commissioner Brandon Kelly
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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 – MAY 14, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

On a motion made by Commissioner Barron, and seconded by Commissioner Hunter, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

Mission Statement

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:
AFFORDABLE HOUSING: ACOP PLAN REVISION
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

The Board received an update on proposed revisions to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy for the Affordable Housing Program, including regulatory updates under HOTMA and related executive order changes.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hunter and seconded by Commissioner Farris, Resolution No. 2026-04 was unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
AFFORDABLE HOUSING: LEASE REVISION
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

The Board received an update on proposed revisions to the Affordable Housing lease, including regulatory changes, income calculation rules, and new technology and payment options for residents. Rent amounts, due dates, and other payment terms remain unchanged.

On a motion made by Commissioner Barron, and seconded by Commissioner Hunter, Resolution No. 2026-05 was unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
ACCESS: PARENT PODS PILOT- EBRPSS EARLY CHILDHOOD + THE BASICS

The Board received a presentation regarding the Parent Pods Pilot in partnership with the EBRPSS Early Childhood, BRAF, and EBRPHA. The presentation described Parent Pods as a community centered strategy to support parents and caregivers, strengthen early childhood development, and improve kindergarten readiness and long-term outcomes. The partners discussed bringing practical child development tools and small group engagement opportunities directly to families in EBRPHA communities.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5:
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer provided updates regarding BR Choice Neighborhood activity, including the status of multiple development phases, anticipated closing activity, occupancy progress, and advocacy efforts related to tax credits and grant timing. The report also provided legislative updates and discussed continued resident-focused initiatives, including our book drive, Baton Roots garden workshop, and mobile dental services for Affordable Housing residents. The CEO report included in the Board packet also documented the annual appointment of April Downs, Chief Operating Officer, as EBRPHA's Ethics Designee pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1170.

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6: DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS (MARCH 2026)**
 - i. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – INCOME & EXPENSE**
 - ii. AMP – INCOME & EXPENSE**

The Board was updated on the financial statements and reports, including discussion of affordable housing operations, financial performance, HUD shortfall funding, and the programmatic nature of restricted funds.

- b. CHIEF HOUSING OFFICER REPORT**
 - ii. HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**
 - iii. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
 - iv. CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM**
 - v. RESIDENT SERVICES**
- c. HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7: BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

The Board received an update regarding BR Choice Neighborhood activities, including development phase progress, CNI budget and expenditure planning, HUD coordination, and anticipated future closing and construction activity. The Board also discussed the timing of a future ribbon cutting or community event after additional project milestones are reached.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8: PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT

The Board received the Partners Southeast COO Report, including updates connected to BR Choice implementation and related development activity.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9: NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10:
ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 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**