

**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
APRIL 9, 2026 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in regular session on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 12:00 pm at the main office 4731 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Barron, Vice Chair at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Called to Order **Commissioner Al Barron, Vice Chair**

Invocation **Commissioner Brandon Kelly**

Roll Call:

Members Present **Commissioner Al Barron, Vice Chair**
 Commissioner Brandon Kelly
 Commissioner Raushanah Hunter

Members Absent **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**
 Commissioner Lynn Farris
 Commissioner Justin Gaudet

NO 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 – MARCH 12, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING (VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON)

The minutes of the March 12, 2026 Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting were reviewed, and no action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The CEO report provided updates regarding ongoing initiatives, including the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, development activity, upcoming community events, public engagement efforts, legislative matters affecting housing authorities and housing programs, and community initiatives.

Mission Statement

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

d. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS (FEBRUARY 2026)

- iii. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – INCOME & EXPENSE**
- iv. AMP – INCOME & EXPENSE**

The Board was updated on the February 2026 financial statements and reports, including discussion related to budget performance. Staff noted slight variance in the Central Office Cost Center (COCC) associated with temporary implementation and operational costs, while financial monitoring and budget oversight remain ongoing. The Housing Choice Voucher program continues to operate under flat funding and reduced administrative support, creating ongoing budget pressure, and staff reported continued coordination with HUD to manage potential shortfalls while avoiding impacts on families. Affordable housing programs remain active and stable, and staff continue to monitor expenditures and compliance with HUD requirements.

e. CHIEF HOUSING OFFICER REPORT

- vi. HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**
- vii. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- viii. CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM**
- ix. RESIDENT SERVICES**

f. 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 4:
BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT**

The Board received an update on BR Choice Neighborhood activities, including ongoing efforts to meet expenditure deadlines and advance work across the remaining phases of the site. Staff reported continued coordination with HUD and ongoing planning to ensure funding is expended in support of project completion.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5:
PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT**

An update was provided including ongoing Phase IV closing activity, the September 30, 2026 expenditure deadline, and positive feedback from the recent tour.

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**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 12:46 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**