

Agenda Item – No. 1

Minutes – May 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Action:

1. Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Staff Resource(s):

J. Daniels, Secretary/CEO

April Downs, Asst. Board Secretary

External Resource(s):

N/A

Background/Explanation:

Parliamentary Procedure

Time Sensitivity:

None

Funding Source:

N/A

MWBE/DBE/Section 3:

N/A

Attachments:

Transcribed Minutes

Mission Statement

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
AT 4731 NORTH BOULEVARD
MAY 8, 2025 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in Regular Session on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at the main office 4731 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Payton at 12:16 p.m.

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

Invocation **Commissioner Brandon Kelly**

Roll Call:
Members Present **Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair**
 Commissioner Al Barron
 Commissioner Justin Gaudet
 Commissioner Brandon Kelly

Members Absent **Commissioner Chris Brown**
 Commissioner Lynn Farris

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 – APRIL 10, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

On a motion made by Commissioner Barron, and seconded by Commissioner Kelly, the minutes of the April 10, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting were unanimously approved, as distributed.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER: ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN REVISIONS
RESOLUTION 2025-05**

Ms. Mejia presented the agenda item, stating that the proposed changes implement additional elements of HOTMA and recent RAD program updates. A motion was made by Commissioner Gaudet and seconded by Commissioner Kelly to adopt resolution 2025-03. There being no further discussion, opposition, or public comment, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT
a. EXECUTIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Daniels provided the CEO report, beginning with the announcement of the resignation of Commissioner Terry Landry following his election to represent District 67 in the Louisiana House of Representatives. Mr. Daniels stated that formal notification and resignation letters were submitted and received, and the Council Administrator has been notified.

Mr. Daniels also reported on the success of the April Board Retreat and noted plans to hold a focused follow-up session in late summer. He shared an update on the revised lender strategy for the Phase II closing, announcing the shift from Freddie Mac to Cedar Rapids Bank, which will not require a fee joinder. This decision was framed as a risk mitigation strategy to protect Housing Authority land assets long-term.

Further, Mr. Daniels updated the Board on LIHTC and AHP funding applications submitted by the team, meetings with the Mayor-President's administration to coordinate development and compliance strategies, and discussions with EBR Schools regarding redevelopment of Westminster Elementary.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS

(January/February/March 2025 pending Yardi enterprise software conversion)*

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

b. CHIEF HOUSING OFFICER REPORT

i. HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

ii. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

c. CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM

d. HUMAN RESOURCES

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

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5:
BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT**

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

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6:
PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT**

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

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:
NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8:
ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Payton. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

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**