

**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
AND VIA VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in regular session on Thursday, September 17, 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 12:05 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
 Commissioner Claborn

Members Absent **Commissioner Justin Gaudet**
 Commissioner Brandon Kelly

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 – JULY 23, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

On a motion made by Commissioner Barron, and seconded by Commissioner Farris, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

Mission Statement

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

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12**

The Board considered the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for EBRPHA programs. An overview of projected revenues and expenditures was provided, along with discussion of ongoing budget monitoring and financial reporting. The Board also discussed the continued use of Yardi and efforts to improve financial tracking and reporting.

On a motion made by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Hunter, Resolution No. 2026-12 was approved. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV)/PROJECT BASED VOUCHES (PBV) PAYMENT
STANDARDS
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13**

The Board considered the FY2027 HCV/PBV Payment Standards and the recommendation to maintain the payment standards at 120% of Fair Market Rent (FMR). The Board discussed the potential impact of the payment standards on participating families.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hunter and seconded by Commissioner Barron, Resolution No. 2026-13 was approved. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
FY 2027 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FLAT RENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14**

The Board considered the FY2027 Affordable Housing Flat Rent Schedule, including the calculation of flat rents and applicable utility allowances. The Board also discussed the flat rent option and income-based rent.

On a motion made by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Hunter, Resolution No. 2026-14 was approved. The motion carried.

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5:
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER: ADMINISTRATION PLAN REVISIONS
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15**

The Board considered revisions to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan related to implementation of HOTMA and updated HUD requirements.

On a motion made by Commissioner Payton and seconded by Commissioner Hunter, Resolution No. 2026-15 was approved. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6:
AFFORDABLE HOUSING: ACOP REVISIONS
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16**

The Board considered revisions to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy related to HOTMA implementation. The required public comment period and public hearing were completed with no public comments received.

On a motion made by Commissioner Payton and seconded by Commissioner Hunter, Resolution No. 2026-16 was approved. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:
EBRPHA FINANCIAL POLICY REVISIONS & UPDATES
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17**

Staff requested to defer the resolution until the next board meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8:
BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD: MOVEBR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION ARDENWOOD-
LOBDELL CONNECTOR ROAD PROJECT
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18**

The Board considered authorization related to the MOVEBR Ardenwood-Lobdell Connector Road Project, including the proposed property donation and Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City-Parish. The Board discussed the project scope, property involved, and anticipated construction schedule.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hunter and seconded by Commissioner Barron, Resolution No. 2026-18 was approved. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9:
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

The CEO report provided updates to the Board on the Choice Neighborhoods grant extension, Cypress at Ardendale development activities including sales tax exemption status, infrastructure progress and funding update. In addition, updates were provided on Yardi integration, the audit strategy, and recent community and communications activities.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10:
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS (JUNE/JULY 2026)

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

The Board was updated on the June and July 2026 financial statements and reports, including the Central Office Cost Center, Housing Choice Voucher Program, Partners Southeast, Asset Management Projects, and Capital Fund Program.

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 11:
BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT**

BR Choice matters were addressed during earlier development and Choice Neighborhoods updates. There were no further questions or comments.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 12:
PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT**

Partners Southeast matters were addressed during earlier development and Choice Neighborhoods updates. There were no further questions or comments.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13:
NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 14:
ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 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**