

MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF  
RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY  
HELD VIA GOTOMEETING  
IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

**In Attendance via GoToMeeting:**

**Board of Commissioners**

Neil Kessler, Vice Chairman  
Jonathan Coleman  
Robley Jones  
Basil Gooden  
Barrett Hardiman  
W. R. "Bill" Johnson, Jr.  
Charlene Pitchford  
Patrice Shelton

**Absent**

Veronica Blount, Chairman

**RRHA Staff**

Stacey Daniels-Fayson, Interim Chief Executive Officer

Vice Chairman Kessler served as Chairman for this meeting. Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. with Ben Titter serving as Acting Legal Counsel. A quorum was established.

**General Counsel Comments**

This meeting is an electronic meeting called and conducted in accordance with City of Richmond Ordinance No. 2020-093 (the "Ordinance"), which was ordained under the authority conferred unto the City by Va. Code § 15.2-1413. The Board is meeting by entirely remote means and a quorum of the Board is not physically assembled. The Board is conducting an electronic meeting due to the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, which has made it unsafe for a quorum of Board members to physically assemble in a single location. RRHA's Board of Commissioners is a "public body" within the meaning of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Va. Code § 2.2-3700 *et seq.*), as well as Section 1(B)(5) of the Ordinance, in that the members of this Board are appointed to office by the City Council.

Notice of this electronic meeting was published on RRHA's website on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020**. That Notice identified that this meeting will be an "electronic meeting" within the meaning of the Ordinance, that the meeting will be conducted through GoToMeeting, and that members of the public could observe and, if applicable, participate in the meeting. Specific instructions to access the meeting by Internet and by phone were disclosed in the Notice. The Notice also directed members of the public to a link at which they could register to deliver public comments in real time in accordance with the Citizens' Comment provisions of this Board's Bylaws. All such requests to speak are delivered to Priscilla Jackson, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public must register in advance to make public comments in accordance with the Board's Bylaws. To do so, members of the public must access an online link by which they can provide the information required by the Board's Bylaws. These comments must be made at electronic meetings of this Board in real time through the GoToMeeting application, either by Internet or by phone.

In accordance with the Bylaws, no member of the public may address the Board unless they have registered to speak, or have otherwise been called upon by the Chair to speak. Accordingly, all members of the public are instructed to disable any audio or video

broadcasts until and unless the Board has called upon such individual to deliver comments. If a member of the public refuses to disable an audio or video broadcast after having been warned to do so by the Chair, then the individual may be permanently banned from the remainder of the meeting.

Please disable your audio and video broadcasts now.

All members of this body in attendance at this meeting are participating electronically. The members who are participating in this meeting include: (1) Mr. Jonathan Coleman, (2) Dr. Basil Gooden, (3) Mr. Barrett Hardiman, (4) Mr. W.R. "Bill" Johnson, Jr., (5) Mr. Robley Jones, (6) Mr. Neil Kessler, Chair (7) Ms. Charlene Pitchford, and (8) Ms. Patrice Shelton.

Members are reminded that all voting during this electronic meeting must be conducted by roll call vote. When a motion is on the floor, I will call each member by name, in alphabetical order, to state their vote individually, until all members are polled.

I have no further comments.

At this meeting, the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman are voted on. This year the position of Vice Chairman is open. Chairman Kessler opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

**1 Motion: (Jones/Johnson) Move that Neil Kessler be elected by Acclamation to serve as the Vice Chair of the RRHA Board of Commissioners.**

**Motion Carried**

**Absent: Blount**

**2 Motion: (Gooden/Jones) Move to adjourn the Annual Meeting.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Chairman



Interim Chief Executive Officer/Secretary