

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ELECTRONIC MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD VIA GOTOMEETING
IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

In Attendance via GoToMeeting:

Board of Commissioners

Veronica G. Blount, Chairman
Neil Kessler, Vice Chairman
Marilyn Olds
Elliott Harrigan
Samuel S. Young, Jr.
Robley Jones
Robert J. Adams (*via phone*)

Absent

Jonathan Coleman

RRHA Staff

Cory Wolfe, Legal Counsel

Chairman Blount called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with Cory Wolfe serving as 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 Thursday, April 9, 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. Robert J. Adams; (2) Ms. Veronica G. Blount, the Chair; (3) Mr. Jonathan Coleman, (4) Mr. Elliott M. Harrigan, (5) Mr. Robley S. Jones, (6) Mr. Neil S. Kessler, the Vice Chair; (7) Ms. Marilyn B. Olds, and (8) Mr. Samuel S. Young, Jr.

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.

Citizen Information Period

No citizens were scheduled to speak.

Closed Session

At 5:41 p.m., Commissioner Jones asked to go into Closed Session and read the following motion:

I move that we go into closed session to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the following matters:

- (1) *Discussion of the resignation of specific public officers; particularly, the Chief Executive officer of the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority, as permitted by Va. Code § 2.2-3711(1); and*
- (2) *Discussion or consideration of prospective candidates for employment or promotion, particularly the appointment of an interim or permanent Chief Executive Officer, as permitted by Va. Code § 2.2-3711(1).*

1 Motion: (Jones/Kessler) Move to go into Closed Session

Motion Carried

Absent: Olds, Coleman

At 7:23 p.m., Commissioner Jones asked to leave Closed Session.

2 Motion: (Jones) Move to leave Closed Session

Motion Carried

Absent: Coleman

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (the "Board") convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(B) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

3 Motion: (Jones/Young) Move to accept the Certification of Closed Meeting


Motion Carried

Absent: Coleman

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Chairman

Interim Chief Executive Officer/Secretary