

COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
July 12, 2021

Resolution(s) Passed:

21-14 Resolution of the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority to Approve the Annual Agency Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and the Capital Fund Five Year Action Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025

MOTIONS: Hardiman/Blount

VOTE: Aye: Blount, Coleman, Gooden, Hardiman, Johnson, Jones, Kessler,
Pitchford, Shelton

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD IN THE OFFICES OF RRHA
901 CHAMBERLAYNE PARKWAY, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
ON MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021

Board of Commissioners

Neil Kessler, Acting Chairman
Veronica Blount
Basil Gooden
Barrett Hardiman
W. R. "Bill" Johnson, Jr.
Robley Jones
Patrice Shelton

In Attendance via GoToMeeting:

Jonathan Coleman
Charlene Pitchford

RRHA Staff

Stacey Daniels-Fayson, Interim Chief Executive Officer

Acting Chairman Neil Kessler called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m. with Ben Titter serving as Legal Counsel. A quorum was established.

General Counsel Comments

This meeting is conducted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The Board is physically assembled at the central offices of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has made it unsafe for persons to gather in a single indoor location, this meeting is also available via GoTo Meeting in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2(E).

Notice of this meeting was published on RRHA's website on **Thursday, July 6, 2021**. That updated Notice identified that this meeting is available through GoToMeeting, and that members of the public could observe and participate. Specific instructions to access the meeting by Internet and by phone were disclosed in the Notice, which also directed members of the public to a link where they could register to deliver public comments. All requests to speak are delivered to Priscilla Jackson, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public must register in advance in accordance with the Board's Bylaws in order to make public comments during the meeting. To register, members of the public must access an online link by which they can provide the registration information required by the Board's Bylaws. Public comments must be made at electronic meetings of this Board in real time through the GoToMeeting application, either by Internet or by phone. Written comments will not be accepted and will not be included in the minutes of this meeting.

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.

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The members who are participating in this meeting include: (1) Commissioner Veronica Blount, (2) Commissioner Jonathan Coleman**, (3) Commissioner Basil Gooden, (4) Commissioner Barrett Hardiman, (5) Commissioner Bill Johnson, (6) Commissioner Robley Jones, (7) Commissioner Neil Kessler, (8) Commissioner Charlene Pitchford**, and (9) Commissioner Patrice Shelton.

[** denotes Commissioners who participated in the meeting electronically via GoTo Meeting]

For clarity, all voting during this meeting will 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 signed up to speak.

Resolution(s)

Agenda Item No. 1 – Resolution of the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority to Approve the Annual Agency Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and the Capital Fund Five Year Action Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025.

(21-14) BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority that the submission of the Annual Plan, which was read and considered, is approved.

1 Motion: (Hardiman/Blount) Move to adopt Resolution #1

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion: Commissioner Hardiman thanked those who provided comments on the plan. He said *“I think that the process that we have gone through this year was an improvement for those of us that had our first look at this last year. I think there is additional opportunity for engagement and if there is any way we can move these conversations forward and invite the folks who commented, the members of the public, and the residents, to put together a working group to start this early on. It would be great if we have the opportunity to really work through those over the next year and see what changes we can make and the impact it is having on our residents. Again, thank you to the staff for the work that went into this. I think we have certainly improved and certainly a lot of the suggestions that I made last year were incorporated into this annual plan and I am grateful for that as well”*.

Interim CEO Daniels-Fayson said *“We kicked off the process this year in the January/February time frame. We had discussions as a team about moving that process up by a couple more months, November/December to allow more interactions with our residents and others in terms of being able to review the plan. We are continuing to look at ways to improve our overall process”*.

Closed Session

At 6:03 p.m., Commissioner Jones asked to go into Closed Session and read the following motion:

I move that we go into closed meeting to consult with Legal Counsel and staff regarding the discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment, specifically to discuss and consider candidates for Chief Executive Officer and the terms of employment for the same, and to discuss and consider the performance and compensation of a public employee, specifically that of the agency's Interim Chief Executive Officer, all as permitted by Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

**2 Motion: (Jones/Hardiman) Move to go into Closed Session.
Motion Carried Unanimously**

At 6:53 p.m., Commissioner Jones asked to come out of Closed Session.

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/Hardiman) Move to come out of Closed Session
Motion Carried Unanimously**

**4 Motion: (Hardiman/Blount) Move to extend the Interim Chief
Executive Officer's Employment Contract until March 31, 2022
Motion Carried**

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.


Interim Chief Executive Officer/Secretary


Acting Chairman