

**COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING**  
*August 30, 2022*

**Resolution(s) Passed:**

22-36 Resolution of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority  
Authorizing the Approval and Affirmation of New Chief Executive  
Officer

**MOTION:** Johnson/Parker

**VOTE: Aye:** Blount, Hardiman, Jackson, Johnson, Parker, Pitchford, Shelton

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

MINUTES OF SPECIAL ELECTRONIC MEETING  
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF  
RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY  
HELD VIA GOTOMEETING  
IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022

**Board of Commissioners**

**In Attendance Via GoToMeeting:**

Barrett Hardiman, Chair  
W. R. "Bill" Johnson, Jr., Vice Chair  
Veronica Blount  
Eddie Jackson, Jr.  
Harold Parker, Jr.  
Charlene Pitchford  
Patrice Shelton

**RRHA Staff**

Sheila Hill-Christian, Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Ben Titter, General Counsel

Chair Barrett Hardiman called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with Ben Titter serving as General Counsel. A quorum was established.

**General Counsel Comments**

RRHA's General Counsel offered an opening statement about the legal basis for the electronic meeting.

**Citizen Information Period**

No citizens were signed up to speak at the board meeting.

**Chairman's Comments:**

Chair Hardiman stated that the purpose of this special meeting is to approve the resolution to hire Steven Nesmith as the Chief Executive Officer of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

**Resolutions**

***Agenda Item No. 1*** – Resolution of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Authorizing the Approval and Affirmation of New Chief Executive Officer

**(22-36)** WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer is the Executive Director and chief executive and administrative officer of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority ("RRHA"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Board of Commissioners of RRHA (the "Bylaws"), the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may employ an Executive Director, who shall be known as the Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, such Chief Executive Officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, with such compensation as may be determined by

the Board, and pursuant to such written employment contract as may be authorized by a majority of the Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the will of the Board to appoint Steven B. Nesmith as Chief Executive Officer to administer, manage and direct the affairs and business of RRHA, subject to the policies, control and direction of the Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of RRHA:

1. Steven B. Nesmith is hereby appointed, approved and affirmed as the Chief Executive Officer of RRHA;
2. This resolution shall be effective as of October 1, 2022.
3. Barrett Hardiman, as Chair of the Board and on behalf of RRHA, is hereby authorized to enter into a written contract for employment with Steven B. Nesmith, which shall include such compensation and other such terms as the Board may further authorize.

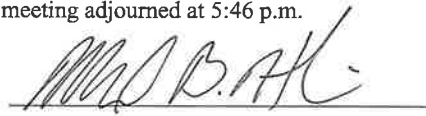
**Motion: (Johnson/Parker) Move to approve Resolution #1**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Steven Nesmith provided brief comments. He thanked the Board of Commissioners on his appointment and said *"I'm going to work hard to earn the trust of each and every one of you. You have my promise on that. I want staff to know that I will be working closely with them to get things done. I can't get anything done unless I have the confidence of staff"*. He added *"I hope to be a servant leader and to get some substantive things done on behalf of the public housing residents and the City of Richmond"*. He thanked Sheila Hill-Christian for her guidance during this process and said *"She has been absolutely invaluable and I look forward to continue working very closely with her as we go forward"*. The Commissioners welcomed him to RRHA.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
Chief Executive Officer/Secretary