

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD AT 600 EAST BROAD STREET, 5TH FLOOR BOARDROOM
IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.

Board of Commissioners

In Attendance

Charlene Pitchford, Vice Chair
Gregory Lewis
Kyle Elliott
Harold Parker

Commissioners Attending Virtually

W. R. "Bill" Johnson, Chair
Barrett Hardiman

Absent

Dyanne Broidy
Eddie Jackson, Jr.
Marika McCray

Counsel

Gerald Carter, Counsel
George Martin, Lead Counsel

Staff In Attendance

Steven Nesmith, Chief Executive Officer
Mike Kelly, Chief Operating Officer
Patrick Baisi, Associate Counsel
Sieglinde Chambliss, Senior Advisor to the CEO
Wanda Daniel, Program Manager - virtual
Precious Faust, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Ben Funkhouser, Budget Manager - virtual
Angela Fountain, Vice President of Communications and Public Relations - virtual
Corey Franklin, Senior Vice President of Affordable Housing - virtual
Monte Gayle, Program Analyst
Sherrill Hampton, Senior Vice President of Real Estate and Community Development
Jessica Hardin, Vice President of Human Resources
Jackie Salaam-Hicks, Vice President of Information Technology – virtual
Don Mullins, Vice President of Capital Projects
Colene Orsini, Vice President of Procurement and Contract Administration
Tiana Frink-Parker, Assistant Vice President of Public Housing Operations - virtual

Theodore Reynolds, Assistant Vice President of Public Safety
Eliza Stokes, Resident Services, Program Manager
Ralph Stuckey, Vice President of Resident Services
Leondra Brown-Turner, Special Projects Coordinator
Tonise Webb, Associate Lead Counsel

Call To Order

Chair Bill Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. A quorum was not established.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum of the Board of Commissioners was not established, therefore the minutes from the *June 18, 2025 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting* were not voted on.

Citizens' Comment Period

Valerie Coley signed up to address the Board of Commissioners during their July 16, 2025 regular board meeting. She spoke about how she has collaborated with CEO Steven Nesmith and is proud of everything that is being done under his leadership for the community.

Cynthia Rashid signed up to address the Board of Commissioners during their July 16, 2025 regular board meeting. She expressed her appreciation to CEO Nesmith and his staff for all that they have done to help the residents at the Stonewall community.

Chair Updates

Chairman Johnson thanked CEO Nesmith for all of his hard work and stated that he is staying abreast of what's going on in the agency.

CEO and Agency Updates

Introduction of DeeDee Anderson, RRHA's Liaison with the Richmond Police Department (RPD). CEO Nesmith introduced DeeDee Anderson, liaison between RRHA and the RPD. In addition, she serves as the program manager for RRHA's public safety team. Ms. Anderson spoke about the various programs and resources that are being offered to engage with families in RRHA's communities to help them overcome obstacles and move up to another level. She also

has developed a culinary program which allows the kids to work with a professional chef for social, emotional and learning skills.

CEO Leadership and Employment Academy. Vice President Ralph Stuckey spoke about the CEO Youth Leadership Employment Academy program. The program consists of three phases: a STEM program, the Youth Leadership and Employment Academy (to employ youths during the summer) and the Open House in the Village Scholarship program (where we recognize those students who are going off to post-secondary education). Several of the students who are participating in this year's CEO Youth Leadership Employment program were in attendance at this evening's board meeting. Deja Smith, Jayla Cribb, Kenzie Bryant, and Atiya Pride spoke about their experiences at RRHA while participating in the program.

Board Retreat in October 2025. Staff is proposing to schedule a day-long retreat with the Board of Commissioners in October to discuss RRHA's mission and initiatives and to get feedback from the board on these items.

CEO Presentation to the Land Use Housing Transportation Committee. CEO Nesmith stated that he will be attending the Land Use Committee meeting on July 22, 2025 to provide council with an update on RRHA's annual accounting/funding, plans for the future of public housing and programming for the homeownership program.

Special Administration-Finance Meeting. Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Precious Faust stated that a special meeting will be held in August with the committee to discuss the FY 2026 budget in preparation for approval at the September 17, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Board of Commissioners Required Training. The Commissioners were reminded to reach out to Associate Lead Counsel and Chief Compliance Office Webb if assistance is needed for the online training that all board members must complete.

Committee Updates

The *Real Estate and Community Development Committee* met on July 8, 2025. Sherrill Hampton, Senior Vice President of Real Estate and Community Development provided an update on the following items.

- Creighton Court resident meeting was held on June 26, 2025. The meeting was well attended.
- Two virtual resident engagement meetings for the Gilpin redevelopment project were held on July 22, 2025 and July 23, 2025.
- Predevelopment and planning work continues the Mosby project.

The *Property Management Committee* met on July 10, 2025. Corey Franklin, Senior Vice President of Affordable Housing provided an update on the following items.

- Ice cream social event will be held at Gilpin on July 21, 2025.
- Compliance.
- Clearing fatal errors.
- SEMAP.
- National Night Out – August 5, 2025.

The *Governance Committee* met on July 9, 2025. Tonise Webb, Associate Lead Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer provided an update on the following items.

- Board of Commissioners budget for FY 2026.
- Voluntary Compliance Agreement.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Chair

Chief Executive Officer/Secretary