

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
of the
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
4:00 PM Monday, October 17, 2005
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Item 1. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following answered present: Reesa Watson, Chair; Quinn Fazio Goodchild, Vice Chair; Tam English; Ruby Slaton; Robert Kelley. Also attending were Andrea Walen, Deputy Director, Veronica Lopez, Section 8 Director, Jack Jones, Public Housing Management Director, Marva Garel, Accountant II and Attorney David Tolces.

Absent: None

Item 2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2005 AGENDA

The Agenda was reviewed and no corrections or changes noted. Commissioner Kelley moved approval; Commissioner English seconded. All voted in the affirmative.

Item 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2005 REGULAR MINUTES

The Minutes were reviewed and no corrections or changes noted. Commissioner English moved approval; Commissioner Slaton seconded. All voted in the affirmative.

Item 3(a) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2005 SPECIAL MINUTES

The Minutes were reviewed and no corrections or changes noted. Commissioner English moved approval; Commissioner Slaton seconded. All voted in the affirmative.

Item 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. Approval of 2006 Agency Plan and Five Year Plan for 2005-2009

Copies of the PHA Annual Agency Plan for 2006 were distributed to the Commissioners during the September 28, 2005 Special Board meeting. Copies were also sent to City Hall and displayed in the public housing community centers and offices for forty five (45) days as required by HUD. The plan was discussed at the public hearing held on October 17, 2005, at 5:00 PM, immediately following the Board meeting.

The Deputy Director, Andrea Walen, reviewed the changes to the 2006 agency plan and responded to questions from the Board. The Executive Director recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 1114 approving the Housing Authority's Agency Plan for FY 2006 and Five-year Comprehensive Agency Plan for 2005-2009. Commissioner English moved approval; Commissioner Slaton seconded. All voted in the affirmative.

2. Review of F/Y 2004 Audit Report

The Executive Director discussed and addressed questions from the previously distributed audit reports and requested that the Board approve, by motion, accepting the HACFL's audit report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. Commissioner Kelley moved the motion to approve; Commissioner Slaton seconded. All voted in the affirmative.

3. Report on Investigation

This is an on-going item with the Board. Attorney David Tolces contacted the Board members and sent a copy of the report to them directly for review prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. Tolces informed the Board that the reports had not been made public and would not be considered complete until the Board accepted the findings and the report. He also asked that the Board tempered their comments in light of those facts.

The Commissioners discussed the overall cost of the investigation and offered comments. After discussion, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Slaton and Commissioner Goodchild stated that they were all satisfied with the report and would like to put this issue to rest.

Commissioner English expressed his dissatisfaction, as he thought that there were several issues that HUD would have a problem with. He expressed his concerns and disagreement with other board members on these issues individually.

The Executive Director responded to Commissioner English regarding his concerns with the issues relating to HUD. The Executive Director stated that HUD Miami (Field Office) and Washington (head office) both received copies of the un-signed letter and upon receipt of Attorney Frank Henry's report dismissed the allegations.

Commission Kelly stated that the report was similar to the previous report from Attorney Frank Henry and that he was also satisfied with the report. He suggested that the Board affirm the Executive Director, release the reports to him, put this to rest and move forward. However, he asked that policies and procedures be reviewed and that some restraint and caution be applied in certain areas as a lot of things may have been done in an inappropriate way.

Commissioner Kelley moved the motion to approve the report provided by A-I Investigative Agency; Commissioner Slaton seconded. All voted in the affirmative except for Commissioner English who voted in the negative.

Mr. Tolces stated that he would transmit the report and the documents from A-I Investigative Agency to the Executive Director.

4. United Resident Council (URC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Marcenia Wood, URC President, requested this item be added to the agenda.

Attachment 1 was a copy of the existing MOU between the Housing Authority and the URC. Ms. Wood was unable to attend the Board meeting. This item will be rescheduled to a future Board meeting.

Item Five: NEW BUSINESS

1. Procedure for Allocating Homes to Homeownership Candidates

At the September 2005, Board meeting Commissioner English requested that a policy/procedure be put in place for selecting eligible clients for the homeownership program. The Executive Director gave the Commissioners a copy of the proposed policy/procedure for review and comments. This item will be discussed at the November Board meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

