



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 13, 2023
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Neal Shearer, Vice-Chair Tricia Serlin, Board Members Jeff Jameson, Roger Lurie, Patrick Dodds, Mary Jung, and Stuart Turgel

STAFF: Greg Bestgen, Director; Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Office Manager; Chad Beougher, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist; Jennifer Crane, Community Grants Specialist; Christina Cooley, Center Supervisor; Vania Torres, Administrative Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Approve the regular meeting minutes of March 23, 2023

BOARD MEMBER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 23, 2023, SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. VICE CHAIR SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, AND BOARD MEMBERS JAMESON, LURIE, DODDS, JUNG, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. FY 2023/2024 PHA Streamlined Annual Plan and Administrative Plan Updates

Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Office Manager, provided a presentation on the FY 2023/2024 PHA Annual Plan and Administrative Plan updates. She noted this is the one of the two public hearings as required by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the annual

agency plan and updates to the administrative plan. The plan is available on the website for public viewing and comments, which will close on May 11, 2023.

The presentation included a review of the progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-year PHA Plan. She provided information related to funding that has been received and expended and voucher utilization within Scottsdale. She recapped the partnerships and memberships maintained by the Housing Agency to best serve the community. There are 2,164 families on the 2022 wait list. Staff have attended 15 training sessions resulting in four professional certifications. Seven public hearings on key housing topics were held in 2022. A housing payment direct deposit for landlords, online waitlist applicant portal, and landlord portal were implemented. An intake video was created, and payment standards were established at 110% of fair market value.

Christina Cooley, Human Services Center Supervisor, gave a presentation on the updates to the Administrative Plan. Her presentation included mandatory changes including the Housing Through Modernization Act to be implemented in 2024. Two local preferences were added, being Choice Mobility and the Project Based Program. They will no longer provide assistance to families who own manufactured housing and only lease the pad. Eligibility documentation, income sources, and lump sum payments were clarified.

Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Cooley clarified they must provide housing rental assistance to families who rent a mobile home and rent the plot of land, which are two different rents. It is discretionary if they have ownership of the mobile home they are residing in and only rent the plot of land it sits on.

3. Appointment of Resident Board Member to the Scottsdale Housing Agency Governing Board

This item was removed at the request of staff.

4. Identification of Future Agenda Items

There were no agenda items suggested.

5. Adjournment

VICE CHAIR SERLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, AND BOARD MEMBERS JAMESON, LURIE, DODDS, JUNG, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

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