

# CITY OF SCOTTSDALE SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 26, 2023 Community Design Studio 7506 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale. AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Neal Shearer, Vice Chair Mary Jung, Board Members Jeff Jameson, Tricia

Serlin, Roger Lurie, Patrick Dodds (arrived at 3:06 p.m.), Stuart Turgel, and

Leslie Brownell

**STAFF:** Greg Bestgen, Director; Christina Cooley, HCV Supervisor; Chad Beougher,

Community Development Supervisor: Community Grants Specialists Armando

Olivares and Mario Alvarez; Judy Doyle, Community Services Assistant

Executive Director; Vania Torres, Staff Coordinator

## **Call to Order**

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 3:02 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 September 28, 2023

BOARD MEMBER SERLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. BOARD MEMBER JAMESON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. VICE-CHAIR JUNG, BOARD MEMBERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, TURGEL, AND BROWNELL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. CHAIR SHEARER ABSTAINED. BOARD MEMBER DODDS WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

# 2. Resolution 2023-02 Housing Choice Voucher Payment Standards Effective January 1, 2024

Christina Cooley, HCV Supervisor, presented the proposed Housing Choice Voucher Payment Standards effective January 1, 2024. She explained that HUD releases fair market rents each fall and housing agencies have 90 days to implement new payment standards that fall between 90 and 110 percent of those published amounts. Scottsdale Housing Agency has established payment standards to make them more competitive with open-market renters. Ms. Cooley reviewed the cost per unit rates, noting that increases were focused on one- and two- bedroom units. With increased cost per unit rates, participants have found units up to two weeks quicker than in the past. Thanks to recent efforts, Scottsdale Housing Agency now has a courtesy property listing with eight private landlords and 15 participating complexes. Last year 93 percent of the budget authority was utilized. Currently, SHA is working on spending down the reserves. If payment standards were to be decreased, it would raise the tenants' portion.

BOARD MEMBER SERLIN MOVED TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2023-02 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PAYMENT STANDARDS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2024. BOARD MEMBER JAMESON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED WHICH CARRIED EIGHT (8) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, BOARD MEMBERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, TURGEL, AND BROWNELL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## 3. Identification of Future Agenda Items

There were no agenda items suggested.

### 4. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER SERLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER JAMESON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED EIGHT (8) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, BOARD MEMBERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, TURGEL, AND BROWNELL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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