



Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting
 Wednesday, August 18, 2010

I. Call to Order:

Commissioner Núñez, Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Broward County Housing Authority ("BCHA") called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M. on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at Headway Office Park, 4780 North State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida.

II. Roll Call:

Mr. Cregan conducted a roll call and certified that a quorum was present.

Commissioners Present:

Mercedes J. Núñez Chair
 Juan Selaya Vice Chair
 Joseph M. Cobo
 Rico Petrocelli

Members Absent:

None

Members Late:

None

Members Excused:

Sharon Day

Staff and Legal Counsel Present:

Kevin Cregan Board Secretary/Chief Executive Officer
 Ann Deibert Chief Operating Officer
 Steven Cortese Chief Financial Officer
 Gary Knoerlein Assistant VP Finance
 Sam Hornsby Assistant VP Development
 Monica Alfasi Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary
 Deattra Glaser Senior Administrative Assistant
 David N. Tolces Legal Counsel, Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.

Also in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting:

Adam Matza Account Manager, Ambit Marketing Communications
 Staff from TCBA Watson Rice LLP
 Staff from NCT Group CPAs LLP
 Staff from Berman Hopkins Wright & LaHam, CPA's & Associates, LLP

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Chair called on Mr. Cortese to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda:

Action: Motion was made by Commissioner Cobo and seconded by Commissioner Petrocelli to approve the Agenda for August 18, 2010 as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

V. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting:

Action: Motion was made by Commissioner Petrocelli to approve the Minutes of the meeting for July 21, 2010 as submitted. Commissioner Cobo seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting:

Action: Motion was made by Commissioner Cobo to approve the Minutes of the special board meeting for August 3, 2010 as submitted. Commissioner Petrocelli seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Bills and Communications:

1. Audit Committee Recommendations:

Title: **Audit Committee Recommendations – Memorandum 2010-23 (CEO).**

Mr. Cregan discussed the recommendations made by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on August 6, 2010.

David Tolces, Esq. advised the Board of Commissioners that the auditor selection procedure is governed by Florida Statutes and under the statute compensation is one of the factors that was considered by the Audit Committee in their evaluation. He said the Board of Commissioners is to a certain extent obligated to go with the highest ranked firm or the Board would have to document in the records the reason for not selecting the highest ranked qualified firm. He wanted the comments on the record so the Board was aware of the statute as they proceed with their deliberations and discussion.

Commissioner Petrocelli stated that he wanted to have on the record that he was upset that after speaking with David Tolces, Esq. and Mr. Cregan that BCHA is excluded from having basically a geographic area preference for a local firm. He stated that two of the firms on the list (number 3 and 4) are from out of the area and he understands that HUD was the main reason that the RFP goes out to everybody. He believed in local based businesses and he felt that his hands were tied. He thought that we should deal with the local business community as opposed to a firm that is out of the county or state.

2. Interviews of Audit Firms:

Title: Interviews of Audit Firms

The top three firms as selected by the Audit Committee: TCBA Watson Rice, LLP; NCT Group CPA's LLP and Berman Hopkins Wright & LaHam, CPA's & Associates, LLP gave presentations to the Board of Commissioners.

3. Resolution Number 2010-50:

Title: Resolution Approving Selection of TCBA Watson Rice LLP for Auditing Services.

Action: At the conclusion of the presentations Commissioner Cobo made a motion that we retain our current audit firm of TCBA Watson Rice, LLP for Auditing Services. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Selaya. Following discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Review of Financial Report:

Title: Review of Financial Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 2010.

Mr. Cortese gave a brief presentation and answered questions regarding the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2010.

Action: Commissioner Petrocelli made a motion to accept the financial report for the quarter ending June 30, 2010. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Selaya and was approved unanimously.

5. Presentation of Proposed Operating Budget:

Title: Presentation of Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 (October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011).

Mr. Cregan gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the proposed operating budget for FY 2010/2011. This item will be on the September agenda for official board approval.

Action: No action required at this time.

VIII. Consent Agenda:

THOSE MATTERS INCLUDED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO REQUIRE REVIEW OR DISCUSSION. ITEMS ARE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION; IF A COMMISSIONER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC DESIRES DISCUSSION ON AN ITEM, HOWEVER, THAT ITEM MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Commissioner Cobo made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Petrocelli and was approved unanimously.

IX. Reports:

1. Crime Report:

Commissioner Petrocelli said he noticed several domestic disputes on the crime report and asked Mr. Cregan if we had counseling in place to assist the tenants involved. Mr. Cregan said the Asset Management Department has resident relations staff and Mrs Kincey said staff does domestic violence referrals when it is brought to their attention.

Action: No action required.

2. Monthly Report on Bids/Request for Proposals:

Action: No questions or comments on monthly report.

3. Monthly Department Reports:

Assisted Housing: No questions or comments.

Asset Management: No questions or comments.

College Gardens: No questions or comments.

4. Board Secretary/Chief Executive Officer's Monthly Report:

BCHA won the award for agency of the year at the FAHRO Annual Convention and Trade Show in Orlando, Florida and a Best Practice Award for a Calendar Contest.

BCHA was the only applicant to apply for Disaster Relief Mitigation funds from Broward County in the amount of \$2.8 million. If there are no problems with the application, \$900,000 would be available to build single family homes at Tallman Pines, \$2,000,000 would be available to upgrade the windows and doors at College Gardens and new roofs at several other properties. We hope to be awarded the money at the September 16, 2010 Broward County Commission Meeting.

5. Legal Counsel's Eviction Status Report (Memorandum 2010-013):

David Tolces, Esq. discussed his monthly report and also informed the Board that his firm filed a letter with HUD regarding the City of Lauderhill's assertion that they have the exclusive right to handle housing choice vouchers in their city. He thought BCHA's position was well represented and was hopeful that HUD will inform Lauderhill that BCHA's position is correct and that there is nothing that anyone needs to do at this point. Mr. Cregan commended Mr. Tolces on the legal opinion that he filed regarding the City of Lauderhill's request for vouchers.

X. Comments from the Public

No comments.

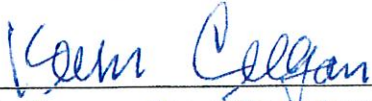
XI. Comments from the Commissioners:

The Chair complimented Mr. Tolces for the fine job he did in composing the letter to HUD regarding the City of Lauderhill and also thanked the staff for the awards that were received from FAHRO. Commissioner Petrocelli thanked his fellow commissioners for their great teamwork and to staff for their hard work and for making the Board look good.

XII. Adjournment:

Commissioner Petrocelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cobo and the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 A.M.

Submitted by:



Kevin Cregan, Board Secretary/CEO

(Note: These minutes are not verbatim. Recorded tapes are available upon request).