
**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT
OCTOBER 4, 2017**

The Special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport Administrative Office in the Empowerment Center located at 1052 W. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois at 7:00 p.m. Chair Jennifer Smith-Norman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present and responded to roll call: Chair Jennifer Smith-Norman, Vice Chair Newton, Commissioner Becker, Commissioner Rhymer, Commissioner Schulz, Commissioner Greta Harrell.

Members absent: Commissioner Patrick McDermott.

Also present: Interim Director Babette Jamison-Varner, Steve Carroll, Andra Taylor, and HACF Counsel Michael Phillips.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

READING OF CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Smith-Norman read the call for the special meeting of October 4, 2017.

Commissioner Rhymer moved, second by Commissioner Becker to approve the agenda, as presented for the October 4, 2017, special meeting. On voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MINUTES

Commissioner Rhymer moved, second by Commissioner Becker to approve the proposed minutes of the August 11, 2017, Regular Meeting, the August 25, 2017 Special Meeting, and September 11, 2017, Special Meeting. On voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

Chair Smith Norman moved, second by Commissioner Rhymer to approve the claims and demands for August 2017. Roll call was as follows:

Newton:	Aye	Rhymer:	Aye	Harrell:	Aye
Becker:	Aye	Schulz:	Aye	Smith Norman:	Aye

Chair Smith Norman declared the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:12 p.m., Commissioner Rhymer moved, second by Commissioner Becker to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of the following:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

On roll call, the following members voted:

Becker:	Aye	Schulz:	Aye	Smith-Norman:	Aye
Rhymer:	Aye	Harrell:	Aye	Newton:	Aye

Chair Smith Norman declared the motion passed.

Open Session

At 7:52 p.m., Commissioner Rhymer moved, second by Chair Smith-Norman to return to open session. On voice vote, the motion passed unanimously

POSSIBLE FINAL ACTION

Final Approval of Employment Contract with Interim Executive Director

Commissioner Rhymer moved, second by Commissioner Becker to amend paragraph 7 of the contract relating to residency and relocation. Roll call was as follows:

Rhymer:	Aye	Harrell:	Aye	Newton:	Aye
Schulz:	Aye	Smith-Norman:	Aye	Becker:	Aye

Chair Smith Norman declared the motion passed.

Commissioner Becker moved, second by Commissioner Rhymer to approve the Employment Contract with the Interim Executive Director Ms. Babette Jamison-Varner, as amended. Roll call was as follows:

Schulz:	Nay	Smith-Norman:	Aye	Becker:	Aye
Harrell:	Aye	Newton:	Aye	Rhymer:	Aye

Chair Smith Norman declared the motion passed.

Final Approval of Contract with Special Auditor for the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport

Commissioner Rhymer moved, second by Commissioner Becker to approve moving forward with the process to enter into a contract to conduct a special audit for the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport. Roll call was as follows:

Harrell:	Aye	Newton:	Aye	Rhymer:	Aye
Smith-Norman:	Aye	Becker:	Aye	Schulz:	Nay

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Schulz shared concerns with regard to the budget and the legal fees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted at this special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport, Commissioner Rhymer moved, second by Commissioner Becker to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and at 8:13 p.m., Chair Smith-Norman declared the meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Smith-Norman
Chair of the Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the City of Freeport

ATTEST:

Greta Harrell
Secretary Pro-Tem/Commissioner
Housing Authority of the City of Freeport