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**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT  
MARCH 27, 2024**

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The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport Administrative Office located at 1052 W. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois at 12:00 p.m. Chair Williams Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present and responded to roll call:

**Present**  
Commissioner Harrell  
Commissioner Pearson  
Chair Williams Thomas  
Commissioner Bukas  
Commissioner Sutter

**Absent**  
Commissioner Devine  
Vice Chair Carter  
James Palermo Jr., Maintenance Director

**Guests:**  
Mike Bainbridge, Chief Financial Officer

**Staff:**  
Rachel Greenwood, Interim Executive Director  
Bernadette Mekalska, Administrative Director

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**V. MIKE BAINBRIDGE**

Mike Bainbridge discussed the FY 2025 Operating Budget.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS *Vice Chair Carter entered the meeting at 12:06 pm.***

a. **Resolution 032024-01:** Resolution Authorizing Approval of FY 2025 Operating Budget

**VII. APPROVALS**

a. **Approval of Resolution 032024-01: Resolution Authorizing Approval of the FY 2025 Operating Budget**

Commissioner Harrell moved to approve the proposed FY 2025 Operating Budget, second by Commissioner Pearson. Roll call was as follows:

<b>Devine:</b>		<b>Sutter:</b>	Aye	<b>Pearson:</b>	Aye
<b>Harrell:</b>	Aye	<b>Bukas:</b>	Nay	<b>Carter:</b>	Aye
<b>Williams Thomas</b>	Aye				

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

At 12:41 pm Commissioner Sutter moved, second by Vice Chair Carter to enter Closed Session for the purpose of the following:

Enter into closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, 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 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

On roll call, the following members voted:

<b>Devine:</b>		<b>Sutter:</b>	Aye	<b>Pearson:</b>	Aye
<b>Harrell:</b>	Aye	<b>Bukas:</b>	Aye		
<b>Carter:</b>	Aye	<b>Williams Thomas:</b>	Aye		

**IX. OPEN SESSION**

At 1:12 pm Commissioner Carter moved, second by Commissioner Harrell to return to open session. On a roll call, following members voted:

<b>Devine:</b>		<b>Williams Thomas:</b>	Aye	<b>Pearson:</b>	Aye
<b>Harrell:</b>	Aye	<b>Bukas:</b>	Aye		
<b>Carter:</b>	Aye	<b>Sutter:</b>	Aye		

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

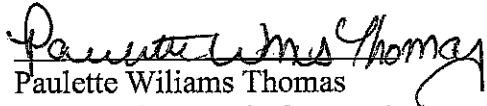
There being no further business to be conducted at this special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport, at 1:14 pm Commissioner Harrell moved, second by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn.

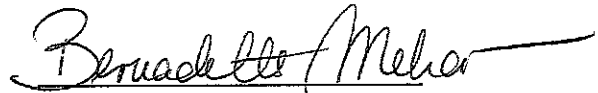
On a roll call, following members voted:

<b>Devine:</b>		<b>Williams Thomas:</b>	Aye	<b>Pearson:</b>	Aye
<b>Harrell:</b>	Aye	<b>Bukas:</b>	Nay		
<b>Carter:</b>	Aye	<b>Sutter:</b>	Aye		

Chair Williams Thomas declared the meeting adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

  
Paulette Williams Thomas  
Chair of the Board of Commissioners  
Housing Authority of the City of Freeport

  
Bernadette Mekalska  
Director of Administration and Secretary  
Housing Authority of the City of Freeport