

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE** HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT JULY 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport Administrative Office located at 1052 W. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois at 12:00 p.m. Vice Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

#### 11. **ROLL CALL**

The following members were present and responded to roll call:

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# Staff Present

Commissioner Bukas

Rachel Greenwood, Interim Executive Director & Property Operations, Board Secretary

Commissioner Pearson

James Palermo, Director of Facilities & Maintenance

Commissioner Yount Vice Chair Cunningham Commissioner Bush

# Consultants

Remote: Mike Bainbridge, Chief Financial Officer

# Absent Commissioners:

Commissioner Bush Vice Chair Carter

#### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Commissioner Harrell entered the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Yount moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush to approve the agenda for July 16, 2025, as presented. Vice Chair Cunningham requested vote, unanimously approved.

#### V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Special Meeting Minutes, June 25, 2025 Commissioner Young moved, second by Commissioner Bush to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2025. Vice Chair Cunningham requested voice vote, all commissioners voice vote approved, except Commissioner Bukas stated Nay.

#### VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### VII. **HACF REPORTS**

HACF staff presented reports. Vice Chair Cunningham asked questions regarding vacant unit utility costs, Greenwood responded.

### VIII. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT, MIKE BAINBRIDGE

a. April Financials 2025

Chief Accountant, Mike Bainbridge discussed and presented financial reports for April 2025.

#### IX. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Harrell moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearson for approval of the report presented. Vice Chair Cunningham requested roll call, roll call was as follows:

Pearson: Ave **Cunningham:** Aye Harrell: Aye Bush: Aye **Bukas:** Nay Yount: Nay

#### X. ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

At 12:32 p.m. Commissioner Harrell moved, second by Commissioner Pearson to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of the following:

a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer 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)

Roll Call was as follows:

Pearson: Ave **Cunningham:** Ave Harrell: Aye Yount: Aye Bukas: Aye Bush: Aye

Palermo and Greenwood exited room at 12:33 p.m. Bainbridge exited remote session.

At 12:55 pm. HACF staff entered room. Commissioner Harrell moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearson to return to Open Session. Roll Call was as follows:

Pearson: **Cunningham:** Aye Aye Harrell: Yount: Aye Aye **Bukas:** Aye Bush: Aye

### XI. **RESOLUTIONS**

a. Resolution 072025-01: Resolution Authorizing Approval of Audit Solutions, LLC for Annual Audit Services. Greenwood explained purpose of entering into contract with Audit Solutions, LLC for Fiscal Year End March 31, 2025.

#### XII. **APPROVALS**

a. Resolution 072025-01: Resolution Authorizing Approval of Audit Solutions, LLC for Annual Audit Services. Commissioner Harrell moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Vice Chair Cunningham requested roll call. Roll Call was as follows:

Pearson: Aye **Cunningham:** Aye Harrell: Aye Bush: Aye **Bukas:** Aye Yount: Aye

### XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be conducted at the annual meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport, Commissioner Harrell moved, second by Commissioner Bush to adjourn. Vice Chair Cunningham requested voice vote, unanimously carried, and Cunningham Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

**Quincy Carter** 

Chair of the Board of Commissioners Housing Authority of the City of Freeport

Rachel Greenwood

Interim Executive Director & Property Operations Manager, Board Secretary Housing Authority of the City of Freeport