
**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT
JULY 21, 2021**

The regular virtual meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport Administrative Office in the Empowerment Center located at 1052 W. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois at 6:00 p.m. Chair Smith-Norman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR PRITZKER AND GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY LEGAL COUNSEL, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT MAY CONDUCT ALL OR PORTIONS OF THIS MEETING BY USE OF TELEPHONIC OR ELECTRONIC MEANS WITHOUT A PHYSICAL QUORUM PRESENT IN THE BOARDROOM.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present via GoTo Meeting portal and responded to roll call:

Present

Chair Smith-Norman
Commissioner Richter
Commissioner Shirley
Vice Chair Harrell

Staff Present

Babette Jamison-Varner, CEO
Bernadette Mekalska, Executive Coordinator

Consultants

Mike Bainbridge, Chief Financial Officer

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Shirley moved, second by Vice Chair Harrell to approve the agenda for July 21, 2021 regular meeting, as presented. On roll call, the following members voted:

Richter:	Aye	Smith-Norman:	Aye
Shirley:	Aye	Harrell:	Aye

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 21, 2021.**

Commissioner Shirley moved, second by Vice Chair Harrell to approve the regular virtual meeting minutes of April 21, 2021. On roll call, the following members voted:

Shirley: Aye Harrell: Aye
Richter: Aye Smith-Norman: Aye

b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021

Commissioner Shirley moved, second by Vice Chair Harrell to approve the regular virtual meeting minutes of May 19, 2021. On roll call, the following members voted:

Shirley: Aye Harrell: Aye
Richter: Aye Smith-Norman: Aye

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONER BYRNES, Chair Smith-Norman

This agenda item was tabled to the next Board Meeting due to Commissioner Byrnes absence.

VIII. CEO REPORT, Babette Jamison-Varner

Director Jamison-Varner gave an update on Tenant Protection Vouchers. Director Jamison-Varner also talked about repositioning opportunities and Section 18 application for Westview.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT, Mike Bainbridge

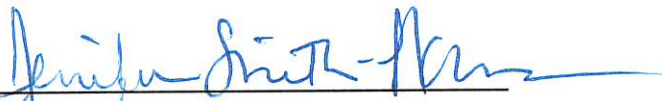
Chief Accountant, Mike Bainbridge, discussed the FY 2022 Operating Budget and presented financial reports for the months of March & April of 2021 for the Operating Budget.

Mike also gave a summary of the annual audit. The auditors from Hawkins|Ash will present to the Board in October, 2021.

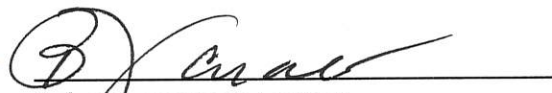
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted at this regular virtual meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport, Commissioner Shirley moved, second by Vice Chair Harrell to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and at 6:35 p.m., Chair Smith-Norman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



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



Babette Jamison-Varner
Chief Executive Officer & Secretary
Housing Authority of the City of Freeport