
**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT
FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

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

The special virtual meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, virtually 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 Smith-Norman called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present and responded to roll call:

Present
Chair Smith-Norman
Commissioner Williams Thomas
Vice Chair Harrell
Commissioner Boldt
Commissioner Richter
Commissioner Shirley

Staff Present
Bernadette Mekalska, Executive Coordinator

Guests

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 February 2, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. On roll call, the following members voted:

Richter:	Aye	Smith-Norman:	Aye
Shirley:	Aye	Harrell:	Aye
Boldt:	Aye	Williams Thomas:	Aye

II. DISCUSSION

Administrative salary increase for Chief Executive Officer, Babette Jamison-Varner was discussed.

III. CLOSE SESSION

At 12:10 pm, Vice Chair Harrell moved, second by Commissioner Shirley to enter Close Session for the purpose of the following:

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:

Boldt:	Aye	Smith-Norman:	Aye
Williams Thomas:	Aye	Richter:	Aye
Shirley:	Aye	Harrell:	Aye

Chair Smith-Norman declared the motion passed.

At 12:47 p.m. Commissioner Boldt left the meeting and was not able to call back due to connectivity problems via her cell phone.

IV. OUT OF CLOSE SESSION

At 12:50 p.m., Commissioner Richter moved, second by Vice Chair Harrell to return to open session. On roll call, the following members voted:

Boldt:		Smith-Norman:	Aye
Harrell:	Aye	Williams Thomas:	Aye
Shirley:	Aye	Richter:	Aye

Chair Smith-Norman declared the motion passed.

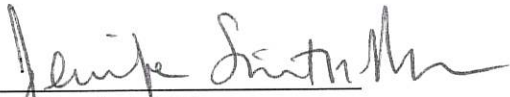
V. REQUEST FOR ACTION

Commissioners requested additional information for further review. Action item was tabled to the next Board meeting.

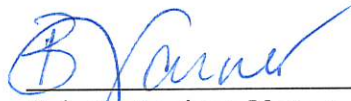
VI. ADJOURNMENT

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 Shirley moved, seconded by Vice Chair Greta Harrell. The motion carried unanimously, and at 12:52 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 and Secretary
Housing Authority of the City of Freeport