

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
- OPEN SESSION -
OF THE SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD ON AUGUST 14th, 2024

The members of the Springfield Housing Authority met in Open Session at the Conference Room of the Springfield Housing Authority at 60 Congress St., Springfield, Massachusetts and on Zoom at 12:00 PM on August 14th, 2024.

A copy of the Notice of Meeting, pursuant to Section 23B of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, with the Certificate as to Service of the Notice, was ordered spread upon the minutes of the meeting and filed for records.

NOTICE OF MEETING

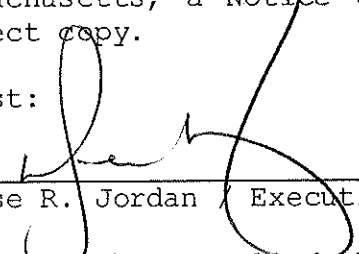
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23B of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts Laws, as amended, that a special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Springfield Housing Authority will be held at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, August 14th, 2024 at the Conference Room of the Springfield Housing Authority at 60 Congress St., Springfield, Massachusetts.

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY
/s/Denise R. Jordan, Executive Director
August 12th, 2024

CERTIFICATE AS TO SERVICE OF THE NOTICE OF MEETING

I, Denise R. Jordan, the duly appointed and qualified Secretary of the Springfield Housing Authority, do hereby certify that on August 12th, 2024, I filed in the manner provided by Section 23B, Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, with the Clerk of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, a Notice of Meeting of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy.

Attest:



Denise R. Jordan / Executive Director/Secretary to the Board

Chairman Labonte called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and those present upon roll call were as follows:

PRESENT	ABSENT
Thomas Labonte	
Jessica Quinonez (attended on Zoom)	Angela Robles
Willie Thomas	
Raymond Warren (attended on Zoom)	

ALSO PRESENT

Fidan Gousseynoff
Magda Rodriguez (attended on Zoom)
Pam Wells (attended on Zoom)

The Board reviewed the Minutes of June 6th, 2024. With no questions or comments and upon a motion made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and following a board roll call, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the Minutes of June 6th, 2024.

The Board reviewed materials and a recommendation to approve SHA's application for state grant for the Housing First Program. Director of Resident Services Pam Wells provided brief information about the program that helps families transition from shelter to SHA units and provides case management and support during the 1st year of their tenancy. She explained that the program has been funded by the State for 19 years and instead of renewing funding automatically, this year the state required submitting application for funding. Ms. Wells introduced Magda Rodriguez who supervises the Housing First program.

Commissioner Warren inquired about the deadline listed in the NOFA and Pam Wells explained that the SHA has been waiting for EOHLC staff for some guidance because the NOFA was for state units and the SHA has been using federalized units to house program participants as per a special permission received from DHCD after the federalization.

In response to Commissioner Thomas's request, Ms. Wells confirmed that it was the 1st time that the SHA had to submit its grant application for the Program. She noted that it is expected that the application will be approved and expressed her hope that the SHA will be able to continue providing important support to families participating in the program.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Quinonez and following a roll call, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt Resolution #9803 to approve SHA's application for funding under the Executive Office of Housing and Community Development's NOFA issued on 06/18/2024 to fund the Housing First / Housing Now program.

There being no further business to come before the members of the Springfield Housing Authority Board, upon a motion made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and following a board roll call, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn the Open Session of the Special Meeting of the Springfield Housing Authority at 12:06 PM.

ATTEST:

 8/20/2024
Thomas Labonte, Chairman


Denise R. Jordan, Executive Director