

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
- REGULAR/OPEN SESSION -  
OF THE SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY  
HELD ON OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

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 with Zoom video conference option for public access at 4:00 PM on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

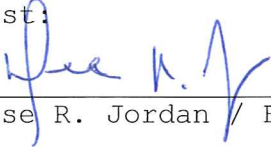
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23B of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts Laws, as amended, that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Springfield Housing Authority will be held at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 via Zoom video conference call for public access and at the Conference Room of the Springfield Housing Authority at 60 Congress St., Springfield, Massachusetts.

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY  
/s/Denise R. Jordan, Executive Director  
October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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 October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 4:00PM, and those present upon roll call were as follows:

PRESENT

Thomas Labonte  
Willie Thomas  
Angela Robles  
Raymond Warren  
Jessica Quinones

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

Nicole Kane  
Denise Jordan

John Healy  
Fidan Gousseynoff  
Yarira Ortega  
Pam Wells  
Austin Harris  
Jimmie Mitchell

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The Board reviewed and voted on the Minutes of September 20th, 2022. Commissioner Warren addressed page 3, second line and the use of the word "execution" within context. Executive Department Manager, Marieli Roman, acknowledged notation for review. With no further questions or comments and upon a motion made by Commissioner Warren, seconded by Commissioner Robles, following a board roll call, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the Minutes of September 20th, 2022.

Chairman Labonte commenced the Board Meeting with Agenda Item E.1. to announce the Farris Mitchell Scholarship Award Winner. Youth Engagement Coordinator Jimmie Mitchell introduced the Scholarship Award winner, Yari Torres. The Board of Commissioners and SHA staff congratulated Ms. Torres. Mr. Mitchell acknowledged a prior Scholarship Award winner, Kevin White, and his achievement in internal medicine residency. Mr. Mitchell provided the Board of Commissioners with a copy of the article.

There was no vote on this agenda item.

Jimmie Mitchell and Yari Torres left the Board Meeting at 4:07 PM.

Chairman Labonte proceeded to Agenda Item E.2 to approve DHCD grant application for the Resident Service Coordinator position. Resident Service Director Pam Wells presented agenda item and explained the position is funded for 2020-2022 and is asking the Board to approve the part-time funding for coordinator.

There were no questions/comments on this agenda item.

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

VOTED: to approve DHCD grant application for the Resident Service Coordinator position.

Pam Wells left the Board Meeting at 4:09 PM.

Chairman Labonte proceeded to the Executive Director's report. Executive Director, Denise R. Jordan, provided updates on the following meetings, collaborations and operations of the SHA to include but is not limited to: a meeting held with Heather Birchall and Ryan Cusick from HUD at 60 Congress Street, PIC, REAC and vacancies were discussed; REAC training for all district staff was conducted by USIG; a meeting was held with TD Bank, 60 Congress Street building loan was discussed; a meeting was held with the City Team, the Springfield Garden was discussed- Blanca Berrios, Nicole Kane and Matthew Rogers were also present; the announcement of the SHA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Event will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to celebrate and

honor SHA 76<sup>th</sup> year. Ms. Jordan noted SHA could not celebrate last year due to COVID-19.

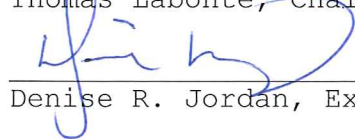
Chairman Labonte proceeded to Agenda Items H.1 AP Reports for September 2022 for informational purposes.

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 Quinonez and following a board roll call, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn the Open Session of a Regular Meeting of the Springfield Housing Authority at 4:22 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Thomas Labonte, Chairman

  
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Denise R. Jordan, Executive Director