# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BERGEN COUNTY One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey

## MINUTES OF ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2021

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM BUT ARE INSTEAD A SYNOPSIS OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2021 – A ZOOM VIRUTAL MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## PRESENT:

Chairman Daniel Ortega
Commissioner Peter Caminiti, Sr.
Commissioner Angelo D'Arminio, Jr.
Commissioner Junior Hernandez
Commissioner Danielle Peterson
Commissioner Harvey Sohmer

Lynn Bartlett, Executive Director
Terrence Corriston, General Counsel
Vincent Bufis, Field Operations Director
Al Restaino III, Accounting Manager
John Biale, Director of Development
Esther Gatria, HR Manager
Julia Orlando, BCHHH Director

## ABSENT:

Commissioner Joanne English-Rollieson

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:38pm. Executive Director, Lynn Bartlett read the following statement:

Consistent with the Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act: P.L.1975c231 - All meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public at all times. Notice of the virtual meeting schedule of the HABC Board of Commissioners setting forth the date, time and hyperlink information was posted by The Record on January 2, 2021. The same notice was posted on the Authority website and provided to the County Clerk for posting at the County Administration Building on January 21,2021. The minutes of this regular meeting will be available following the next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Ortega led all in the pledge of allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call all Commissioners present but Commissioner English Rollieson.

## **MINUTES**

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting of the HABC Board of Commissioners. Motion was made by Commissioner Caminiti and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez; upon roll call the motion carried unanimously by all Commissioners present.

# VOTE:

Caminiti – YES
D'Arminio – ABSTAIN
English-Rollieson - ABSENT
Hernandez – YES
Ortega – YES
Peterson – YES
Sohmer – YES

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Ms. Bartlett pointed out that she had previously circulated the report and the only update was to the inform the Board that the vaccination process at the senior buildings is complete. She estimated that a third of residents were vaccinated through this process and another third had been previously and privately vaccinated.

Commissioner Hernandez asked if there was any way an itemized list of the expenses spent up to date with CARES Act funds could be provided.

Ms. Bartlett explained that there was an itemized list, and it was part of the bills report provided before the meeting.

Chairman Ortega asked if the County has reached out yet or provided an update as to the return of employees and public to One Bergen County Plaza.

Ms. Bartlett stated that we were working internally first to try to identify what the workday/week will look like. As well as working to get the kiosks up and running for when the public does return.

## **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Terry Corriston reported there was no new information on the eviction moratorium. Governor Murphy has extended it again, and the Courts are not hearing any non-payment cases yet. Everything remains status quo.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Ortega asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner D'Arminio and seconded by Commissioner Caminiti.

# A. Resolution 2021-28

Resolution approving the routine expenditures for the HABC for the period of 03/18/21 - 04/15/21.

## **B.** Resolution 2021-29

Resolution approving the routine expenditures for the HDC for the period of 03/18/21 - 04/15/21.

VOTE:

Caminiti – YES
D'Arminio – YES
English-Rollieson - ABSENT
Hernandez – YES
Ortega – YES
Peterson – YES
Sohmer – YES

Seeing no further business to discuss Chairman Ortega moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm which was unanimously approved by all Commissioners present.

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