

FAIR HOUSING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 6, 2005

The Fair Housing Board held an emergency telephone conference meeting on December 6, 2005. The following Board members were present:

**David B Rubinstein, Chairman
Jeffrey Adkins
Nilkanth R. Bhatt
Cynthia Clare
Laura Dupuy
Rhonda Harmon
Martin Maples
Robert Ruais
Kim Saunders
James H. Schuyler**

DPOR staff present for all or part of the meeting included.

**Louise Fontaine Ware, Director
Brian Hannigan, Chief Deputy Director
Liz Hayes, Fair Housing Administrator
Karen W. O'Neal, Deputy Director
Christine Martine, Executive Director
Chris Olson, Administrative Assistant**

Wayne Halbleib and Tom Payne from the Office of the Attorney General were present.

Chairman Rubinstein called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Call to Order

A determination of quorum was made by roll call. Board members verbally stating present were: Mr. Rubinstein, Mr. Adkins, Mr. Bhatt, Ms. Clare, Ms. Dupuy, Ms Harmon, Mr Maples, Mr. Ruais, Ms Saunders, and Mr. Schuyler.

Roll Call

In the matter of File Number 2003-02873 H.O.M.E. v. Rufus Matthews and File Number 2003-02874 Nealie Pitts v. Rufus Matthews, a motion was made by Ms Harmon and seconded by Mr. Schuyler that the Fair Housing Board meet on an emergency basis to

Certification of Meeting

discuss pending litigation in the above referenced matter. Members acknowledged hearing and understanding the certification of the meeting by stating "Aye." Roll Call "ayes" were recorded as follows: Mr. Rubinstein, Mr. Adkins, Mr. Bhatt, Ms. Clare, Ms Dupuy, Ms Harmon, Mr. Maples, Mr. Ruais, Ms. Saunders, and Mr. Schuyler.

At 10:15 AM. Ms. Harmon made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Schuyler, that the Board recess and the Board immediately reconvene in **closed meeting** for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to actual or probable litigation as permitted by § 2.2-3711.A.7 of the Code of Virginia. The following non-members will be in attendance to reasonably aid the consideration of the topic: Tom Payne, Liz Hayes, Louise Fontaine Ware, Wayne Halbleib, Christine Martine, Karen O'Neal, and Brian Hannigan

Closed Meeting

This motion is made with respect to the matter(s) identified as agenda item(s):

File Number 2003-02873 H.O.M.E v. Rufus Matthews

File Number 2003-02874 Nealie Pitts v. Rufus Matthews

At 10:50 AM., a motion was made by Ms. Harmon and seconded by Ms. Clare that the Board reconvene in open session.

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Certification

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Fair Housing Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Fair Housing Board

VOTE: 10-0

AYES Adkins, Bhatt, Clare, Dupuy, Harmon, Maples, Ruais, Rubinstein, Saunders, and Schuyler.

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING THE VOTE: None


ABSENT DURING THE MEETING: None

In the matter of File Number 2003-02873 H.O.M.E. v. Rufus Matthews and File Number 2003-02874 Nealie Pitts v. Rufus Matthews a motion was made by Ms Dupuy and seconded by Ms. Harmon to accept the settlement proposal as amended to include three (3) hours of Fair Housing training provided by the Fair Housing Office. Members acknowledged hearing and understanding the motion by stating "AYE." Roll call "ayes" were recorded as follows: Mr. Rubinstein, Mr. Adkins, Mr. Bhatt, Ms. Clare, Ms. Dupuy, Ms Harmon, Mr. Maples, Mr. Ruais, Ms. Saunders, and Mr. Schuyler.

File Number 2003-02873
H.O.M.E. v. Rufus
Matthews and File
Number 2003-02874
Nalie Pitts v. Rufus
Matthews

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 AM.

Adjourn



David Rubinstein, Chairman



Louise Fontaine Ware, Secretary

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