

VIRGINIA FAIR HOUSING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 8, 2011

The Fair Housing Board Meeting was held at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. The following Board members were present:

Phyllis Randall, Chair
F. Thomas Eck, IV, Vice-Chair
David B. Rubinstein
Matthew K. Kim
Rosemary Wilson
Thomas Gifford
Bob Boynton
Linda Broady-Myers
Jeffrey Adkins

The following Board members were absent: Andrew Reisinger
Jim Ginnell
Francis Stevens

DPOR Staff present for all or part of the meeting included:

Gordon Dixon, Director
Mark Courtney, Deputy Director
Christine Martine, Executive Director
Liz Hayes, Fair Housing Administrator
Deanda Shelton, Assistant Fair Housing Administrator
Jeffrey Williams, Board Administrator
Emily Trent, Administrative Assistant
Angela Keefe-Thomas, Fair Housing Investigator
Matt Vincent, Fair Housing Investigator

Tom Payne, Assistant Attorney General with the Office of the Attorney General, was present.

Chairman Randall called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. **Call to Order**

A motion was made by Mr. Boynton and seconded by Ms. **Agenda**
Wilson to approve the Agenda. The motion passed
unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins,

Boynton, Eck, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

A motion was made by Mr. Eck and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the October 5, 2011, Fair Housing Board Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

Minutes

There was no public comment.

Public Comment

Liz Hayes updated the Board on the current investigative case load.

**Fair Housing
Administrator's Report**

Board member Tim Gifford arrived at 10:20 a.m.

Arrival of Board Member

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2010-04087, Holly Burdell and Larry Barfield v. Holly and Susan Forkner**, the case was deferred until the February 15, 2012 Board meeting.

FHB File Number 2010-04087, Holly Burdell and Larry Barfield v. Holly and Susan Forkner

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2012-00179, Laurice Hunter v. James Wakefield**, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation and Supplemental Final Investigative Report. Laurice Hunter, complainant, was present and addressed the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Eck and seconded by Mr. Kim to close the case with a finding of no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2012-00179, Laurice Hunter v. James Wakefield

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-04402, Myshanniece Clashawn Tabron v. Chippenham Place Associates, LP**, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation and Supplemental Final Investigative Report. A motion was made by Mr. Gifford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to close the case with a finding of no reasonable cause. The motion passed by majority vote. Members voting "Yes" were: Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Rubinstein and Wilson. Members voting "No" were Adkins and Randall.

FHB File Number 2011-04402, Myshanniece Clashawn Tabron v. Chippenham Place Associates, LP

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-04980, Victoria**

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Anderson and Rasheen McDowell v. Salem Fields Townhomes, LP, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation, Supplemental Final Investigative Report. Victoria Anderson and Rasheen McDowell, complainants, and Grimes Creasy, attorney for the respondent, were present and addressed the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Gifford and seconded by Ms. Wilson to close the case with a finding of no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

04980, Victoria Anderson and Rasheen McDowell v. Salem Fields Townhomes, LP

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-04120, Yvonne Reeves and Rochelle Reeves v. Heather Mabe, Samantha Farmer, Rhonda Ayers, and GEM Management**, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation, Official Consultation Memorandum from the Office of the Attorney General and Supplemental Final Investigative Report. Katherine Barrett, attorney for the respondents, was present and addressed the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Kim and seconded by Mr. Adkins to find no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2011-04120, Yvonne Reeves and Rochelle Reeves v. Heather Mabe, Samantha Farmer, Rhonda Ayers, and GEM Management

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-03976, Faye Nicholson v. Donna Gaydick, Twin Hickory Senior Associates, LP, and Capreit, Inc.**, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation, Official Consultation Memorandum from the Office of the Attorney General and Supplemental Final Investigative Report. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Broady-Myers to deny the request for reconsideration on the issue of discrimination based upon race. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2011-03976, Faye Nicholson v. Donna Gaydick, Twin Hickory Senior Associates, LP, and Capreit, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Rubinstein and seconded by Ms. Wilson to find no reasonable cause that the respondents discriminated against the complainant based upon familial

status. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

Mr. Eck recused himself due to potential conflict of interest.

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-04466, The Estate of LaMeisha Young v. Mercury II Associates**, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation, and Supplemental Final Investigative Report. Katherine Barrett, attorney for the respondents, was present and addressed the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Kim and seconded by Ms. Broady-Myers to find no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2011-04466, The Estate of LaMeisha Young v. Mercury II Associates

The Board recessed from 11:50 A.M. to 12:07 P.M.

Break

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-03816, Shirley Thomas v. The Vista Apartments LP**, a motion was made by Mr. Rubinstein and seconded by Mr. Boynton to approve the terms of the conciliation agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2011-03816, Shirley Thomas v. The Vista Apartments LP

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-03817, Housing Opportunities Made Equal v. The Vista Apartments LP**, a motion was made by Mr. Rubinstein and seconded by Mr. Boynton to approve the terms of the conciliation agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2011-03817, Housing Opportunities Made Equal v. The Vista Apartments LP

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2012-00536, Victoria White v. Benny Stokes, and Digital Systems & Communications, Inc.**, a motion was made by Mr. Eck and seconded by Mr. Boynton to approve the terms of the conciliation agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2012-00536, Victoria White v. Benny Stokes, and Digital Systems & Communications, Inc.

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2012-00012, Brenda Tucker v. Brandi Pulley, Wanda Tucker, Rachel R. Jones and Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority**, a motion was made by Mr. Eck and seconded by Mr. Boynton to approve the terms of the conciliation agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2012-00012, Brenda Tucker v. Brandi Pulley, Wanda Tucker, Rachel R. Jones and Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2012-00361, Jody Nescola v. Kulla Katunas**, a motion was made by Mr. Eck and seconded by Mr. Boynton to approve the terms of the conciliation agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2012-00361, Jody Nescola v. Kulla Katunas

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2012-00790, Cynthia Graves v. Renee Williams, Property Manager; James Brady, Winterwood, Inc., Managing Agent; Whitehall Estates-I L.P., Owner**, a motion was made by Mr. Eck and seconded by Mr. Boynton to approve the terms of the conciliation agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2012-00790, Cynthia Graves v. Renee Williams, Property Manager; James Brady, Winterwood, Inc., Managing Agent; Whitehall Estates-I L.P., Owner

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-04573, Zachary Belcher and Andrew Deboissiere v. Frank and Joan McDonald, Owners**, a motion was made by Mr. Eck and seconded by Mr. Boynton to approve the terms of the conciliation agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2011-04573, Zachary Belcher and Andrew Deboissiere v. Frank and Joan McDonald, Owners

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2012-00684, Mohammad Morovati v. Bainbridge Wellington VAF, LLC and Daniel Chobert, Leasing Agent**, a motion was made by Mr. Eck and seconded by Mr. Boynton to approve the terms of the conciliation agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford,

FHB File Number 2012-00684, Mohammad Morovati v. Bainbridge Wellington VAF, LLC and Daniel Chobert, Leasing Agent

Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-03520, Benjamin McCoy v. Robert and Josephine O'Donnell**, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation. A motion was made by Mr. Eck and seconded by Mr. Boynton to find no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2011-03520, Benjamin McCoy v. Robert and Josephine O'Donnell

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-04653, Shawn Renee Insari v. Marica Guyah, AIMCO's Hunter's Crossing LP, and OP Property Management, LLC**, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation. A motion was made by Mr. Gifford and seconded by Mr. Kim to find no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2011-04653, Shawn Renee Insari v. Marica Guyah, AIMCO's Hunter's Crossing LP, and OP Property Management, LLC

In the matter of **FHB File Number 2011-02814, Joyce Brown v. Elizabeth C. Wilmer**, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation and Official Consultation Memorandum from the Office of the Attorney General. A motion was made by Mr. Kim and seconded by Mr. Boynton to find no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Boynton, Broady-Myers, Eck, Gifford, Kim, Randall, Rubinstein and Wilson.

FHB File Number 2011-02814, Joyce Brown v. Elizabeth C. Wilmer

Gordon Dixon, Director, gave an agency report to the Board. No action was taken by the Board.

Director's Report

Tom Payne gave the Board an update on pending litigation. No action was taken by the Board.

Old Business

The Board members completed Conflict of Interest Training.

Conflict of Interest Training

The Board adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Phyllis Randall, Chair

Gordon Dixon, Secretary

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