

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
July 18, 2022
11:27 A.M.
Virginia Housing Center
Glen Allen, VA**

Members Present

Louie Berbert
Claudia Cotton
Susan Dewey
Sean Farrell
Richard Gregory
Sylvia Hallock
Mark Jackson
Keith Johnson
Brett Meringoff
Larry Murphy
JM Snell

Members Absent

Abigail Johnson
Mark Trostle
Patty Shields

Call to Order

Mr. Brett Meringoff, Vice-Chair of the Board of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) recognized Mr. Bryan Horn, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to call the meeting to order. Mr. Horn called the meeting to order at 11:27 a.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Ms. Grace Wheaton, Senior Policy Analyst in DHCD's Policy & Legislative Office. Ms. Wheaton reported that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

Mr. Horn opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Susan Dewey and properly seconded by Mr. Sean Farrell to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Board of Housing and Community Development meeting. The motion passed.

Annual Election of Officers

Mr. Meringoff recognized Mr. Horn to chair the election of Board officers.

Mr. Horn opened the floor for nominations of Chair of the Board. Mr. Richard Gregory nominated Mr. Meringoff for the position of Chair. Mr. Farrell seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, the floor was closed. Mr. Meringoff was elected as Chair by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Meringoff opened the floor for nominations of Vice-Chair of the Board. Mr. Richard Gregory was nominated by Mr. Meringoff for the position of Vice-Chair. Mr. Farrell seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, the floor was closed. Mr. Gregory was elected as Vice-Chair by a unanimous vote.

Report of the Housing and Community Development Committee

Mr. Meringoff, presented the committee recommendation of approval of Communities of Opportunity Tax Credit Guidelines. The recommendation from the committee came as a standing motion. The motion was properly seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Agritourism Event Structure Technical Advisory Committee Appointments

Ms. Wheaton and Ms. Kristen Dahlman, DHCD's Director of Policy and Legislative Director, presented the nominations for the Agritourism Event Structure Technical Advisory Committee. Ms. Dahlman noted the committee would assist and advise the Board in considering regulations for agritourism event buildings.

There was a motion and a proper second to approve the nominations for the Committee. The motion passed.

Approval of Initiating Update Process for the Private Activity Bonds Guideline

Ms. Dahlman presented the motion to begin the process of updating the guidelines for Private Activity Bonds. Ms. Dahlman gave a brief overview of the type of bonds available in the state, the demand for those bonds, and the role the bonds play in financing development in the state.

Ms. Susan Dewey, Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Housing, provided additional detail in support of the necessity to begin the update process.

Mr. Meringoff opened the floor for a vote to initiate the update process. A motion was made by Mr. Keith Johnson and seconded by Ms. Sylvia Hallock. The motion passed.

Code Cycle Update

Ms. Cindy Davis, Deputy Director of DHCD's Division of Building & Fire Regulations presented updates regarding the 2021 Code Cycle Update. Ms. Davis presented and provided a demonstration of the DHCD online code development portal, cdpVA. Ms. Davis advised the Board of the ongoing staff work with subcommittees and workgroups in preparation of the September BHCD meeting.

Reports and Information

Ms. Dewey provided updates on the Virginia Housing's programs.

Ms. Claudia Cotton provided an update from the June Fire Services Board meeting.

Mr. Horn, noted certain pieces of approved legislation of note to the Board and the Agency.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business before the Board.

New Business

There was no new business before the Board.

Board Matters

There were no further board matters.

Future Board Meeting Dates

There was discussion of moving the upcoming meeting of September 19th to October 3rd. Upon discussion among the board members, the motion was made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Mark Jackson to move the September 19th meeting to October 3rd, to begin at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.