

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING**

10:02 A.M., January 25, 2021

Digital Meeting Only

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency and the need to provide social distancing and prohibit large gatherings, the meeting was held electronically in accordance with the State of Emergency Declared by the Governor and the 2020 amendments to the Appropriations Act. The meeting was held via Google Meet.

Members Present

Sonny Abbasi
Claudia Cotton
Susan Dewey
Andrew Friedman
Sylvia Hallock
Mark Jackson
Abigail Johnson
Keith Johnson
Monique Johnson
Brett Meringoff

Members Absent

Richard Gregory
Patricia “Patty” Shields

Call to Order

Mr. Andrew Friedman, Chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development’s (DHCD) Policy Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020, meeting of the Committee; the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Friedman, Hallock, Jackson, A Johnson, K Johnson, M Johnson, Meringoff; Nays: None)

Industrial Revitalization
Fund Guidelines (IRF)

Mr. Erik Johnston, Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development introduced Ms. Rebecca Rowe, Associate Director of the Community Revitalization Office at DHCD, to give an overview of the Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) program.

Ms. Rowe provided the Board with a summary of the IRF program and a proposed change to the program guidelines, which would align distress criteria for applications to the program with those utilized by other DHCD programs.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Abbasi and seconded by Ms. Dewey to approve changes to the IRF Guidelines. The motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Friedman, Hallock, Jackson, A Johnson, K Johnson, M Johnson, Meringoff; Nays: None).

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Adjournment

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