

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

May 8, 2023

11:37 A.M.

Glen Allen, VA

Members Present

Louie Berbert
Claudia Cotton
Sean Farrell
Richard Gregory
Sylvia Hallock
Abigail Johnson (Virtual)
Keith Johnson
Brett Meringoff
J.M. Snell
Mark Trostle

Members Absent

Susan Dewey
Larry Murphy
Patricia “Patty” Shields

Call to Order

Mr. Brett Meringoff, Chairman of the Board of Housing and Community Development, called the meeting of the Board to order at 11:37 am.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present. Mr. Meringoff requested a vote on approval for the virtual participation of Ms. Abby Johnson per the new board policy. A motion was properly made and seconded to approve Ms. Johnson’s virtual participation. The motion passed.

Public Comment

Mr. Meringoff opened the floor for comment. There were no speakers present virtually or in person to offer comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, meeting of the Board; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Housing and Community Development Committee Report

Mr. Meringoff provided a report from the Housing and Community Development Committee.

Mr. Meringoff presented the standing motion from the committee regarding the Enterprise Zone Periodic Review. The standing motion was to retain the regulation without change. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

	<p>Mr. Meringoff presented the standing motion from the committee to approve the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan. There was no discussion and the motion passed.</p>
Private Activity Bond Update	<p>Mr. Flanders presented an update on the Private Activity Bond process, noting a recent stakeholder meeting and the close of the comment period. He noted there would be additional updates and opportunities for input this summer.</p>
Agritourism Event Structure Technical Advisory Committee (AGTAC) Update	<p>Mr. Chase Sawyer of the DHCD Policy Office updated the Board on legislation directing the AGTAC Committee to meet and discuss certain items prior to the next General Assembly Session.</p> <p>Mr. Sean Farrell noted the importance of clearly identifying a definition of what is currently exempt and what is not and the possible misapplication of the Building Code as it relates to facilities used for agritourism activities.</p> <p>Mr. Meringoff and the Board noted that the committee should first address the definition issue. Staff acknowledged that they would provide this direction from the Board to the committee.</p>
Code Update Cycle	<p>Ms. Cindy Davis, Deputy Director of Building and Fire Regulation at DHCD, noted that the final regulations would be presented to the Board at its July meeting. Ms. Davis noted that the corrections in the Board packet for the Statewide Fire Prevention Code and the Uniform Statewide Building Code would be included in the final regulations.</p>
VFSB Report	<p>Mr. J.M. Snell noted that the Fire Services Board had not met since the last Board meeting, but they would be meeting in June. He also noted the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in June to be held at the Richmond Raceway.</p>
Report of the Director	<p>DHCD Director Bryan Horn noted that as the state budget had not yet been adopted, he would provide a more detailed update at a future meeting. He noted that federal Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) funding would be announced in the coming months.</p>
Unfinished Business	<p>There was no unfinished business.</p>
New Business	<p>Mr. Meringoff noted that May is Building Safety Month (BSM) and that Governor Youngkin has a signed proclamation for BSM.</p>

He noted an upcoming event May 23 and invited Board members to attend.

Board Matters

No Board matters were discussed.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be July 17, 2023. Mr. Meringoff noted that annual officer elections would be held at the July meeting.

Adjournment

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