

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
11:45 A.M., March 18, 2019
Glen Allen, Virginia**

Members Present

Susan Dewey
Sean Farrell
Andrew Friedman
Helen Hardiman (left early)
Abigail Johnson
Keith Johnson
Jeff Sadler
Steve Semones
Mimi Elrod

Members Absent

John Patrick "J.P." Carr
Sonny Abbasi
Richard Gregory
Earl Reynolds
Patricia Shields

- Call to Order Mr. Steve Semones, Vice-Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 11:45 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.
- Public Comment Mr. Brian McGraw, State Fire Marshal, provided follow-up information from the January Board meeting clarifying the difference between the rate of fire fatalities and the raw numbers in reporting fire fatalities. Chief Keith Johnson noted that fire fatality reporting in Virginia is not mandatory and there is a 93 or 94 percent reporting rate. Discussion ensued among Board members on how to best achieve full reporting.
- Approval of Minutes A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019, meeting of the Board; the motion passed.
- Report of the Housing and
Community Development
Committee Mr. Andrew Friedman, Vice-Chairman of the Housing and Community Development Committee reported that the committee had heard information regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required Annual Action Plan. The Board will take action on the plan at their May meeting.

Report of the Codes and Standards Committee Mr. Semones reported that the Committee had taken action on Emergency Regulations and a related Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) and Notices of Intended Regulatory Action for the 2018 Code Update Cycle. He also reported that the Committee approved an updated 2018 Code Change Cycle Schedule.

On the recommendation of the Committee, the Board unanimously approved the Emergency Regulations and the related NOIRA in separate actions.

On the recommendation of the Committee, the Board unanimously approved NOIRAs for the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR), Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (VADR), Manufactured Home Safety Regulations (MHSR), and the Virginia Certification Standards (VCS).

On the recommendation of the Committee, the Board unanimously approved the updated 2018 Code Change Cycle Schedule.

Legislative Update Mr. Erik Johnston, Director of DHCD, and Mr. Flanders provided information regarding budget and legislative items from the 2019 session of the General Assembly pertinent to DHCD and to the Board. It was noted that a number of items would be coming before the Board for action either as guidelines or regulations.

VHDA Report Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA), reported that VHDA was maintaining a focus on innovation, supporting the Housing X conference in May and adding an innovation pool for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

VFSB Report Mr. Friedman reported that the Virginia Fire Services Board met in February. The Fire Services Board discussed legislative changes from the General Assembly as well the goals of preventing line of duty deaths and addressing mental health among fire services members.

Chief Johnson reported information regarding the 1031 fire inspector classes. Mr. Mike Reilly, Executive Director of the Department of Fire Programs, reported that legislation from the General Assembly would update the membership of the Fire Services Board.

Director's Report

Mr. Johnston shared grant announcements provided to the Board and discussed the Governor's Executive Order on Housing (EO 25) as related to the Annual Action Plan and legislation from the General Assembly. Specifically, he noted the focus on reducing evictions and affordable housing.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Adjournment

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