VIRGINIA FAIR HOUSING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

APRIL 16, 2008

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:

David B. Rubinstein, Chairman
James Schuyler, Vice Chair
Neil Bhatt
Stephen McMaster
Robert Ruais
Laura Dupuy (arrived at 10:18 A.M.)
Tonye Epps
Jim Ginnell
Jeffrey Adkins
Martin Maples

The following Board Members were not present: Penny Johnson and Cynthia Clare

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

Jay DeBoer, Director
Saba Shami, Chief Deputy
Mark Courtney, Deputy Director
Liz Hayes, Fair Housing Administrator
Christine Martine, Executive Director
Emily Trent, Administrative Assistant
Deanda Shelton, Assistant Fair Housing Administrator
Trudy Miller, Fair Housing Investigator
Angela Keefe-Thomas, Fair Housing Investigator
Karen Taylor, Fair Housing Specialist
Yvette Barnes, Fair Housing Investigator
Arthur Ryan, Fair Housing Investigator

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

Chairman Rubinstein called the meeting to order at 10:04 Call to Order

There was no public comment.

Public Comment

A motion was made by Mr. Schuyler and seconded by Mr. Maples to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Bhatt and seconded by Mr. Minutes Schuyler to approve the following minutes with a correction: February 13, 2008, Fair Housing Board The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

A motion was made by Mr. McMaster and seconded by Mr. Ginnell to approve the following minutes: February 12, 2008 Fair Housing Regulation Review Committee Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster. Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

Liz Haves updated the Board on the current investigative Fair Housing case load. Ms. Hayes also announced that the Fair Housing Board training would be on June 10, 2008. No action was taken by the Board.

Administrator's Report

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-00646, Terri and Jacob Gerald v. James Yeatts, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report. Case Analysis and Recommendation and Consultation Memorandum from the Office of the Attorney General. A motion was made by Mr. Ruais and seconded by Ms. Epps to find reasonable cause that the respondent discriminated against the complainants in the terms and conditions of a rental based on race, and for refusal to rent based on race and to delay issuing the charge for thirty days to pursue conciliation. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

FHB File Number 2008-00646, Terri and Jacob Gerald v. James Yeatts

A motion was made by Mr. Schuyler and seconded by Mr. Ruais to find no reasonable cause that the respondent discriminated against the complainants by falsely denying housing availability based on race. The motion passed majority vote. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler. Member voting "No" was McMaster.

Board member Laura Dupuy arrived at 10:18 A.M.

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-00549, Mischell FHB File Number 2008-Evans and Michael Lucas v. Tiffany Patterson, Honesto Gregory and Somerset Apartments, LP, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation and Final Investigative Report and Supplement. Michael Lucas, Complainant, was present and addressed the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Dupuy and seconded by Mr. Bhatt to close the case with a finding of no reasonable cause. The motion passed by majority vote. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps. Maples. McMaster, Ruais, and Rubinstein. Member voting "No" was Schuyler.

Due to a possible conflict of interest, Mr. Ginnell did not participate in the discussion or vote related to this matter.

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-02319, Rosalyn FHB File Number 2008-Huckaby v. Chester Village Condo Association, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Rosalyn Huckaby, Complainant, was Recommendation. present and addressed the Board. A motion was made by Mr. McMaster and seconded by Mr. Ruais to close the case with a finding of no reasonable cause. The motion passed Members voting "Yes" were: unanimously. Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

Due to a possible conflict of interest, Mr. Ginnell did not participate in the discussion or vote related to this matter.

Board Member Arrival

00549, Mischell Evans and Michael Lucas v. Tiffany Patterson, Honesto Gregory and Somerset Apartments,

02319, Rosalyn Huckaby v. Chester Village Condo Association

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-01943, Melvin FHB File Number 2008and Beverly Wilkins v. Rose Shulzitski and the 5105 LLC, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Report. Case Analysis. Investigative and Final Recommendation. A motion was made by Mr. Bhatt and seconded by Mr. Maples to close the case with a finding of The motion passed unanimously no reasonable cause. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

01943, Melvin and Beverly Wilkins v. Rose Shulzitski and the 5105 LLC

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-02121, Leonora Studivant v. Rosa Taylor, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation. Kenneth Studivant, Complainant's son, was present and addressed the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Maples and seconded by Mr. Ginnell to find no reasonable cause. The motion passed by Member voting "Yes" were: Adkins. majority vote. Bhatt, Dupuy, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, and Rubinstein. Member voting "No" was Schuyler.

FHB File Number 2008-02121, Leonora Studivant v. Rosa Taylor

Due to a possible conflict of interest, Ms. Epps did not participate in the discussion or vote related to this matter.

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-02088, Leslie FHB File Number 2008-Dawkins and Juana Llorens v. Susan S. Lawrence, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Case Analysis and Report and Investigative Recommendation. A motion was made by Mr. Ruais and seconded by Ms. Epps to close the case with a finding of no The motion passed unanimously. reasonable cause. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps. Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

02088, Leslie Dawkins and Juana Llorens v. Susan S. Lawrence

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-00547, Cara Peters v. Elizabeth Hicks, Sylvia Lamb, F & W Management LC and Twin Canal Village LP, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final and Case Analysis and Investigative Report, Recommendation. A motion was made by Mr. Ruais and seconded by Ms Dupuy to close the case with a finding of

FHB File Number 2008-00547, Cara Peters v. Elizabeth Hicks, Sylvia Lamb, F & W Management LC and Twin Canal Village LP

no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-02443, Gregory Leon Hicks v. Stevdav LLC, the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report and Case Analysis and Recommendation. A motion was made by Mr Ruais and seconded by Mr. Ginnell to close the case with a finding of no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

FHB File Number 2008-02443, Gregory Leon Hicks v. Stevdav LLC

In the matter of FHB File Number 2007-03640, Sonia Smith and Harvey Gravely v. Kenneth E. Wilson, Jr., the Board reviewed the record which consisted of the Final Investigative Report, a letter from the Complainant, Sonia Smith, Case Analysis and Recommendation and Official Consultation Memorandum from the Office of the Attorney General. A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. McMaster to close the case with a finding of no reasonable cause. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

FHB File Number 2007-03640, Sonia Smith and Harvey Gravely v. Kenneth E. Wilson, Jr.

In the matter of FHB File Number 2007-00009, Bettie J. High v. Royal Arms Associates LLP, 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. Schuyler and seconded by Mr. Maples to find reasonable cause that the respondent failed to make a reasonable accommodation for the complainant's disability and to delay issuing the charge for thirty days to pursue conciliation. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

FHB File Number 2007-00009, Bettie J. High v. Royal Arms Associates LLP

A motion was made by Mr. Bhatt and seconded by Mr.

Maples to find no reasonable cause that the respondent discriminated against the complainant regarding terms and conditions of a rental based on disability. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

Due to a possible conflict of interest, Mr. Ginnell did not participate in the discussion or vote related to this matter.

In the matter of FHB File Number 2007-02016, Rosalyn Jackson-Rush and Alphonso Rush V. Orchard Corporation and Philip Speasmaker, 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 Ms. Dupuy and seconded by Mr. Schuyler to find reasonable cause that the respondents refused to negotiate for the rental of the subject property with the complainants based on familial status, and to delay issuing the charge for thirty days to pursue The motion passed by majority vote. conciliation. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps. Ginnell, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler. Member voting "No" was: Maples.

FHB File Number 2007-02016, Rosalyn Jackson-Rush and Alphonso Rush v. Orchard Corporation and Philip Speasmaker

The Board recessed from 11:45 A.M. to 11.56 A.M.

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-00428, Sherry Morris, Parish Hall and Billy & Bessie Hall v. Leona and Estel McClanahan, 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.

At 11:57 A.M., Mr. Schuyler offered a motion which was seconded by Mr. Maples, that the Board meeting be recessed and that the Fair Housing Board immediately reconvene in closed meeting for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to actual or probable litigation as permitted by §2.2-3711.A.7 of the *Code of Virginia*. The following nonmembers will be in attendance to reasonably aid the

Break

FHB File Number 2008-00428, Sherry Morris, Parish Hall and Billy & Bessie Hall v. Leona and Estel McClanahan

Closed Session

consideration of the topic: Tom Payne, Liz Hayes, and Arthur Rvan.

This motion is made with respect to the matter(s) identified as agenda item(s):

15. FHB File Number 2008-00428, Sherry Morris, Parish Hall and Billy & Bessie Hall v. Leona and Estel McClanahan

At 12:37 P.M., a motion was made by Ms. Dupuy and seconded by Mr. McMaster that the Board reconvene in open session.

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Board has convened a closed Certification meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act: and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Fair Housing Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Fair Housing Board.

VOTE. 10-0

AYES: Adkins, Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING THE VOTE: None.

ABSENT DURING THE MEETING: Clare and Johnson.

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-00428, Sherry Morris, Parish Hall and Billy & Bessie Hall v. Leona and Estel McClanahan, a motion was made by Ms. Dupuv and seconded by Mr. Bhatt to find reasonable cause that the respondents refused to rent the subject dwelling to the Complainants based on race and discriminated in the terms and conditions of a rental based on race. The motion passed by majority vote. Members voting "Yes" were: Adkins, Ginnell, Maples. Bhatt. Dupuv. Epps, McMaster. Rubinstein and Schuyler. Member voting "No" was: Ruais.

FHB File Number 2008-00428, Sherry Morris, Parish Hall and Billy & Bessie Hall v. Leona and Estel McClanahan

Board member Jeff Adkins departed at 12:38 P.M.

Departure of Board Member

In the matter of FHB File Number 2008-01209, Katrina Monticello Vista Associates Limited Rollins V. Partnership, a motion was made by Mr. Bhatt and seconded by Ms. Dupuy to approve the terms of the conciliation agreement as agreed to by the parties motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

FHB File Number 2008-01209, Katrina Rollins v. Monticello Vista **Associates Limited Partnership**

In the matter of FHB File Number 2005-02182, Douglas and Delores Chadwick v. Elwood and Betty Knighton, a motion was made by Mr. Schuyler and seconded by Mr. McMaster to approve the terms of the settlement agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

FHB File Number 2005-02182, Douglas and Delores Chadwick v. Elwood and Betty Knighton

In the matter of FHB File Number 2007-04271, Henry and Ruth Baker v. Roger and Catherine Upton, a motion was made by Mr. Schuyler and seconded by Mr. Bhatt to approve the terms of the settlement agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

FHB File Number 2007-04271, Henry and Ruth Baker v. Roger and **Catherine Upton**

In the matter of FHB File Number 2005-03392, Raymond FHB File Number 2005-

Betts v. Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority, a motion was made by Mr. Schuyler and seconded by Mr. Ruais to approve the terms of the settlement agreement as agreed to by the parties. The motion passed unanimously. Members voting "Yes" were: Bhatt, Dupuy, Epps, Ginnell, Maples, McMaster, Ruais, Rubinstein and Schuyler.

03392, Raymond Betts
v. Richmond
Redevelopment &
Housing Authority

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at Adjourn 12:47 P.M.

David B. Rubinstein, Chairman

DeBoer, Secretary

1	Name:Jeffrey Adkins
2.	(Name of Board Member) Title: Board Member
3.	Agency: Fair Housing Board (Name of Board)
4.	Meeting/IFF Date: April 16, 2008
5.	I have a personal interest in the following transaction:
	(Agenda Item)
	Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:
	I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:
	I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. or
	I did not participate in the transaction
6.	I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.
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1.	Name:
2.	(Name of Board Member) Title. Board Member
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	☐ I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.
	or
	I did not participate in the transaction.
6.	☐ I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting
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	Signature Date

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2.	(Name of Board Member) Title: Board Member
3.	Agency: Fair Housing Board (Name of Board)
4	Meeting/IFF Date: April 16, 2008 (Date)
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	(Agenda Item)
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	☐ I did not participate in the transaction.
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1.	Name: Laura Dupuy
2.	(Name of Board Member) Title: Board Member
3.	Agency: Fair Housing Board (Name of Board)
4.	Meeting/IFF Date. April 16, 2008 (Date)
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	1.	Name: Tonye R. Epps
	2.	(Name of Board Member) Title: Board Member
	3.	Agency: Fair Housing Board (Name of Board)
	4	Meeting/IFF Date: April 16, 2008
	5	I have a personal interest in the following transaction:
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		Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: My employer, Stephon
		E. Heretick, P.C., represents the apt. complex in unlawful detainer matters. I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction.
		Stephen E. Herelick, PC
		☐ I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. or
		I did not participate in the transaction.
	6.	☐ I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.
		14-16-2008 Signature Date

1	Name: Robert Ruais
2	(Name of Board Member) Title: Board Member
3	Agency: Fair Housing Board
	(Name of Board)
4	Meeting/IFF Date: April 16, 2008
	(Date)
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1.	Name: Martin Maples
2.	(Name of Board Member) Title: Board Member
3.	Agency. Fair Housing Board (Name of Board)
4	Meeting/IFF Date: April 16, 2008 (Date)
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1.	Name: James Schuyler
2	(Name of Board Member) Title: Board Member
3	Agency: Fair Housing Board (Name of Board)
4.	Meeting/IFF Date: April 16, 2008 (Date)
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1.	Name: Stephen McMaster
2.	(Name of Board Member) Title. Board Member
3.	Agency: Fair Housing Board (Name of Board)
4.	Meeting/IFF Date: April 16, 2008 (Date)
5.	I have a personal interest in the following transaction:
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	☐ I did not participate in the transaction.
6.	তি I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.
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1.	Name: David Rubinstein
2.	(Name of Board Member) Title: Board Member
3.	Agency: Fair Housing Board (Name of Board)
4.	Meeting/IFF Date: April 16, 2008 (Date)
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