

# BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

March 13, 2023

10:00 A.M.

## All Virtual Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

### Members Present

Louie Berbert  
Claudia Cotton  
Susan Dewey  
Sean Farrell  
Abigail Johnson  
Brett Meringoff  
Larry Murphy  
J.M. Snell  
Mark Trostle

### Members Absent

Richard Gregory  
Sylvia Hallock  
Keith Johnson  
Patricia “Patty” Shields

### Call to Order

Mr. Brett Meringoff, Chairman of the Board of Housing and Community Development, called the all-virtual meeting of the Board to order at 10:00 am. Mr. Meringoff recognized Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development’s (DHCD) Policy Office to explain meeting logistics.

### Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Flanders. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

### Public Comment

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

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023, meeting of the Board; the motion passed on a voice vote.

### Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan

Ms. Sandra Powell, Senior Deputy of Community Development and Housing at DHCD presented information regarding the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Ms. Powell noted the plan is required as a component of receiving certain funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### Private Activity Bond Update

Director of DHCD, Bryan Horn, provided the Board with an update on private activity bond usage from this year. He noted

that there would be a process to update the private activity bond guidelines this year and that detailed information would be available soon. The process would look at technical and substantive changes.

VFSB Report

Mr. J.M. Snell noted that the Fire Services Board met in February at the annual conference of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association. He noted conference highlights and meeting actions of the Fire Services Board. Mr. Snell noted the 2023 Virginia Fallen Firefighters & EMS Memorial Service in June to be held at the Richmond Raceway.

Virginia Housing Report

Ms. Susan Dewey, CEO of Virginia Housing, reported no new updates for this month.

Report of the Director

Mr. Horn recognized Chase Sawyer of the DHCD Policy Office to provide an update on relevant legislation from the 2023 General Assembly Session.

Mr. Sawyer presented information on relevant bills from the 2023 Session that passed both chambers. Mr. Sawyer made note of the following bills with action pending from the Governor:

- **HB1628** - Wetland Stream Credits
- **HB2312/SB1263** - stop work orders; recovery of court costs by developer/builder
- **HB1805/SB1401** - VRA bond pooling; adds housing to list of eligible projects
- **SB839/HB2046** - statewide housing needs assessment
- **HB2494** - requires localities annually submit report regarding changes to housing policies, ordinances, processes
- **HB1671** - annual report regarding local residential land development and construction fees
- **SB1114** - creates residential sites and structures database; allows locality to market developable land/structures for residential or mixed-use development
- **Housing Commission**- will receive letter(s) to study many issues including local regulation of housing, ADUs, evictions, and IDA authority
- **HB1411/SB1320** – Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund codified
- **HB2099** - increases Livable Homes Tax Credit (LHTC) total from \$1M to \$2M

- **SB1305** - minimum safety requirements for agritourism event structures exempted from USBBC; AgTAC committee to continue to meet.

Unfinished Business	Mr. Flanders updated the Board on the current status of the 2021 code update cycle noting the public comment period and the May 8, 2023 public hearing. Deputy Director Cindy Davis provided related activity updates and tentatively identified Dec. 1 as an effective date for the 2021 Virginia Codes.
New Business	There was no new business to be discussed.
Board Matters	No Board matters were discussed.
Future Meetings	The next meeting of the Board will be May 8, 2023.
Adjournment	Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.