

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
THE METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AGENCY

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. in the Collaboration Room of the Gerald F. Nicely Building, 701 South Sixth Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

PRESENT: Melvin Black, Vice Chair  
Jimmy Granbery, Vice Chair  
Anna Page  
Gif Thornton  
Miniimah Basheer  
Antoinette Batts

ABSENT: Ralph Mosley, Chair

ALSO PRESENT: James Harbison, Executive Director  
James Thiltgen, Deputy Executive Director  
Margaret Behm, Legal Counsel  
Tremecca Doss, General Counsel  
Ben Bentley, COO  
Melinda Hatfield, Director of Finance  
Martha Gregory, Director of Administration  
Joe Cain, Director of Development  
Will Biggs, Director of Affordable Housing  
Angie Hubbard, Director of Community Development  
Ed Shewmaker, Director of Construction  
Norman Deep, Director of Rental Assistance  
Steve Adams, Assistant Director for Human Resources  
Jamie Berry, Director of Communications  
Juanita Traughber, Assistant Director for Communications  
Steve Rutland, Senior Project Manager  
Jean Merkle, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Commissioners  
Debbie Grant, Goodwill Industries  
Emerald Mitchell, Moves and Grooves  
Nat King Cole, SEIU Steward  
Rev. Edward Thompson  
Steve Reiter

Vice Chair Black called the meeting to order and requested approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 8, 2015. Commissioner Granbery moved adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution No. 65-15

“RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency, That it hereby approves the Minutes of the Meeting of September 8, 2015, as submitted.”

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Batts, and upon vote all voted “aye”. None voted “no”.

Vice Chair Black called on Steve Reiter for public comments. Mr. Reiter commented on the employee disciplinary appeal on the meeting agenda. He also had comments on the need for affordable housing and his concerns regarding replacement housing in the city.

Rev. Edward Thompson was recognized and spoke on behalf of the SEIU requesting the Board consider a cost of living increase for employees.

Margaret Behm, Legal Counsel, presented the first item which was the results from the disciplinary appeal requested by Chandra Sales-Taylor. Ms. Behm stated there was evidence to support the disciplinary action and recommended the Board accept and confirm the action. After questions and discussion, Commissioner Thornton moved adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution No. 66-15

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency, That it hereby accepts and confirms the findings of the Hearing Officer, Jacqueline Dixon, in the disciplinary appeal of Chandra Sales-Taylor.”

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Basheer, and upon vote all voted “aye”. None voted “no”.

Norman Deep, Director of Rental Assistance, requested Board to amend certain sections of the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan. The amendments are based on a final rule by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in August 2015. The amendments relate to portability, HCV program regulations and changes to the applicable administrative fee under billing arrangements. After discussion, Commissioner Batts moved adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution No. 67-15

“RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency, That it hereby approves amending Section 6.1 Briefing; Section 6.2 Briefing Packet; and Section 8.0 Portability of the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan as presented in a memorandum to the Board of Commissioners from Norman Deep, Director of Rental Assistance, dated October 1, 2015, made a part of these minutes herein by reference.”

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thornton, and upon vote all voted “aye”. None voted “no”.

Angie Hubbard, Director of Community Development, presented a report on the 2015 Summer Youth Programs. She stated between June 1 and July 31, 2015, nonprofit agencies were provided \$400,000 serving over 1,800 children and youth in 26 programs. Debbie Gray, Goodwill Industries, and Emerald Mitchell with Moves and Grooves, each presented an overview of their programs.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Black declared the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

APPROVED:

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Chair