

**Minutes of the Virtual Special Call Meeting
of the Board of Commissioners
of the St. Petersburg Housing Authority
April 17, 2020**

Commissioner Owens, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Upon roll call, the following were in attendance:

Present at Roll: Commissioner Stephanie Owens, Chair
 Commissioner James Dates
 Commissioner Jerrilyn Evans
 Commissioner Terri Lipsey Scott
 Commissioner C. Knox LaSister III

Absent at Roll: Commissioner Sharlene Gambrell-Davis

Staff Present: LaShunda Battle, Interim Chief Executive Officer
 Robin Adams, Asset Management Officer
 Larry Butler, Social Services Officer
 Audra Davis, Compliance Officer
 Larry Gonzalez, House Choice Voucher Officer
 Pamela Hobbs, Procurement Officer
 Jacquelyn Roberson, Human Resources Officer

Others Present: Simone Gans-Barefield, Consultant
 Rose Coman, NIC Sign Language Interpreter
 Valerie Scafoglio, NIC Sign Language Interpreter

SUBJECT: Approval of the Agenda

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the agenda.
 Commissioner Lipsey Scott seconded the motion. There was no
 further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Stephanie Owens	YES
Commissioner Jerrilyn Evans	YES
Commissioner James Dates	YES
Commissioner Terri Lipsey Scott	YES
Commissioner C. Knox LaSister III	YES

The Board approved the motion.

SUBJECT: CEO Search Interviews

Prior to the interviews, Chairperson Owens turned the meeting over to Commissioner Dates, Chair of the Personnel Committee. The Commissioners interviewed Edward Bland Jr., Michael Lundy and Duane Hopkins for the position of Chief Executive Officer.

SUBJECT: Old Business – No Old Business

SUBJECT: New Business

The Commissioners discussed the CEO interviews and Commissioner Dates asked everyone to report their top candidate. At the beginning of the discussion, Commissioner Dates and Commissioner Lipsey Scott noted Michael Lundy as their top choice. Commissioner Evans and Commissioner LaSister noted Duane Hopkins as their top choice. Commissioner Owens was divided between Lundy and Hopkins; however later changed her vote to Lundy.

There was further discussion and Commissioner Dates reported the score was three to two for Lundy but that the Board raised concerns regarding the circumstances surrounding the current exit contract negotiations Lundy was in with the Birmingham Housing Authority.

A point of order was raised to turn the meeting over from Commissioner Dates to Commissioner Owens.

A. Offering Michael Lundy the CEO Position

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Dates made a motion to offer Lundy the position of CEO. Commissioner Lipsey Scott seconded the motion. There was extensive discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Stephanie Owens	YES
Commissioner Jerrilyn Evans	YES/NO*
Commissioner James Dates	YES
Commissioner Terri Lipsey Scott	YES
Commissioner LaSister	NO

*Commissioner Evans initially voted yes; however, upon clarification of the motion, changed her vote to no, making the outcome three to two in favor of the motion.

The Board approved the motion.

B. Creation of a CEO Offer Package

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner LaSister made a motion for Commissioner Dates to work with the search committee to create an offer package for the selected candidate and to provide said package to the Chair to aid her negotiations with the candidate. Commissioner Evans asked the motion be amended to state that the package would be presented for Board approval prior to negotiation. Commissioner LaSister agreed to the amendment. Commissioner Lipsey Scott noted she would receive the amendment for Robert's Rules. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Stephanie Owens	YES
Commissioner Jerrilyn Evans	YES
Commissioner James Dates	YES
Commissioner Terri Lipsey Scott	YES
Commissioner C. Knox LaSister III	YES

The Board approved the motion.

C. The law firm of Saxon and Gilmore will provide due diligence surrounding the exit contract negotiations between Michael Lundy and the Birmingham Housing Authority. The firm will also handle the negotiation of Lundy's contract with SPHA.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Owens suggested a motion that asked Saxon and Gilmore to report to each board member the circumstances surrounding the current exit contract negotiations between Lundy and the Birmingham Housing Authority. Commissioner Owens also asked that, in said motion, Saxon and Gilmore handle negotiating Lundy's contract with SPHA. Commissioner Lipsey Scott motioned to approve. Commissioner Dates seconded the motion. There was extensive discussion and a vote was called.

Commissioner Stephanie Owens	YES
Commissioner Jerrilyn Evans	NO
Commissioner James Dates	YES
Commissioner Terri Lipsey Scott	YES
Commissioner C. Knox LaSister III	YES

- D. Commissioner Owens asked Consultant Simone Gans-Barefield to put together an email confirming the Board's course of action and creating a timeline of the process including milestones and projected closure. Gans-Barefield agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Approved and adopted this 23rd day of April 2020.

Stephanie A. Owens, Chairperson

LaShunda Battle, Interim CEO

James Dates
Chair, Personnel Committee