



**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY
REGULAR PUBLIC SESSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 12:00 NOON**

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSONERS PRESENT	
Wendy Walker Williams – Chair	In Person
Polly Kuehl – Vice Chair	Zoom
Nilda Soler – Commissioner	In Person
Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone – Commissioner	Zoom
Elaine Kroll – Commissioner	In Person
Eric L. Slaughter – Commissioner	In-Person
Herb Porter – Commissioner	Absent
HACC STAFF PRESENT	
Danita W. Childers, Executive Director	In Person
Zellores Harrison, Executive Assistant	In Person
Kanisha Galmore, Executive Advisor - BoC	In Person
Deborah O’Donnell, Director of Procurement	In Person
Sheryl Seiling, Director of Rent Assistance	In Person
Marcus King, Director of Strategy and Communication	In Person
Ernest Lofton, Director of Information Technology	Zoom
Chalone Liddell, Regional Director, South	Zoom
Darrick Shafer, Regional Director, North	Zoom
Legal Counsel	
Jon A. Duncan, General Counsel	In Person

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair Wendy Walker Williams called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at approximately 12:00 p.m.

- II. **Roll Call:** Kanisha Galmore called the roll. Commissioners Walker-Williams, Soler, Kroll, and Slaughter attended the meeting in person and were present for the roll call. Commissioners Kuehl, Salleh-Barone were present via Zoom and were present for the roll call.

III. Consent for Commissioners Salleh-Barone and Kuehl to Participate Via Zoom:

Commissioner Eric Slaughter presented a Motion to Consent for Commissioners Salleh-Barone and Kuehl to participate via Zoom. Commissioner Nilda Soler seconded the Motion. The motion carried with all “ayes.”

IV. Public Comments: Based on HACC’s public participation rules, public participants are given three (3) minutes to address the Board. There were no public participants and no public comments.

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda: Commissioner Nilda Soler presented a Motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Eric Slaughter seconded the Motion. The motion carried with all “ayes.”

VI. Resolution: Board Resolution 2024 – HACC – 15 A Resolution to Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with BDO USA, LLP for Financial Consulting Services: Resolution 2024-HACC-15 authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with BDO USA, LLP utilizing the Fayette County (Pennsylvania) Housing Authority’s existing contract to provide financial consulting services for a not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00. HACC management has identified the need for professional accounting services to compile HACC’s financial data in a format that can be audited. BDO USA, LLP will be used to quickly make the appropriate adjusting entries needed to balance the accounts and prepare them for audit. After the presentation by Executive Director Danita Childers, the following matters were discussed: BDO USA, LLP’s availability to start work on the FY2023 audit and the length of time for completion, how will BDO access the agency’s financial system, BDO’s understanding of the time sensitive nature of the FY2023 audit. Chair Walker Williams emphasized the importance of BDO’s ability to effectively guide HACC staff in making accurate year-end entries.

Commissioner Nilda Soler made a Motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with BDO USA, LLP for Financial Consulting Services for a not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00. Commissioner Elaine Kroll seconded the Motion. The motion carried with all “ayes.”

VII. Executive Director’s Report: In an effort to keep Commissioners, staff and the public informed, the Executive Director Childers provided a brief overview of significant activities at the agency, upon which the Board took no official actions.

VIII. Department Report: Following the Executive Director’s report, Senior Staff provided a brief overview of significant activities taking place in their department, upon which the Board took no official actions.

- IX. Motion to move to Executive Session in order to discuss personnel related matters and collective bargaining matters [Open Meetings Act Exemption 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(2)]:** Pursuant to the Open Meetings Exemption 2(c)1 and 2(c)2, Commissioner Slaughter moved adjournment of meeting to Closed Session to discuss personnel related matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nilda Soler. The motion carried with all “ayes.” The Board moved into Executive Session at approximately 1:37p.m., for which minutes are kept separately.
- X. Open Meeting Reconvenes:** Following the Executive Session, the Board returned to Public Session at approximately 2:35p.m. Chair Walker Williams noted for the record that no votes were taken during the Executive Session other than to conclude the Executive Session and to return to Public Session.
- XI. Adjournment:** Seeing that there was no further business, Chair Walker-Williams made a Motion to adjourn. Commissioner Slaughter seconded the Motion. The motion carried with all “ayes,” and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35p.m.



Wendy Walker-Williams
Chair

September 12, 2024



Danita W. Childers
Executive Directory and Secretary

September 12, 2024