



**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY SPECIAL REGULAR PUBLIC
SESSION THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 2:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSONERS PRESENT	
Wendy Walker-Williams – Chair	Virtual
Polly Kuehl – Vice Chair	Present
Nilda Soler – Commissioner	Present
Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone – Commissioner	Virtual
Elaine Kroll – Commissioner	Virtual
Eric L. Slaughter – Commissioner	(Non-participant)
Herb Porter – Commissioner	Absent
HACC STAFF PRESENT	
Danita W. Childers , Executive Director	Present
Cherie Strong , Interim General Counsel	Present
Janina Bailey , Executive Advisor, Board of Commissioners	Present
Zellores Harrison , Executive Assistant	Present
Public Attendees	
Jared L. Kelly, CEI Media Group	Present
Charles Krugel, Charles A. Krugel Law Office	Virtual

- I. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Polly Kuehl called to order the Special Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at approximately 2:14 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Janina Bailey called the roll. Vice Chair Kuehl and Commissioner Soler were present. Chair Walker-Williams, Commissioners Dr. Salleh-Barone and Kroll attended via Zoom. Commissioners Porter and Slaughter were not in attendance. A quorum was established.
- III. **Public Comments:** Based on HACC's public participation rules, public participants are given three (3) minutes to address the Board. Vice Chair Kuehl opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were made.
- IV. **Motion to move to Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters [Open Meetings Act Exemption 2(c)1].** Vice Chair Kuehl moved to convene in Closed Session in order to discuss personnel matters. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Soler. The Motion carried with all "ayes." The Board moved to enter Executive Session at approximately 2:16 p.m., for which minutes are kept separately.

Following the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board re-convened in public session. It was noted for the record in public session that no votes were taken during the Executive Session other than to adjourn the Executive Session and to return to public session.

- V. **Discussion:** Recommendations for action were presented in response to the findings of the personnel matter investigation: Commissioner Slaughter will be formally censured for creating a hostile work environment and for violating established protocol by becoming overly involved in the day-to-day operations of the Housing Authority of Cook County. Commissioner Slaughter will be required to submit a written letter of apology to anyone affected by his actions, as well as to the entire HACC staff. The Board of Commissioners will issue a letter of apology to HACC staff, emphasizing its commitment to maintaining a respectful work environment and pledging to remain more aware of staff morale and overall organizational climate. The Board of Commissioners will participate in at least one annual training focused on workplace environment, staff relations, and appropriate governance boundaries. Commissioner Slaughter will be removed from the Finance Committee. Going forward, Commissioner Slaughter will only be permitted to attend Board meetings virtually via Zoom and not in person for the next two board meetings.
- VI. **Adjournment:** Seeing that there was no further business, Vice Chair Kuehl made a Motion to adjourn. Commissioner Soler seconded the Motion. The motion carried with all "ayes," and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:52 p.m.

Wendy Walker-Williams
Chair

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