

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY (HACC)**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Held remotely via Zoom.com
Housing Authority of Cook County
175 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 350
Chicago, IL
June 23, 2020, 11:00 AM**

ROLL CALL

HACC Commissioners present and participating remotely via Zoom.com:

Wendy Walker Williams, Vice Chair / Acting Chair
Polly Kuehl, Commissioner
Nilda Soler, Commissioner
Saul Klibanow, Commissioner
Deniece Jordan-Walker, Commissioner

HACC staff present at the Housing Authority's regular meeting location and participating via Zoom.com:

Jon A. Duncan, General Counsel
Nicholas Mathiowdis, Director of Communications

HACC staff present and participating remotely via Zoom.com:

Alesia Hushaw, Chief of Staff
Sheryl Seiling, Director of Rent Assistance
Jackie Hodges, Assistant Director of Rent Assistance
Monica Slavin, Director of Compliance and Occupancy
Ernest Lofton, Director of Information Technology
Deborah O'Donnell, Director of Procurement
Tim Kollar, Manager of Workplace Initiatives
Starr Stone, Marketing Associate
Emily Orenstein, Data Fellow

Other attendees present and participating via Zoom.com:

Bernice Alvarez, Megan Daly and Mirjana Ursulesku, all from Morreale Strategic Communications
Kyle Deming of WOJO Design

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair / Acting Chair Wendy Walker Williams called the June 23, 2020, Special Board meeting of the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) Board of Commissioners to order at 11:00 a.m.

COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE MEETING HELD BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

The following facts were confirmed by polling all participants in the Zoom.com meeting:

1. That all Commissioners participating in the meeting are verified.
2. That all Commissioners participating in the meeting could hear all discussion and testimony.
3. That all members of the public who were present for the open meeting could hear all discussion and testimony by telephone or by web-based link.
4. That the Chief Legal Counsel was present at the regular meeting location.

Nicholas Mathiowdis, Director of Communications, made the following statement on the record:

This meeting is being conducted by electronic means only with no central meeting location, due to a public health emergency.

Recent amendments to The Illinois Open Meetings Act require me to state the following at a meeting of this type:

The Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health as defined in Section Four of the Illinois Emergency Agency Management Act, and all or part of the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority of Cook County is covered by the disaster area.

The Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Cook County has determined that an in-person meeting, or a meeting covered by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, is not practical or prudent because of the disaster.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Acting Chair Wendy Walker Williams opened the electronic meeting for public comments via telephone or by web-based link through Zoom.com. There were no public comments made.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Nicholas Mathiowdis, Director of Communications, gave an overview of the status of the Housing Authority's planned changes to the Housing Authority's website and the rebranding of official communications. Mr. Mathiowdis introduced representatives of Morreale Strategic Communications to provide further details to the Board.

Bernice Alvarez, Megan Daly, and Mirjana Ursulesku of Morreale Strategic Communications then gave a detailed presentation on the Housing Authority's website and communications rebranding plans, including the introduction of new standard logos and type fonts for all Housing Authority communications.

Several Commissioners voiced their approvals of the rebranding and website plans.


No resolutions were presented and no votes were taken, other than the vote on the motion to adjourn, described below.

ADJOURNMENT

Following the presentations, Acting Chair Wendy Walker Williams requested a motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Board, which was moved and seconded. A roll call vote was taken so that the individual votes of each Commissioner present could be recorded on the motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn carried with all Commissioners present voting "aye."

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Richard J. Monocchio
Executive Director and Secretary



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