

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE EAST ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY, HELD ON JULY 13, 2021 VIA CONFERENCE CALL.

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange met in a Regular Meeting, via conference call, on the 13th day of July, 2021. Chairperson Walter Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

This meeting is called to order and is being conducted in conformity with the Open Public Meeting Act. Notice of this meeting was e-mailed to Worrell Community Newspapers (East Orange Record) and NJ Advance Media (Star-Ledger) on Thursday, December 3, 2020. This notice was e-mailed to the City Clerk of East Orange on Thursday, December 3, 2020. This notice was posted at the administrative office and the Authority's two public housing developments and the EOHA website on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 2021 annual/regular meetings will be held virtually by dial-in number: 1-201-479-3015, Conference ID: 11875113#. Any changes will be posted on EOHA's website: EOHA.org at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairperson Walter Waters
Vice-Chairman W.G. Harris
Commissioner Fred Shaw
Commissioner Cassandra Chatman

ABSENT:

Commissioner Wanda Watson
Commissioner Joshua Brown

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Wilbert Gill, Executive Director
Ms. Elena Coley, Director of Operations
Ms. Kassem Jones, Project Manager
Mr. Phil Britton, Development Project Manager
Mr. Ronald Hunt, Esq., Legal Counsel
Mr. Emeka Madubuogo, Esq. Legal Counsel

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF EAST ORANGE, CITY CLERK OF EAST ORANGE, EAST ORANGE RECORD AND NEWARK STAR LEDGER

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange, will be held on July 13, 2021, via conference call, for the purpose of acting upon:

2021-20 AUTHORIZING OR RATIFYING PAYMENT OF THE BILL LIST FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021

2021-21 RESOLUTION TO ADD JUNETEENTH TO THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAY ROSTER OF THE EAST ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

2021-22 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICY OF THE EAST ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

And for the purpose of transacting any other business related hereto or which may properly come before each meeting.

1. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT and ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

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Commissioner Fred Shaw
Commissioner Cassandra Chatman

ABSENT:

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2. **MINUTES**

MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting in June of 2021. Commissioner Chatman seconded. There were no questions.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Chatman, Shaw, Harris, Waters.
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.

The Resolution was approved 4-0-0.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved to approve the payment of the June bills. Commissioner Shaw seconded.

Commissioner Harris asked about check #11122, and what was the check for. Mr. Gill responded it is an annual registration fee for one of the buildings.

Commissioner Harris asked about check #11127, direct energy business. Mr. Gill responded there was a credit on the account, so it was a credit due.

Commissioner Harris asked about check #11142. Mr. Gill responded it was for the audit and public notice.

Commissioner Harris asked about check #1899. Mr. Gill responded it was installation of flower beds.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Chatman, Shaw, Harris, Waters.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

The Resolution was approved 4-0-0.

4. VISITORS

There were no visitors.

5. REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT: There was no report.

FINANCE: There was no report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: There was no report.

BY-LAWS & PROCUREMENT: There was no report.

PERSONNEL: There was a meeting. There was no report.

NON-PROFIT COMMITTEE: There was no report.

EOHCDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS: There was no report.

LEGAL REPORT (Board Attorneys)

There was no report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Gill highlighted his report and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Mr. Britton answered questions regarding construction.

Ms. Jones highlighted her report and answered questions from the Commissioners.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

8. RESOLUTIONS

2021-21 RESOLUTION TO ADD JUNETEENTH TO THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAY ROSTER OF THE EAST ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Commissioner Harris moved to approve.
Commissioner Chatman seconded. There were no questions.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Chatman, Shaw, Harris, Waters.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

The Resolution was approved 4-0-0.

2021-22 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICY OF THE EAST ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Commissioner Shaw moved to approve.
Commissioner Chatman seconded.

Commissioner Harris asked what revisions were made. Ms. Coley responded in New Jersey anti-harassment policies were added regarding hair texture, sexual orientation and expression, hereditary blood traits and flag display among others.

There were no further questions.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Chatman, Shaw, Harris, Waters.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

The Resolution was approved 4-0-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved to adjourn. Commissioner Chatman seconded. There were no questions. By unanimous acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM.