

MINUTES

Homes for Good Housing Agency

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 at 1:30pm

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, Homes for Good conducted the June 22nd, 2022, meeting via a public video call with dial-in capacity. The public was able to join the call, give public comment, and listen to the call.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Members present: **Char Reavis, Michelle Thurston, Heather Buch, Laurie Trieger, Pat Farr, Joe Berney**

Board Members absent: **Jay Bozievich**

Quorum Met

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. COMMISSIONERS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR OTHER ISSUES AND REMONSTRANCE

Joe Berney inquired about status of Homes for Good's Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Heather Buch commented on her appreciation for Homes for Good's sponsorship of Eugene's Juneteenth Celebration.

Pat Farr informed the Board that Jay Bozievich's absence was excused as he was out of town.

3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

None.

5. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

None.

6. ADMINISTRATION

A. Executive Director Report

Jacob Fox discussed the fence rebuild project he participated in for a family that lost their home in the 2020 Holiday Farm wildfire alongside Oregon Housing and Community Services and Matt McRae from Lane County. He informed the Board that the family was able to insure their previous home and receive partial funding for the rebuild of their property with the assistance of Homes for Good's Energy Services Department.

Jacob Fox discussed the completion of construction for Homes for Good's newest permanent supportive housing development, The Nel. He informed the Board that staff training will take place during July and residents will begin to move in at the beginning of August.

Jacob Fox provided an update on the recruitment process for the Homes for Good Board of Commissioners. He informed the Board that the deadline to apply was May 31st, 2022, and 29 completed applications were received and evaluated.

B. Approval of 5/25/2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: **Michelle Thurston**

Second: **Laurie Trieger**

VOTE

Ayes: **Michelle Thurston, Laurie Trieger, Char Reavis, Heather Buch, Pat Farr, Joe Berney**

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: **Jay Bozievich**

The minutes are approved 6/ 0/0 with 1 Commissioner absent.

C. **ORDER 22-22-06-01H** — In the Matter of Approving Homes for Good's Strategic Equity Plan

Jacob Fox described Homes for Good's Strategic Equity Plan and informed the Board of the pillars of the plan. He explained that this effort began in 2018 with the creation of the Equity Strategic Team.

Michelle Thurston commented on resident engagement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and how the Strategic Equity Plan is helping to increase communication on DEI among residents.

Heather Buch commented on how the Strategic Equity Plan compliments Lane County's plans and is supportive of what Homes for Good is doing.

Laurie Trieger commented that the timing of the Strategic Equity Plan aligns well with the seating of a new Board of Commissioners for Homes for Good. She suggested that

the Homes for Good Board of Commissioners and the Lane County Board of Commissioners are added to Homes for Good's Organization Chart.

Motion: **Michelle Thurston**

Second: **Heather Buch**

VOTE

Ayes: **Michelle Thurston, Laurie Trieger, Char Reavis, Heather Buch, Pat Farr, Joe Berney**

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: **Jay Bozievich**

Order 22-22-06-01H is approved 6 / 0 / 0 with 1 Commissioner absent.

D. **ORDER 22-22-06-02H** In the Matter of Approving Homes for Good Board of Commissioner Bylaw updates

***Jacob Fox** explained the changes that are required to the current bylaws to facilitate the change of governance to a 9-member Board of Commissioners. He stated that once the new Board of Commissioners are seated, the bylaws will be further amended and restructured.*

Motion: **Michelle Thurston**

Second: **Pat Farr**

VOTE

Ayes: **Michelle Thurston, Laurie Trieger, Char Reavis, Heather Buch, Pat Farr, Joe Berney**

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: **Jay Bozievich**

Order 22-22-06-02H is approved 6 / 0 / 0 with 1 Commissioner absent.

E. **ORDER 22-22-06-03H** In the Matter of Approving the Submission of the PHA FY 2023 Annual Plan

*Compliance and Data Analyst **Melanie Church** discussed the process of putting together Homes for Good's Annual Plan for fiscal year 2023. She explained that she met with the Resident Advisory Board, Homes for Good staff, and the plan was submitted for public comment for feedback before it was finalized.*

***Michelle Thurston** commended Homes for Good's effort to obtain resident feedback for the Annual Plan.*

Motion: **Joe Berney**

Second: **Michelle Thurston**

VOTE

Ayes: **Michelle Thurston, Laurie Trieger, Char Reavis, Heather Buch, Pat Farr, Joe Berney**

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: **Jay Bozievich**

Order 22-22-06-03H is approved 6 / 0 / 0 with 1 Commissioner absent.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

***Michelle Thurston** inquired about the status of The Art Initiative: The Nel RFP. Executive Assistant **Celia Wright** responded that proposals are due by the end of day on June 27th, 2022.*

Meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.