



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 27, 2022  
Meeting held electronically

**PRESENT:** Chair Raoul Zubia, Vice-Chair Reilly, Board Members Jayne Hubbard, Jeff Jameson, Roger Lurie, Neal Shearer, and Tricia Serlin

**STAFF:** Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director; Irma Hollamby, SHA Executive Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Zubia called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present as listed above.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments submitted.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021**

BOARD MEMBER SHEARER MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021 SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. BOARD MEMBER LURIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR ZUBIA, VICE-CHAIR REILLY, BOARD MEMBERS HUBBARD, JAMESON, LURIE, SERLIN AND SHEARER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**1. SHA Annual Report**

Irma Hollamby, SHA Executive Director, presented the draft annual report, highlighting anticipated key issues and upcoming opportunities, challenges, and outcomes. She noted that the City has brought on a landlord liaison who is working to put together programming that will offer landlords support and incentives to participate in rental assistance programming. HUD has awarded City of Scottsdale 15 Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers in addition

to the 34 Emergency Housing Vouchers and Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers that were recently received. She is hoping that the Build Back Better legislation will increase Scottsdale Housing Agency's capacity to assist more low-income residents.

BOARD MEMBER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT. VICE-CHAIR REILLY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR ZUBIA, VICE-CHAIR REILLY, BOARD MEMBERS HUBBARD, JAMESON, LURIE, SERLIN, AND SHEARER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **2. Board Report**

Ms. Hollamby gave an update on Scottsdale Housing Authority programmatic and financial performance. During December the City was awarded a Family Self-Sufficiency Grant in the amount of \$80,136, which is an increase of approximately \$40,000 over the 2021 award. The award enables the department to fund a full-time family self-sufficiency expert to lead the program. Gabrielle Alexander is employed in that role.

Ms. Hollamby reiterated that the City has been awarded 15 VASH vouchers, which will go into effect in May. In addition, she reiterated that 7 of the 34 Emergency Housing Vouchers have been leased up and 3 of the 20 Foster Youth to Independence vouchers have been leased up. The new landlord liaison, also mentioned earlier in her presentation, is Christopher Groesbeck. The City's new occupancy specialist is starting on Monday, January 31, 2022. This person will be in charge of the City's housing quality standards.

In the coming weeks, 300 people will be pulled from the Agency's 2017 wait list and offered an opportunity to go through the eligibility process. Staff is in the process of implementing landlord and waitlist applicant online portals.

Board Members commended staff for developing incentives for landlords to participate and in creating the new landlord liaison position. They expressed interest in receiving a report on progress of the program at mid-year and to meet the HCV Team.

## **3. Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER LURIE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. NO VOTE WAS TAKEN.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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