



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2023
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Neal Shearer, Vice-Chair Tricia Serlin, Commission Members Roger Lurie, Patrick Dodds, Mary Jung, and Stuart Turgel

ABSENT: Commissioner Jeff Jameson

STAFF: Greg Bestgen, Director; Mary Witkofski, Interim Community Assistance Office Manager; Chad Beougher, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist; Jennifer Crane, Community Grants Specialist; Christina Cooley, Center Supervisor; Vania Torres, Staff Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Approve the regular meeting minutes of January 26, 2023

BOARD MEMBER DODDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 26, 2023 SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. BOARD MEMBER LURIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, BOARD MEMBERS LURIE, DODDS, JUNG, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSIDENTING VOTES.

2. Housing Choice Voucher and Family Self-Sufficiency Program Performance Report

Christina Cooley, Human Services Center Supervisor, gave a presentation on the Housing Choice Voucher and Family Self-Sufficiency Program performance. She reviewed current events, including two recent FSS graduates and their escrow savings; she noted that admin plan revisions are nearing completion; and that approximately \$71,650 have been expended on Emergency Security Deposit coverage. Her presentation included January/February 2023, review of the number of vouchers used, the number of lease ups, number of participants ending participation in the program, number of files processed by staff, unit inspection statistics, HAP expenditures, number of waitlist applicants, voucher utilization in all programs, and the number of active FSS participants.

Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Cooley said that housing choice voucher recipients are typically single parent households. Emergency housing vouchers have been almost fully utilized; however, the City did recently apply for stability vouchers, which have the same criteria; staff is waiting for results of the application. Approximately 6,000 applications were received when the wait list was open in June of 2022 and 2,200 were selected for the program by random lottery. Once the list is depleted, the wait list will be reopened. Ms. Cooley explained the process that happens when a unit fails inspection, noting that typically landlords mitigate the problem, but if the problem is not rectified, the unit can be put into abatement and ultimately termination of the contract. Currently, approximately 515 of the City's 735 Housing Choice vouchers are being utilized, which shows an increase from 20 percent in February 2022 to 53 percent in November of 2022.

3. Identification of Future Agenda Items

There were no agenda items suggested.

4. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER LURIE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, BOARD MEMBERS LURIE, DODDS, JUNG, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

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