



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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 9, 2025  
City Hall Kiva Forum  
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

**PRESENT:** Chair Roger Lurie, Vice Chair Mary Jung, Commission Members Lee Cooley, Patrick Dodds, Jeff Jameson (arrived at 5:25 p.m.), Neal Shearer, and Stuart Turgel

**STAFF:** Kira Peters, Human Services Director; Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager; Ethan Whitman, Landlord Liaison

**Call to order**

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

**Roll Call**

**Public Comment**

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2024.

Vice-Chair Jung requested that an additional statement be included, noting that the Board thanked Board Member Brownell for her service.

VICE-CHAIR JUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2024, HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. BOARD MEMBER COOLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE CHAIR JUNG, BOARD MEMBERS COOLEY, DODDS, SHEARER, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER JAMESON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **2. Landlord Engagement Initiatives Update**

Ethan Whitman, Landlord Liaison, provided an update on the landlord engagement initiatives at the Scottsdale Housing Agency. His presentation included an overview of the Landlord Connection event; the courtesy property listings website; changes being made to the courtesy property listings in response to the HUD Small Area Fair Market Rent requirements; and the implementation of the Landlord Advisory Board. He noted that the Landlord Connection event held at Paiute Neighborhood Center on September 18, 2024, resulted in positive feedback from attendees and an increase in listed units. The next Landlord Connection event is planned for mid-March 2025. Applications for Landlord Advisory Board members are currently being reviewed, and Mr. Whitman anticipates that the group will hold their first biannual meeting in late winter or early spring 2025.

Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Whitman explained that the Landlord Advisory Board meetings will be with City staff and not be open to the public. Mr. Whitman answered technical questions regarding the courtesy property listings page, confirmed that the number of units listed is currently being tracked, and said that he will work with the IT department to start tracking the number of visitors the page receives.

Board Members commended Mr. Whitman for the progress he has made with the landlord engagement initiatives.

## **3. Scottsdale Housing Agency Governing Board Annual Report**

Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager, presented the 2024 Scottsdale Housing Agency Governing Board Annual Report. She highlighted topics of discussion and actions taken throughout the year, such as anticipated key issues for 2025, future significant work products, and upcoming opportunities, challenges, and anticipated outcomes.

BOARD MEMBER SHEARER MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2024 SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT. BOARD MEMBER DODDS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE CHAIR JUNG, BOARD MEMBERS COOLEY, DODDS, JAMESON, SHEARER, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **4. Identification of Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items suggested.

## **5. Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER JAMESON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE CHAIR JUNG, BOARD MEMBERS COOLEY, DODDS, JAMESON, AND SHEARER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

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