

August 26, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for August was held on Thursday, August 26, 2010, 3:00 pm, at the Philadelphia Housing Authority, Multipurpose Room, 12 S. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

A quorum being present, Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, those present were as follows:

Present: Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman
 Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell
 Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman
 Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding
 Commissioner Debra L. Brady

Also Present: Shelley R. James, Chief of Staff

Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman, called the meeting to order and advised all present the rules and procedures under the Philadelphia Right to Know Act as well as the process of the Board Meetings. The Chairman affirmed everyone that the media has virtually everything that the Board has with the exception of names that were redacted for the privacy of the people who are involved in sexual harassment cases. With that he stated that the Board of Commissioner were presenting two (2) resolutions to be considered.

The next order of business was the approval of June 23, 2010 minutes. Commissioner Reynolds moved for the adoption of the minutes, for which Commissioner Eiding seconded. The minutes were unanimously adopted. With that, Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman, presided over the remaining agenda.

I hereby certify that this was
APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON

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ATTORNEY FOR PHA

Commissioner/Councilwoman Blackwell moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Reynolds;

RESOLUTION NO. 11396

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 23, 2010**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board Meeting of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Regular Board Meeting held on June 23, 2010 copies of which have already been provided to the members, be the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

A vote being taken thereon, the "Ayes" and the "Nays" were as follows:

Present: Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman
 Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell
 Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman
 Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding
 Commissioner Debra L. Brady

Also Present: Shelley R. James, Chief of Staff

Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution unanimously adopted.

Commissioner/Councilwoman Blackwell moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Reynolds;

RESOLUTION NO. 11397

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY AND ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; TO PLACE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON LEAVE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Philadelphia Housing Authority (“Authority”) is the governing body of the of the Authority and is charged with the oversight of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board is responsible for the appointment and supervision of the Executive Director of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Carl R. Greene has served as Executive Director (the “Executive Director”) of the Authority for in excess of 12 years and has established an accomplished record throughout his tenure at the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board has recently been made aware of certain serious allegations made against the Executive Director with respect to his professional conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that these allegations merit an immediate, thorough and independent investigation; and

WHEREAS, it is the Board’s goal to complete the investigation and make recommendations for corrective action within 30 days; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board, or his authorized designee (hereinafter referred to as the “Chairman”) to take any and all actions on behalf of the Board in order to undertake an investigation of these allegations, including an inspection of the Authority’s financial records; and make recommendations for corrective actions as needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in furtherance of these matters, the Board through the Chairman shall be authorized, in accordance with the Authority’s policies, including the relevant procurement policies, to hire such experts and persons to conduct such independent investigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board through the Chairman shall be responsible for conducting the independent investigation, and the Chairman shall consult with the Board on an continuing and on-going basis with respect to its findings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the findings of the independent investigation and any recommendations for corrective action shall be reported to the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall be placed on administrative leave pending the results of the investigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the period the investigation is pending, the Executive Director shall not report to work at the Authority, contact or direct the Authority’s employees or consultants, or access the Authority’s systems.

A vote being taken thereon, the "Ayes" and the "Nays" were as follows:

Present: Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman
 Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell
 Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman
 Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding
 Commissioner Debra L. Brady

Also Present: Shelley R. James, Chief of Staff

Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Eiding moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Debra Brady;

RESOLUTION NO. 11398

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY TO (1) CONDUCT SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING, (2) TO REVIEW THE PHA SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY, AND (3) TO RECOMMEND ANY NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE AUTHORITY'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of PHA has recently become aware of certain allegations of sexual harassment of former employees;

WHEREAS, the Board takes these allegations very seriously and has determined to investigate these allegations and provide PHA staff with sexual harassment training and review all PHA policies and procedures applicable to this matter, and make recommendations with respect to such policies and procedures as are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires for the PHA, through its staff or consultants with expertise in the area to conduct training sexual harassment training; and

WHEREAS, the PHA, by and through its Board of Commissioners, desires for the PHA staff or their designee to review the current PHA sexual harassment policy and make recommendations for amendment or revision thereto, as necessary, to the PHA Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, PHA may contract with a third-party consultant to perform any of the activities contemplated in this resolution pursuant to the PHA procurement process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Housing Authority the PHA staff or such consultants with expertise in the area shall conduct training related to the PHA sexual harassment policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PHA staff or its such consultants with expertise in the area shall conduct a review of the PHA sexual harassment policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following a review of the PHA sexual harassment policies and procedures, should the PHA staff or its designee believe that amendments or revisions to the PHA sexual harassment policy are necessary, the PHA staff or its designee shall present such recommendations the PHA Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PHA staff is authorized to contract with a third-party consultant to perform any of its duties under this resolution pursuant to the PHA procurement policies.

A vote being taken thereon, the "Ayes" and the "Nays" were as follows:

Present: Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman
Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell
Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding
Commissioner Debra L. Brady

Also Present: Shelley R. James, Chief of Staff

Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution unanimously adopted.

The resolutions were adopted. With that, Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman opened the meeting for public comments. Public comments were received by Ms. Andrea Foster, Mr. Reed, Mr. Youngblood, Mr. Cliff Haines and Mr. Reeves. No other public comments being heard, Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman adjourned the meeting. (Copies of the actual transcript will be provided upon written request).