

**New Jersey Association of  
Housing & Redevelopment Authorities  
Annual Meeting  
Resort Hotel & Casino  
Atlantic City, NJ  
September 24, 2018  
MINUTES**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Susan Thomas, Chairwoman called the meeting to order and extended a warm welcome to all in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES**

Chair Thomas led all present in a pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

Madeline Cook, Executive Director/Secretary called the roll. Representatives of the following Housing Authorities were present:

Bayonne, Berkeley, Beverly, Boonton, Carteret, Florence, Linden, Middletown, Newark, Old Bridge, Plainfield, Pleasantville, Lakewood, South Amboy, Summit, Weehawken, West New York

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of June 14, 2018 moved by Robert DiVincent and Seconded by Victor Cirilo. Approved unanimously

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**REPORTS**

Nominating Committee Report – Chairman Robert DiVincent read the letter of recommendation sent to Executive Director Madeline Cook proposing the following candidates and their positons: Chairperson – Joseph M. Billy, Jr. , Vice Chairperson – Victor Cirilo and

Treasurer – John Mahon

Comptroller's Report – Sandra Niemiec reported NJAHRA is in good financial positionie

Program Committee – Chairperson Grace Dekker welcomed everyone for their attendance and thanked her program committee for their work on the Annual Meeting.

Executive Director Report – Madeline Cook welcomed everyone for attending the meeting and said we are looking forward to a successful conference.

Legal Counsel – Matthew Fitzpatrick spoke about bidding and state contract laws and authorities submit misinformation. He said he will go into more detail in his workshop and will speak about sick leave, gender equality and smoking policy.

**Resolutions:**

Resolution No. 2-9-18 – Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 10/1/2018 – 9/30/2019. Motion To adopt by: Gary Centinarro and seconded by Eric Chubanko, unanimous vote to adopt.

The following Resolution were presented on a consensus basis:

Resolution No. 3-9-18 – Award Contract for Auditing Services to Polcari & Co. at a fee of \$2,000 for FYE 9/30/2018

Resolution No. 4-9-18 – Contract for Administrative Service to Susan Thomas at an annual Fee of \$3,900 for Fiscal Year 10/1/2018 – 9/30/2019

Resolution No. 5-9-18 – Awarding Contract for Legal Services to Fitzpatrick & Waterman, Esquires for an annual fee of \$2,400 for Fiscal Year 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2019

Resolution Nol. 6-9-18 – Awarding contract for Comptroller Services to Sandra Niemiec for an annual fee of \$3,150 for Fiscal Year 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2019

Resolution No. 7-9-18 – Awarding Contract for Executive Director services to Madeline Cook at an annual fee of \$12,000 for Fiscal Year 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2019

Motion to adopt made by Robert DiVincent and seconded by Grace Dekker. Consent vote to approve unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 10/1/2018 – 9/30/2019 the slate as follows with unanimous recommendation of the Nominating Committee;

Chairperson – Joseph M. Billy, Jr.

Vice Chairperson – Victor Cirilo

Treasurer – John Mahon

Hearing no further nominations from the floor the motion to adopt was made by Robert DiVincent and seconded by Gary Centinarro . All in favor – Unanimous.

Executive Director Cook called for a motion to memorialize the attached committee appointments for Fiscal Year 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2019. Motion made by John Mahon and seconded by Grace Dekker. Vote to adopt: Unanimous.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Program Chair Grace Dekker introduced Theresa Arce, Director of Public Housing from the HUD Newark Office.

Director Arce said she was very happy to be at the conference and to see HUD representative at this meeting and doing a workshop. She reported that HUD Central was reorganizing, She encouraged authorities to submit RAD applications and offered field office technical assistance to get it approved without sending an application back to a submitting authority.

John Mahon asked if the Washington reorganizing would affect the local field offices. Director Arce said that would not be the case.

Ann Ferguson asked how can authorities get more money. Director Arce said the Regional Office might be able to help out. Victor Cirilo said there is an urban pool of one billion dollars maybe reallocated to the states.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Robert DiVincent moved to adjourn seconded by Gary Centinarro.

Adjourned: 6:00 PM unanimously

