

The Board of Commissioners of the Niagara Falls Housing Authority (NFHA) met in a Monthly Board Meeting session on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 4:00pm. Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Present:

Mr. Lawrence Cook
Mr. James Swift
Mr. Earl Bass
Ms. Colleen Todd
Mr. Brian Archie, Sr.
Mrs. Maralynn Giancola

Also Present:

Mr. Clifford Scott
Mr. Roger Lis

Absent:

At the Request of the Executive Director: George Dreer, Eric Fields, Angela Smith, Samika Sullivan, Melissa Attfield

I. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

To begin the meeting, Chair Cook asked that those present observe a moment of silence for those affected by the recent gun violence.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Swift, seconded by Commissioner Giancola and carried, the March 14, 2023 monthly meeting minutes of the Board of Commissioners were approved.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Swift at this time posed questions regarding Write-Off accounts, and was informed these numbers were due to COVID-19. A discussion regarding the Attain Lab and it's usage was also conducted at this time. A motion was duly made by Commissioner Archie, seconded by Commissioner Swift to approve the consent agenda for the meeting held April 11, 2023. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Three additional items were brought before the board, and the Commissioners were asked to add them to the agenda. In a motion duly made by Commissioner Giancola, seconded by Commissioner Todd, Resolutions 2023-34, 2023-35, and 2023-36 were added to the agenda.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lis presented the operating budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 for Cornerstone Village to the board. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Giancola, seconded by Commissioner Archie and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2023-27 was approved.

The attendance of Commissioners at various industry related conferences and training was next discussed. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Giancola and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2023-28 was approved.

The board was next presented a recommendation for cyber security upgrades. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Giancola and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2023-29 was approved.

The board was then presented with a recommendation for extension of existing boiler insurance. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Swift and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2023-30 was approved.

The board was then presented with a recommendation for extension of existing commercial liability insurance. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Giancola, seconded by Commissioner Bass and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2023-31 was approved.

The board was then presented with a recommendation for extension of existing commercial property insurance. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Archie and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2023-32 was approved.

Resolution No. 2023-33 was not approved.

Resolution No. 2023-34 regarding executive coaching services was next discussed. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Swift and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 2023-34 was approved.

Next discussed was the approval of the OCFS settlement. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Archie, seconded by Commissioner Todd and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2023-35 was approved.

Finally, approval of settlement for Ashby litigation was brought before the board. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Giancola, seconded by Commissioner Bass and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 2023-36 was approved.

VI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of the Write-Offs, tabled during the March 14th, 2023 meeting, were addressed at this time. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Swift and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 2023-13 was approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 4pm in the Central Office Board Room. The Annual Meeting of the NFHA will also be held on May 9, 2023.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Giancola, seconded by Commissioner Archie. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm


Secretary