

The Board of Commissioners of the Niagara Falls Housing Authority (NFHA) met in a Monthly Board Meeting session on Tuesday, February 14, 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. Jason Cafarella
Roger Lis

Absent:

At the Request of the Executive Director: George Dreer, Eric Fields, Angela Smith, Samika Sullivan, Kevin Peterson, Mayor Robert Restaino

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

To begin the meeting, Chair Cook asked that those present take a moment of silence for those who lost their lives during the tragic events at Michigan State.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Archie raised a question regarding line items, and was informed that there was an error with the system and that the appropriate vales would be distributed to the board posthaste. A motion was duly made by Commissioner Archie, seconded by Commissioner Todd to approve the consent agenda for the meeting held February 14, 2023. The motion was unanimously carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Scott thanked the Mayor for being present, and invited him to the front to address the board. Mayor Restaino thanked the board for their continued support and efforts for the community, and expressed that he has an open door policy and would love to engage in open communication in order to benefit the community. Director Scott again thanked the Mayor for his time and turned the meeting over to Mr. Lis for the finance Report.

Mr. Lis informed the board that the budget would be presented at the next meeting, and that the central office administrative fee is expected to now be in the green for the upcoming budget.

Kevin Peterson reported next, informing the board that 7 people have joined the section 3 program and started work.

The community center directors next addressed the board, explaining that after school programs and student outreach are planned for the upcoming year, and there are upcoming summits and training courses for residents as well as the greater community.

Melissa Attfield informed the board that occupancy at the Towers was picking up, and is expected to pick up more in the warmer months. Attorney Cafarella mentioned that evictions were slowed to allow maintenance to keep up with vacancies.

Director Scott informed the board that Commissioner Turton had resigned, and there would be a tenant election for a new resident Commissioner. Additionally mentioned was the upcoming HUD audit.

NFHA ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Cafarella explained that he had been working with both unions to handle overtime discrepancies as well as the section 3 program.

At this time, 4:50pm, on a motion duly made by Commissioner Swift, seconded by Commissioner Giancola, the board entered executive session.

A motion was made to take specific personnel action regarding the Executive Director at 6:55pm. The motion was made by Commissioner Giancola, Seconded by Commissioner Bass, and unanimously approved.
On a motion duly made by Commissioner Archie, seconded by Commissioner Bass and unanimously carried, the board came out of executive session at 7:00 pm.

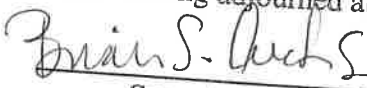
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 4pm at the Central Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Giancola, seconded by Commissioner Bass. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm


Secretary