



**FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING &
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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**MINUTES
Regular Meeting – February 7, 2022**

The Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners conducted the regular meeting of the Authority on **February 7, 2022** via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the HRA Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Commissioners Present (via roll call):

L. Brown M. Slowinski F. Williams M. Cucchiara S. Cottrell S. Worgaftik

Absent: None

Staff Present: G. Govoni N. Sauber L. Vieland

All Votes were taken via roll call.

2. ACTIONS:

Minutes: Commissioner Worgaftik moved and Commissioner Cucchiara seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2021 regular meeting of the Board as presented.

No discussion.

17-4279 Vote 6 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstaining

AP Warrant: Commissioner Cucchiara moved and Commissioner Cottrell seconded a motion to approve the accounts payable warrant for December 2021.

No discussion.

17-4280 Vote 6 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstaining

RDI Board Vacancy: G. Govoni explained that there is an upcoming vacancy on the RDI board. Commissioners were asked for their recommendations for a candidate, and whether or not they felt like there should be a third HRA representative on the board. After some discussion, it was agreed that there is a good and cooperative relationship between the RDI and HRA board, and that we should stay with two HRA representatives. A question was also asked regarding the qualifications of a potential RDI board candidate. G. Govoni said that

financial, management, and mission interest are all desired skills, and offered that the RDI board is also launching a real estate development subcommittee.

3. STAFF REPORT: G. Govoni announced that the 2021 CDBG grants were announced last week, and all three of grants that were submitted by HRA were fully funded, totaling \$2.4 million in funding.

G. Govoni also reported that HRA may begin working with Nan McKay to expedite the processing of ERAP applications. A question was posed about the compensation and payment processing, and how this would benefit HRA clients. G. Govoni explained that this is a temporary measure, only being considered because of our inability to recruit temporary staff.

G. Govoni also announced that Mike Terounzo began in the Modernization and Maintenance Coordinator role, and the fifth Maintenance Laborer, Tanner Walker, also began work today.

4. OTHER BUSINESS: G. Govoni reminded the board that there is a special joint board meeting with SHA on February 28 to review the draft merger legislation. A question was raised regarding managing the conflict posed by a tenant board member, and it was noted that additional training would be needed for everyone on the new board. It was also noted that the additional maintenance laborer, which was provided conditional to the merger, will be felt positively by all residents.

5. DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

6. OTHER BUSINESS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE

7. DOCUMENTS USED

- January 24, 2022 regular meeting minutes
- January AP Warrant
- Staff Report
- Public Housing Notice: 2022-02: LHA Executive Director Salary and Qualifications Schedule (with Attachments A and B)

8. RESIDENT & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Commissioner Slowinski moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m. The next *regular* meeting of the HRA Board of Commissioners will be held on **March 7, 2022** via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Govoni, Secretary Ex officio