

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
May 10, 2022
12:58 P.M.
Virginia Housing Center
Glen Allen, VA**

Members Present

Claudia Cotton
Susan Dewey
Andrew Friedman
Richard Gregory
Sylvia Hallock
Abigail Johnson
Keith Johnson
Brett Meringoff
Larry Murphy
Paykon Sarmadi
Sean Farrell

Members Absent

Sonny Abbasi
Mark Jackson
Patty Shields

Call to Order

Mr. Brett Meringoff, Vice- Chair of the Board of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) called the meeting of the Board to order at 12:58 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of DHCD's Policy & Legislative Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

Mr. Meringoff opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Johnson and properly seconded by Mr. Sean Farrell to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 Board of Housing and Community Development meeting. The motion passed.

Report of the Housing and Community Development Committee

Mr. Andrew Friedman, Committee Chair, presented the committee recommendation of approval of the Annual Action. The recommendation from the committee came as a standing motion. Ms. Claudia Cotton seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Reports and Information	<p>Ms. Susan Dewey, Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Housing, noted that a temporary increase to the allocation for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program has expired. Ms. Dewey noted that the (state) Housing Opportunity Tax Credit was still pending. Ms. Dewey noted that the Virginia Housing Board of Commissioners passed a strategic plan at their last meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Claudia Cotton noted that the Virginia Fire Services Board has not met since the Board's last meeting in March and that their next meeting was in June.</p> <p>Mr. Bryan Horn, Director of DHCD noted certain pieces of approved legislation of note to the Board and the Agency. He also noted that the Rent Relief Program (RRP) portal would be closing to new and renewal application on May 15, 2022.</p>
Unfinished Business	<p>Mr. Rick Gregory noted legislation regarding tax abatement passed in the recent General Assembly session and how it may be useful to assist affordable housing projects.</p>
New Business	<p>Mr. Larry Murphy noted a desire to continue discussion on affordable housing. Mr. Friedman requested that staff provide the Board with a presentation on the HB 854 Housing Study at the next meeting.</p>
Board Matters	<p>There were no further board matters.</p>
Future Board Meeting Dates	<p>Mr. Meringoff noted that the July meeting will include elections of officers.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.</p>