

**REGULAR MEETING
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TRENTON
HELD WED. March 14, 2018 12:00 PM
875 New Willow Street, Trenton, NJ 08638**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raines, who announced it was to be noted in the Book of Minutes that the required 48 hours' notice of this meeting was mailed to the offices of *The Times*, the *Trentonian* and the Clerk of the City of Trenton, as well as, having been posted in the main entrance of the Housing Authority in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law also known as the Sunshine Law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: William Fitzgerald, Gary Gentry, and Kim Taylor, Commissioners; Vice Chair Darlene Weldon Gordon; Chairman John Raines and Jelani B. Garrett, Secretary/ Executive Director

ABSENT Chairman John C. Raines, William Fitzgerald and Jessie Tossie, Commissioners

ALSO

PRESENT: Rocky Peterson, Legal Counsel, Clifford Godfrey, Deputy Executive Director, Latrice Leggett, Acting Director of Finance, Chrysti Huff, Redevelopment Project Manager, Pamela Brooks, Director of Resident and Community Services, and Francine Nalbone, Human Resources.

Chairman Raines asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice Chair Weldon-Gordon moved the motion to adopt the agenda; Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the motion and upon roll call the motion carries as follows:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINS</u>
Com. William Fitzgerald	1		
Com. Gary Gentry	1		
Com. Kim Taylor	1		
Com. Darlene Weldon Gordon	1		
Com. John Raines	1		
Total	5	0	0

Motion passed

Chairman Raines stated next is approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 14, 2018. Chairman Raines then asked for a motion to move the minutes. Vice Chair Weldon Gordon moved that the minutes be approved; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Raines asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, Chairman Raines asked for a roll call and upon roll call the motion carried as follows:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINS</u>
Com. William Fitzgerald	1		
Com. Gary Gentry	1		
Com. Kim Taylor	1		
Com. Darlene Weldon-Gordon	1		
Com. John Raines			1
Total	4	0	1

Motion Passed

Report of the Secretary:

Executive Director Garrett introduced Resolution 18-06 approving disbursements for the month of February 2018.

Chairman Raines asked for a motion to approve Resolution 18-06, disbursements. Commissioner Gentry moved the motion; Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Chairman Raines asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, Chairman Raines asked for a roll call. Upon Roll Call the motion carries as follows:

RESOLUTION 18-06

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINS</u>
Com. William Fitzgerald	1		
Com. Gary Gentry	1		
Com. Kim Taylor	1		
Com. Darlene Weldon Gordon	1		
Com. John Raines	1		
Total	5	0	0

Motion Passed

Executive Director Garrett introduced Resolution 18-07 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement for the periodic replacement of ranges and refrigerators.

Chairman Raines asked for a motion to approve Resolution 18-07, Commissioner Fitzgerald moved the motion; Chairman Raines seconded the motion. Chairman Raines asked if there were any questions; following Executive Director Garrett's response to Vice Chair Weldon's questions regarding what happened to all the refrigerators and stoves that were purchased last year and there being no further questions Chairman Raines asked for a roll call and upon roll call the motion carries as follows:

RESOLUTION 18- 07

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINS</u>
Com. Fitzgerald	1		
Com. Gary Gentry	1		
Com. Kim Taylor	1		
Com. Darlene Weldon-Gordon	1		
Com. John Raines	1		
Total	5	0	0

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Weldon Gordon commended the Housing Authority, the staff and whom ever the contractor was for the snow removal. She stated that we did an excellent job and she appreciated it. She stated that not only did we clean the walk-ways, but someone even came down their street and that had never happened in the past.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Raines stated that he wanted to publicly thank Vice Chair Darlene Weldon-Gordon for stepping in during his absence. He also wanted to thank the Board for all their prayers. He stated he is very confident in the team sitting around the table (Commissioners) and the team we have placed in our Executive level.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members from the audience (residents and community members) addressed the Board.

Algernon Ward Jr. – 688 Martin Luther King Blvd. – thank them for the inviting him and stated that he will be asking for an invitation back to talk a topic that you, I and Jelani have spoken about previously so that I can make a presentation to the Board about a very important economic initiative that I am working on that may be help Housing Authority residents secure the future. I look forward to an invitation to another meeting.

Mr. Garrett informed Mr. Ward that he should submit a formal letter to his attention outlining his initiative and he can then share it with the Board because that is something that the Board will have to weigh in on.

Clarence Willets – 490 Hoffman Avenue, Apt 411 – just wanted to say that the Resident Council Meeting held last night was very productive and he felt very good about it. He also wanted to let the Board know that during the blackout he called Mr. Godfrey and he did answer his call and was very helpful. He gave him instruction on how to handle things and he just wanted to let everyone know that the residents were very thankful.

Chairman Raines asked for a motion to adjourn this meeting. Commissioner Gentry moved that the meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the motion and upon a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINS</u>
Com. William Fitzgerald	1		
Com. Gary Gentry	1		
Com. Kim Taylor	1		
Com. Darlene Weldon Gordon	1		
Com. John Raines	1		
Total	5	0	0

Jelani B. Garrett
Board of Commissioners
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