

**Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2019**

**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Cheeca Lodge  
81801 Overseas Highway  
Islamorada FL

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ray Dubuque, Chairman  
Ron Lieberman, Vice Chair  
Renier Diaz de la Portilla  
Mario Facella  
LaTasha Green-Cobb  
Creston Leifried

**CORPORATION STAFF PRESENTING:**

Trey Price  
Hugh Brown  
Marisa Button  
Sheila Freaney  
Nancy Muller

**OTHERS PRESENTING:**

Steve Auger, Birdsong Development  
Jim Scholl, City Manager, Key West  
Seth Lawless, Manager, Village of Islamorada  
Christine Hurley, Deputy Administrator, Monroe County  
Shawn Wilson, Blue Sky Communities  
George Nugent, former County Commissioner, Monroe County

Chairman Dubuque called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and asked Sheila Freaney to call the roll.

Ms. Freaney called the roll. Present were Ray Dubuque, Mario Facella, LaTasha Green-Cobb, Creston Leifried, Renier Diaz de la Portilla and Ron Lieberman. Absent were Natacha Bastian and Barney Smith.

## **MINUTES**

**Item A, Approval of Minutes.** Chairman Dubuque asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2019, Board Meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mr. Lieberman with a second by Ms. Green-Cobb.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## **STAFF UPDATE**

Trey Price announced that the Multifamily unit had been reorganized after the departure of the former director, and Marisa Button was appointed the new Multifamily unit director.

He also announced that Nancy Muller would be leaving Florida Housing at the end of September after 18 years of service as the Policy Director. He thanked Ms. Muller for her many years service to Florida Housing and presented her with a plaque.

Chairman Dubuque thanked Ms. Muller for her dedication and hard work and wished her well in the future.

Steve Auger, of Birdsong Development, and former Executive Director of Florida Housing, spoke about Nancy's dedication and tireless work on behalf of the citizens of the State of Florida, as well as her thoughtful and principled approach to her job and the invaluable insights she brought to Florida Housing during her tenure.

Nancy Muller expressed her gratitude to the Board, staff, developers, servicers, local government officials and everyone else she worked with over the years at Florida Housing.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Dubuque asked for a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of Special Assets Item E, which was pulled from consideration.

Motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Lieberman with a second by Mr. Leifried. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Facella recused himself from the vote on Legal Consent Item C, so that item passed by a vote of 5-0, with one recusal.

## HOME RENTAL

**Item A, Request Approval for a One Year Extension of the Santa Rosa County Pilot to Serve Homeless Schoolchildren and their Families Living in Rural and Small Communities.** Nancy Muller asked the Board to authorize staff to execute a one year renewal of the agreement with the Milton Housing Authority to continue to administer the HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) funds, as originally agreed upon, for the continued implementation of the pilot in Santa Rosa County through the end of December 2020.

Motion to approve staff's recommendations was made by Ms. Green-Cobb with a second by Mr. Lieberman. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item B, Request Approval to Add Hernando County to the Pilot to Serve Homeless Schoolchildren and their Families Living in Rural and Small Communities.** Nancy Muller asked the Board to authorize staff to execute a two year agreement with the Hernando County Housing Authority to administer up to \$750,000 in HOME TBRA funds for the implementation of the Hernando County Homeless School Children with a one year renewal permitted if both parties agree.

Motion to approve staff's recommendations was made by Ms. Green-Cobb with a second by Mr. Lieberman. Motion passed unanimously.

## LEGAL

**Item A, Casa Amigos EHT, LLC v. Florida Housing Finance Corporation.** Hugh Brown asked the Board to approve staff's recommendation to adopt the consent agreement in the Casa Amigos EHT, LLC v. Florida Housing matter.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation was made by Ms. Green-Cobb with a second by Mr. Lieberman. Motion passed unanimously.

## MULTIFAMILY PROGRAMS – ALLOCATIONS

**Item A, Request for Applications 2019-101 Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) in Monroe County.** Marisa Button asked the Board to approve the review committee's recommendation that the Board adopt the scoring results of the four applications received in response to RFA 2019-101, Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery in Monroe County, and authorize the tentative selection of all four applications for funding and invitation into credit underwriting. She stated that after the allocation, an unallocated balance of \$1,076,011 in land acquisition funding and \$2,123,983 in development funding would remain, and asked the Board to approve the staff recommendation to develop an additional RFA to keep the hurricane recovery resources in Monroe County.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation was made by Mr. Lieberman with a second by Ms. Green-Cobb. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item B, Hurricane Recovery Update.** Marisa Button briefed the Board on Florida Housing's ongoing response and recovery efforts in regard to Hurricane Michael.

## **2019-2010 STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**

Nancy Muller announced to the Board that Florida Housing would begin its strategic planning process in the coming months with a goal to adopt a new strategic plan at the first meeting in 2020, and outlined a timeline for the process.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Jim Scholl, City Manager for the City of Key West, thanked Nancy Muller for her work on behalf of the Keys. He also stressed to the Board the great need for workforce housing in the Keys.

Seth Lawless, Manager for the Village of Islamorada, briefed the Board on some of the affordable housing projects that have come into existence in Islamorada and the different strategies the Village employs to get them built.

Christine Hurley, Deputy Administrator for Monroe County, briefed the Board on the ongoing struggle to provide housing after the destruction of Hurricane Irma in 2017. She also thanked Nancy Muller for her dedication to housing in the Keys.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shawn Wilson, of Blue Sky Communities, thanked Nancy for her work with the development community.

Seth Lawless, of the Islamorada Village of Islands, asked the Board to consider opening the CDBG-DR RFA back up.

George Nugent, former Monroe County Commissioner, stressed the need for affordable housing in the Keys, especially after Hurricane Irma destroyed so much of the affordable stock.

Chairman Dubuque adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

**FHFC II**

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Hugh Brown

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**Item A, In re: Resolution 2019-055, FHFC II Signature Authority.** Hugh Brown asked the Board to adopt Resolution 2019-055, granting signature authority to certain staff members.

Motion to approved staff's recommendation was made by Mr. Lieberman with a second by Mr. Facella. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

**FHFC III**

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**Item A, In re: Resolution 2019-056, FHFC III Signature Authority.** Hugh Brown asked the Board to adopt Resolution 2019-055, granting signature authority to certain staff members.

Motion to approved staff's recommendation was made by Mr. Lieberman with a second by Mr. Facella. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.