



FHFC Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes September 19, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Chair
Ryan Benson, Vice Chair
Larry Cretul
Justin Domer
Reynolds Henderson
Olivia Hoblit
Ron Lieberman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mario Facella
Jody Hudgins
Daniel Martell
Dev Motwani

CORPORATION STAFF PRESENTING:

Marisa Button
Laura Cox
Melissa Levy
Angie Sellers
David Westcott

OTHERS PRESENTING:

Senator Kathleen Passidomo, past President of the Florida Senate
Rodrigo Paredes, Housing Trust Group

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chair Veszi Einhorn. Roll call was taken by Lauren Cronin, Board Liaison, and a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Sandra Veszi Einhorn noted the recent passing of Jaimie Ross, a leader in Florida affordable housing whose legacy includes the Sadowski Coalition and the Florida Housing Coalition. Chair Veszi Einhorn stated that the Corporation joins advocates across the state in mourning her loss and honoring her legacy by continuing to be strong stewards of housing resources and policy implementation.

MINUTES

Approval of July 31, 2025, Board Retreat Minutes

Mr. Domer abstained from voting on the July 31, 2025, Board Retreat Minutes due to his absence at that meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Benson with a second from Mr. Henderson.

The motion passed with all members present voting in favor, Mr. Domer abstaining.

Approval of August 1, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Benson with a second from Mr. Lieberman.

The motion passed unanimously.

LIVE LOCAL UPDATE

Ms. Button provided an update on Live Local Programs and the Multifamily Middle Market Certification Program. Mr. Westcott reported that Florida Hometown Heroes reservations had increased since the board package was published. As of September 18, 2025, there were 828 reservations totaling \$13.8 million, leveraging over \$274 million in first mortgage financing. He indicated that funds were expected to be fully reserved before Thanksgiving.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Items

Ms. Sellers noted that Consent Item A (PLP) was replaced with a corrected version posted as a supplemental item. The recommendation was unchanged.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as revised was made by Mr. Lieberman with a second from Mr. Domer.

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Legal

A. In re: Resolutions 2025-080 and 2025-081, Signature Authority.

Ms. Cox recommended adoption of Resolutions 2025-080 and 2025-081, delegating signature authority and designating staff as described in the respective Resolutions.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lieberman with a second from Mr. Cretul.

The motion passed unanimously.

Multifamily Programs- Allocations

A. Request to Allocate Returned Funding from RFA 2020-102 and RFA 2023-102.

Ms. Levy recommended staff authorization to allocate SAIL funding returned from The Heron and Eleven44 to RFA 2026-102.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lieberman with a second from Mr. Domer.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. RFA Waiver of Priority I Application Prohibition.

Ms. Levy presented staff's recommendation to waive the RFA requirement for all Applicants so that any Applicant that did not meet the closing requirements as outlined in the RFA will not be prohibited from submitting Priority 1 Applications in the future corresponding 2025/2026 RFA cycle but instead will have a reduction of one Priority 1 Application in the future corresponding 2025/2026 RFA cycle.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lieberman with a second from Mr. Cretul.

The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Veszi Einhorn welcomed Senator Kathleen Passidomo, past President of the Florida Senate, and recognized her leadership in advancing affordable housing initiatives and elevating the profile of housing issues in Florida

Senator Kathleen Passidomo commended the Corporation for its work on affordable housing and expressed appreciation for Florida Housing's role in stewarding the Live Local program. Senator Passidomo emphasized her confidence that the program will remain strong after she terms out in 2026, and she thanked the Board for their service and commitment. She also commended Florida Housing staff for their dedication to housing initiatives.

Following Senator Passidomo's remarks, several Board members and staff expressed appreciation for her leadership. Mr. Lieberman noted the positive impact of her legislation on residents and local communities. Ms. Hoblit highlighted the benefits to the hospitality industry. Mr. Benson emphasized the transformative effect of Live Local and the rewarding experiences of Board service. Ms. Sellers, on behalf of staff, thanked Senator Passidomo for her support and noted the national interest in Florida's model. Mr. Cretul recognized the significance of her legislative legacy and stressed the importance of continuing efforts to support both rental and single-family housing.

Rodrigo Paredes, Housing Trust Group, commented on behalf of the development community and expressed appreciation to the Board and Florida Housing staff leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.