



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2023
Community Design Studio Nave
7506 E. Indian School Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Neal Shearer, Vice Chair Tricia Serlin, Board Members, Roger Lurie, Patrick Dodds, Jeff Jameson (arrived at 5:06 p.m.), Mary Jung, and Stuart Turgel

STAFF: Greg Bestgen, Director; Mary Witkofski, Interim Community Assistance Office Manager; Christina Cooley, Housing Supervisor; Gabrielle Alexander, Housing Specialist; Chad Beougher, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist; Mike Lopach, Human Services Center Supervisor; Human Services Managers Rachel Smetana and Eugenio Munoz-Villafane

Call to Order

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to speak.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Approve the regular meeting minutes of December 8, 2022

BOARD MEMBER DODDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8, 2022 SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. BOARD MEMBER LURIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, AND BOARD MEMBERS DODDS, JAMESON, JUNG, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Family Self-sufficiency (FSS) Program Overview

Gabrielle Alexander, Housing Specialist, provided a presentation on the Family Self-sufficiency (FSS) Program, established in 1990. Her presentation included a review of the Family Self-sufficiency Program objectives and goals; an outline of participant eligibility requirements; explanation of the individual training and service plan (ITSP); and key features of the FSS program. Participants are incentivized to increase their earnings because as their portion of rent increases, the additional dollars are deposited into an escrow account that they receive upon graduation from the program. Ms. Alexander outlined the new rules HUD put in place in May of 2022 for the FSS program, requiring all housing authorities to pause enrollments from June 17, 2022 until new action plans were submitted, no later than November of 2022. Scottsdale's action plan was submitted on September 16, 2022 and approved by HUD on October 7, 2022.

Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Alexander said the average time for a participant to complete the program is five years. The attrition rate is approximately 40 percent. Scottsdale currently has 20 active participants, is in the process of enrolling two more, and has three potential applicants.

2a. Scottsdale Housing Agency Governing Board Annual Report

Mary Witkofski, Interim Community Assistance Office Manager, presented the 2022 Scottsdale Housing Agency Governing Board Annual Report.

Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Witkofski explained that a project voucher is different from a Housing Choice Voucher, in that it is assigned to a unit and not to an individual. She said that HUD regulations require that the Housing Agency Governing Board include a member who is an HCV participant; that position is currently being recruited.

BOARD MEMBER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2022 SCOTTSDALE HOUSING AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT. VICE-CHAIR SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, AND BOARD MEMBERS DODDS, JAMESON, JUNG, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Identification of Future Agenda Items

No agenda items were suggested.

4. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER DODDS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, AND BOARD MEMBERS DODDS, JAMESON, JUNG, LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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