



Berkeley Housing Authority

Item 5Ba

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF THE BERKELEY HOUSING AUTHORITY

SPECIAL MEETING

May 5, 2016

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709

6:00 p.m.

CAROLE NORRIS, CHAIR

VALERIE AGOSTINO
MARVA CREMER
ADOLPH MOODY

MARJORIE COX
DAMION McNEIL
DANIEL ROSSI

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairperson Norris

2. **Roll Call**

Present Chairperson Norris and Commissioners Agostino, Cox, Cremer, Moody and Rossi; Commissioner McNeil arrived at 6:08 p.m.

3. **Comments from the Public**

Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.

No members of the public addressed the Commission

4. **Ceremonial Matters**

Chairperson Norris presented an award to Officer Stephanie Polizziani, Berkeley Police Department, Area 3 Coordinator, for her service on behalf of Berkeley citizens, and in particular, households participating in BHA's rental subsidy programs.

5. **Report from the Executive Director**

Executive Director will brief the Board on the status of activities of the Housing Authority in the areas of overall administration, rental assistance in the Section 8 Voucher programs, and will inform the Board of potential significant actions/developments which may transpire prior to the next regular meeting.

No written report; the Executive Director reported (a) meeting with Paul Buddenhagen, new City of Berkeley Director for Housing and Community Services and Chairperson Norris to review staff recommendations to City Council regarding support for BHA, including "Project Move-Up;" (b) attending Adeline Corridor Planning meeting, and learning affordable housing strategy did not include BHA's Section 8 program; BHA will have presence at future meetings; (c) ongoing concern that the 105% Payment Standard may not be sufficient to attract/retain owners in the Section 8 program; may need to raise to 110% (with Board approval) or as much as 120% with HUD (headquarters) approval; (d) exploring option of a limited term use of new PBV awards to stimulate new housing development and offset significant under leasing during current housing crisis.

6. **New Business**

A. Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular Meeting, April 14, 2016

It was moved/seconded (Cremer/McNeil), Agostino abstain, to approve the minutes as presented.

7. **Closed Session:**

Adjournment to Closed Session

Purpose: Public Employment, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Title: Executive Director.

Board was in closed session from 6:20 to 7:50; Greg Nelson, Andersen & Associates facilitating discuss of Executive Director applicants; no reportable actions.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.