

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

SPECIAL MEETING

The Oakland Housing Authority Board of Commissioners convened a Special Meeting at the California Endowment Building, 111 Broadway, 7th Floor, Oakland, California on the above date. Chair Moses L. Mayne called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

I. Roll Call

Commissioners present were William Curry, Greg D. Hartwig, Marlene Hurd, Robert J. Pittman Jr., Esther Purvis-Allen and Chair Moses Mayne Jr. Commissioner Tanya Pitts was excused.

II. Welcome and Purpose of the Day

Chair Mayne welcomed everyone in attendance and asked that all Commissioner stand so they could be introduced. Chair Mayne then introduced Jon Gresley, Executive Director of Oakland Housing Authority. Mr. Gresley explained that the purpose of the meeting was to 1) explore the potential for increasing the level of services available to OHA residents, and 2) explore the opportunities under OHA's status as a Moving to Work agency to expand the range of housing resources tied to service.

III. Review Agenda and Desired Outcomes for today's meeting

Mr. Gresley introduced Arnold Perkins, the facilitator for the meeting, who then provided an overview of the format for the meeting.

IV. Overview of the Oakland Housing Authority, Sean Heron, Sr. Policy Analyst,

Sean Heron, Sr. Policy Analyst, provided a brief overview of the Authority and a summary of the flexibilities provided under the Moving to Work Demonstration Program.

V. Best Practices: Four Panel Presentations

1. Patricia Ison, Director of Property Operations, facilitated a panel discussion on service enriched housing. The following individuals each made presentations and responded to questions from the audience:

- John Bailey (Volunteers of America)
- Robert Ratner (Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services)
- Mark Shotwell (Bonita House)

2. Michelle Hasan, Assistant Director of Leased Housing, facilitated a panel discussion on employment and training. The following individuals each made presentations and responded to questions from the audience:

- Sam Tuttelman (Alameda County Department of Social Services)
- Lorraine Giordano (College of Alameda - ATLAS Project)
- Lila Blanchard (Rubicon Programs)

The meeting was adjourned for a break at 11:25 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

3. Darryl Moore, Sr. Management Analyst, facilitated a panel discussion on education. The following individuals each made presentations and responded to questions from the audience:

- Anita Rees (LIFETIME)
- Danyelle Marshall (College of Alameda)
- George Herring (Peralta Colleges)

4. Teela Carpenter, Housing Assistance Manager, facilitated a panel discussion on financial self-sufficiency. The following individual made a presentation and responded to questions from the audience:

- Tse Ming Tam (United Way of the Bay Area)

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

VI. Taking MTW to the Next Level

Gregg Russ, Executive Director, Cambridge Housing Authority, spoke about the experience of CHA under MTW status, and their efforts to expand the level of services linked to the housing subsidies.

VII. Creating a Model Program for OHA (Small Group Discussion)

Participants broke into four groups in the following four subject areas:

1. Financial Self-sufficiency
2. Education
3. Employment and training
4. Serviced Enriched Housing

The meeting was adjourned for a break at 2:25 p.m

The meeting reconvened from break at 2:45 p.m

VIII. Reports from the Small Group Discussion

Mr. Perkins facilitated reports from each of the small group discussions

IX. Group Reflections: What Have you learned today?

Mr. Perkins facilitated a conversation amongst all of the participants.

X. Next Steps

Mr. Perkins facilitated a conversation amongst all of the participants.

XI. Adjournment:

Chair Mayne adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.