# 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**

<u>Item A, Approval of Minutes</u>. 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**

<u>Item A, Casa Amigos EHT, LLC v. Florida Housing Finance Corporation</u>. 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.

<u>Item B, Hurricane Recovery Update</u>. 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.

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# WHO MUST FILE FORM 8A

This form is for use by any person serving at the State level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, committee, or as a member of the Legislature. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filling the form.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

#### **ELECTED OFFICERS:**

As a person holding elective state office, you may not vote on a matter that you know would inure to your special private gain or loss. However, you may vote on other matters, including measures that would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom you are retained (including the parent or subsidiary or sibling organization of a principal by which you are retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. If you vote on such a measure or if you abstain from voting on a measure that would affect you, you must make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of your interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for you to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only your father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with you as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of properly, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

A member of the Legislature may satisfy the disclosure requirements of this section by filing a disclosure form created pursuant to the rules of the member's respective house if the member discloses the information required by this subsection, or by use of Form 8A.

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

As a person holding appointive state office, you are subject to the abstention and disclosure requirements stated above for Elected Officers. You also must disclose the nature of the conflict before voting or before making any attempt to influence the decision by oral or written communication, whether made by you or at your direction.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only your father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with you as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the
  minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes.
- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION OR VOTE AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the
  meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the
  agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF STATE OFFICER'S INTEREST
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(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)  inured to my special private gain or loss; inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, inured to the special gain or loss of whom I am retained; or inured to the special gain or loss of inured to the special gain or loss of , which
is the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal which has retained me.  (b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:
Legal Consent item "C" FHFC Case No. 2019-063 VW RS Development / Lewis Sweezy are existing clients of TD Bank Where Board Member is the account
Note: TD Bank, nor Mario Facella have no involvement with the subject case of project.
with the subject case of project.
<b>3</b>
If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.
Date Filed Signature
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NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

#### **FHFC II**

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<u>Item A, In re: Resolution 2019-055, FHFC II Signature Authority</u>. 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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<u>Item A, In re: Resolution 2019-056, FHFC III Signature Authority</u>. 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.