



Berkeley Housing Authority

DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting

BOARD OF THE BERKELEY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Thursday, May 12, 2022
5:01 pm

CHRIS SCHILDT, Chair

Max Levine, Vice Chair

Adolph Moody

Ali Kashani

Dan Rossi

Alexandria Thomas-Rodriguez

1. **Call to Order** – *The meeting was called to order at 6:26 pm.*
2. **Roll Call** – *All present except Commissioner Thomas-Rodriguez.*
3. **Comments from the Public** – *None.*
4. **Consent Calendar**
 - A. Adoption of a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Berkeley Making Findings Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Commissioners Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, as Amended by Assembly Bill 361 – *Moved Commissioner Rossi, seconded by Vice Chair Levine, the Resolution passed (all in favor except Commissioner Thomas-Rodriguez absent).*
5. **Ceremonial Matters:** *In recognition of Gracie Jones, East Bay Community Law Center – BHA presented plaque in recognition of Gracie Jones' entering her 20th year of legal advocacy and housing support for the Berkeley community.*
6. **Closed Session:** *Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Government Code section 54957 (b); Title: Acting Executive Director – Completed evaluation of Acting Executive Director and thanked her for her excellent work.*
7. **Approval of Minutes:** *moved by Commissioner Rossi, seconded by Vice Chair Levine, the minutes of the April 14, 2022 Board Meeting were approved (all in favor except Commissioner Kashani abstained and Commissioner Thomas-Rodriguez absent).*
8. **New Business**
 - B. Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget – *moved by Commissioner Kashani, seconded by Commissioner Rossi, the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget was approved (all in favor except Commissioner Thomas-Rodriguez absent).*
 - A. Executive Director's Monthly Report – *Rachel reported: (a) no pandemic related adjustments since April; average increase remained at \$569 per month. (b) 39 EHV's processed for intake with vouchers in hand; 3 removed for various*

reasons; 13 leased up in Berkeley or in other jurisdictions due to porting; 5 referrals being reviewed; 7 referrals yet to be received. Meeting with SAHA occurred to discuss social and other supportive services available to EHV program participants. Discussion on signing an MOU regarding EHV holders securing units at SAHA's scattered sites. HUD reached out to PHAs with an EHV program to offer technical assistance. Staff will meet with HUD regarding offer. (c) HUD announced available funding for Mainstream program including to recruit, retain, and support owners in the program. BHA applied for the funding; awaiting response from HUD. Staff has been informed of several difficult situations with regard to Mainstream and EHV program participants dealing with violent and threatening activity, including those with severe mental health challenges. (d) meeting with Region IX staff to discuss voucher utilization shortfall. The powerpoint slides were provided in the Board packet. The Faircloth to RAD possibility was raised by HUD staff which placed the LIPH closeout on hold until such a time that further research can occur. (e) Chair Schildt attended the Jordan Court grand opening on BHA's behalf. The program was included in the Board packet. BHA allocated 24 PBVs to this senior project.

- C. Move to Work Update – Rachel updated the Board about the MTW webinars about the MTW supplement process/plan, which will require community engagement, and has the ability to evaluate/measure success of the plan components. BHA was also invited to the MTW Collaborative Conference, allowing newly selected agencies to learn from the current MTWs. In terms of next steps, staff is examining current staffing structures and how taking on the additional MTW workload will impact the staffing levels.

9. **Commissioners' Questions and Matters**

- A. Form 700 Reminder – Vice Chair Levine and Commissioner Kashani have not submitted their Form 700 for 2022.
B. Board Appointment – No update.

10. **Communications** – BRIDGE Housing letter, provided to the Board, indicates that a request for an additional 4 PBVs would be forthcoming in the next BHA PBV RFP, for its project at 1740 San Pablo Ave (this project was allocated 21 PBVs in Sept. 2020).

11. **Adjournment** – moved by Vice Chair Levine, seconded by Commissioner Kashani, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm (all in favor except Commissioner Thomas-Rodriguez absent).