

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2025

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Newport, Rhode Island met in regular session from the Administration Building Newport, Rhode Island at 3:00 p.m. on January 16, 2025.

Roll call followed the Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer:

PRESENT:

Chairperson	Nikki Vazquez
Vice Chair	Dave Roderick
Commissioner	Vanessa Soares
Commissioner	Cheryl Abney
Commissioner	Tom Sheehan
Commissioner	Kevin Beesley

ABSENT: Commissioner Frank Coleman

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roderick to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on December 12, 2024. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Abney and unanimously carried.

Under communications to this month’s Board meeting, the Chair presented the following update:

- a) *2024 Annual Highlights Report to the City of Newport*
- b) *Press Releases – Governor McKee to declare homelessness a public health emergency*

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roderick to receive the communications as presented and refer to the Administration. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Abney and unanimously carried.

The Chair submitted to the Board the Consent Calendar items which included a) Asset Management Report b) Occupancy, Applications, & Section 8 Report, c) Resident Services Report d) Executive Directors Report e) Actual YTD Operating Expenses, f) Operating Reserve Analysis g) Collection Loss Payment h) the Capital Fund Obligated /Expenditure status report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan approving the above Report of the Secretary items as presented. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Roderick and unanimously carried.

The Chair requested approval of the monthly bills for December 2024 in the amount of \$2,755,819.17.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roderick to approve all due and just bills presented for payment. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan and unanimously carried.

The Chair presented to the Commissioners the collection loss write-offs report which reflected \$2,920.62 in write-offs for the month of December 2024.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roderick to approve all collection loss write-offs as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sheehan and unanimously carried.

The Chair requested approval of the 2025 Annual Budgets for Park Holm Phases I/II and III.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the 2025 Annual Budgets for Park Holm Phases I/II and III as presented and refer to the Administration. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Roderick and unanimously carried.

The Chair presented to the Commissioners the 2025 Annual Plan and 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Fund Program Action Plan.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roderick to receive and forward to administration the 2025 Annual Plan and 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Fund Program Action Plan. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Abney and unanimously carried.

Commissioners Reports & Requests: None.

- Public Comment:

Charlie Laranjo attended the Board meeting and commented about concerns he has regarding the Miantonomi Park and that he feels officials are not doing their job running the park. The park is important to the residents and to the students that are running various programs in the park, and he would like to see the programs and the utilization of the park stay as is.

The Board stated that there is a Miantonomi Park Commission, and they should be the point of contact of any concerns about the park. The Board further expressed that Miantonomi Park is important to the Housing Authority and its residents. Mr. Laranjo said he will keep the Board informed and let them know if there's anything the Board can do to support efforts to make sure the park continues to properly serve the community.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sheehan, seconded by Vice Chair Roderick and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.