

Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Board Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Englewood Housing Authority was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Aguila, Jr. at the offices of the Englewood Housing Authority, 111 West Street, Englewood, NJ 07631 via conference call and in compliance with NJ electronic meeting regulations. The Executive Director complied with the Open Public Meetings Act and stated that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: on January 13, 2021 a notice of the date, time and place of this meeting was sent to the Bergen Record and Star Ledger newspapers and a copy was sent to the City Clerk and also posted on the City's officially designated bulletin board along with EHA's website as per electronic meeting regulations.

Roll call:

Chairman Aguila, Jr.	Present
Vice Chairwoman Cobb	Present
Commissioner Chaney	Absent
Commissioner Correa	Present
Commissioner Gurfein	Present
Commissioner Whilby	Present
Domingo Senande, Executive Director	Present
William Katchen, CPA	Present
Terrence Corrison, Esq.	Present

Minutes

A motion was made by Chairman Aguila, Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Gurfein to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion carried with all in favor.

Executive Director's Report

Covid-19

- The Englewood Department of Health vaccinated 15 residents/staff onsite at our Administrative Offices in April. Only two EHA employees have not been vaccinated one of which was recently released from the hospital due to Covid complications. He is expected to return to work next week but has the antibodies. Regarding residents, EHA will continue to coordinate getting any resident vaccinated that wishes to be vaccinated. Approximately 70% of Tibbs has already been vaccinated.

Tibbs Programming

- Residents of Tibbs have been inquiring about when the community room and outdoor benches will again be available for resident use. Unfortunately, the pandemic is still an issue. A resident recently passed due to Covid, other tenants recently contracted Covid and an EHA staffer has just been released from the

hospital due to Covid. At this time, it is still unsafe to allow gatherings of residents especially since many still do not follow necessary protocols.

Vacancies

- There is one vacancy at Tibbs which will be filled by June 1st. A resident has already been selected.

Resident Issues

- A resident of Tibbs performed chest compressions on another resident with the help of EPD dispatch. Thanks to his efforts, the resident was revived but unfortunately passed away a few days later.
- A Notice to Quit will be issued to a resident of Tibbs for their recent behavior.
- EHA is investigating options for residents that may be struggling with substance abuse. EHA's Tenant Liaison recently assisted a resident in entering a 30-day inpatient program.
- An incident of domestic violence was captured on the cameras of Tibbs. The video was turned over to EPD and the State picked up the charges. The Tibbs resident turned himself in to EPD and has since been released.

Section 8 (HCV)

- EHA will be issuing at least an additional 30 Section 8 vouchers in the next few months. To accommodate the workload, EHA HCV staff is authorized to work overtime to get the vouchers issued. Overtime is tracked by case file and tasks performed.

RFPs

- EHA will be exercising the additional year option as authorized by the Board last year for Legal Services, Accounting Services and Auditing Services vendors.
- EHA will be issuing an RFP for Architectural & Engineering services for the rehabilitation of the Administrative Offices.

Public Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Whilby and seconded by Commissioner Correa to open the meeting to the public. No members of the public had comments. A motion was then made by Chairman Aguila, Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Gurfein to close the meeting to the public. The motions carried with all in favor.

Resolutions

A motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Gurfein to approve the bills and claims for the month of April. The motion carried with all in favor.

New Business

Not applicable.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Cobb and seconded by Commissioner Correa to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM. The motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Domingo Senande
Executive Director