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# **DES MOINES PUBLIC HOUSING BOARD MEETING**
# SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HOUSING BOARD MEETING
# March 19, 2025

| Resolution Number | Agenda Number | Item Description |
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| HSB 25-05 | 1 | **ROLL CALL** |
| | | Ms. Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Located at Polk County River Place, Rooms 1A, 2309 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309. |
| | | Roll Call. Present: Mary Benetti, Jim Cain, Deidre DeJear, Kimberly Hansen and Emily Westergaard. Absent: Mickey Carlson and Frederick Gaddy. Mickey Carlson arrived at 5:32pm. |
| | | Staff. Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Director; Marcy Fisher, Housing Voucher Administrator; Patty Jennings, Housing Research and Development Administrator; Peggy Jensen, Public Housing Administrator; Scott Littell, Housing Services Account Manager; Crystal Thompson, HSB Clerk; and Dolores Briseno, Neighborhood Services Executive Administrative Assistant. |
| HSB 25-06 | 2 | **AGENDA APPROVAL** |
| | | Approving the Agenda for March 19, 2025. Motion moved to approve the agenda by Ms. Westergaard, seconded by Mr. Cain. Motion carried 5-0-0-2. Yeas: Mary Benetti, Jim Cain, Deidre DeJear, Kimberly Hansen and Emily Westergaard. Nays: 0. Pass: 0. Absent: Mickey Carlson and Frederick Gaddy. |
| | 3 | **PUBLIC HEARING ON DES MOINES MUNICIPAL HOUSING AGENCY'S ANNUAL AGENCY PLAN** |
| | | Mr. Johansen announced this was the opportunity for public comment. Ms. Hansen asked for any questions or comments. There were none. |
| HSB 25-07 | 4 | **APPROVING THE ANNUAL AGENCY PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025** |
| | | Mr. Johansen recapped the steps toward approving the annual Agency Plan starting back in September 2024 and the changes that were |

incorporated into the Agency Plan along the way. Some questions did come from the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) when they met in February. Staff answered their questions at that meeting. Mr. Johansen said the Agency Plan approval goes before the Municipal Housing Governing Board on April 7 then the Agency Plan will be submitted to HUD (Housing and Urban Development) before the April 15 deadline.

Motion to approve the Annual Agency Plan for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 moved by Ms. Benetti, seconded by Ms. Carlson. Motion carried 6-0-0-1. Yeas: Mary Benetti, Jim Cain, Mickey Carlson, Deidre DeJear, Kimberly Hansen and Emily Westergaard. Nays: 0. Pass: 0. Absent: Frederick Gaddy.

HSB 25-08 5 **APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA**

Approving the Consent Agenda for items 6-8, for March 19, 2025. Items covered in the Consent Agenda Items are: Minutes from the January 15, 2025 HSB Meeting, Director's Report, and Housing Services Staff Reports which covered: Public Housing Occupancy Report, Section 8 Utilization Report, and Supportive Services Team Reports. Receive and File packets.

Mr. Johansen discussed the Director's Report. The Disposition Program is on hold until summer. Section 32 Homeownership is moving along pretty well. The Housing Choice Voucher Program also is in a holding pattern due to the rise in housing costs. The board discussed Emergency Housing Vouchers and the increase in inflation.

Mr. Johansen also talked about the FY25 Budget Chart for Selected Federal Housing Programs spreadsheet (handout) and about funding.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda moved by Ms. Westergaard, seconded by Ms. Benetti. Motion carried 6-0-0-1. Yeas: Mary Benetti, Jim Cain, Mickey Carlson, Deidre DeJear, Kimberly Hansen and Emily Westergaard. Nays: 0. Pass: 0. Absent: Frederick Gaddy.

9 **ELIGIBILITY/TERMINATIONS – AGENCY PLAN**

Mr. Johansen discussed a question the board had about eligibility/terminations as part of the Agency Plan. A spreadsheet was created by Ms. Fisher of all Section 8 terminations, by reason, from 2020-2024. Mr. Cain asked if some reasons were duplications. Ms. DeJear had a question from one of the questions/comments asked by the Resident Advisory Board (RAB).

**DISCUSSION**

Ms. DeJear asked for clarity if the Housing Services Board meeting minutes are public. They are. The meeting minutes reflect what is being recorded and are available to the public. The recordings are not available to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

6:13pm