

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
MAIN OFFICE AT 4731 NORTH BOULEVARD
DECEMBER 14, 2023 AT 12:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish convened in Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the main office 4731 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Meeting Called to Order Commissioner Dianna Payton, Chair

Invocation Commissioner Chris Brown

Roll Call:

Members Present Commissioner Al Barron, Vice Chair
Commissioner Chris Brown
Commissioner Lynn Farris
Commissioner Justin Gaudet
Commissioner Brandon Kelly
Commissioner Terry Landry, Jr.

Members Absent None

QUORUM PRESENT

Public Comments

The floor was opened for public comments. None were voiced. The public comment period was closed.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST BATON ROUGE
PARISH HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

Mr. Daniels pointed out a correction to the minutes. He stated that Commissioner Payton's name had been inadvertently omitted from the list of members present although her presence was implied as it was indicated that she called the meeting to order. This correction was noted.

Commissioner Barron made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 9, 2023, and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

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**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:
BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD: LAND ACQUISITION
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24**

Mr. Daniels requested authorization to acquire additional property for future redevelopment within the CNI boundary. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any questions. None were voiced.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve, and Commissioner Gaudet seconded the motion. No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3:
EBRPHA BOARD MEETING POLICY
DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

There was a discussion related to future board meetings.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4:
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Commissioner Barron made a motion to nominate the officers that are currently serving as Chair and Vice Chair to serve another term. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Daniels asked if there was any opposition to the current slate of officers adding that the current slate of officers includes Commissioner Payton as Chair, Commissioner Barron as Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Gaudet as Second Vice-Chair.

No abstentions or oppositions were noted. No further discussion was made.

MOTION PASSED

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5:
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT
a. EXECUTIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Daniels updated the board on the administrative activities. Mr. Daniels presented the item. He outlined the many accomplishments over the past year related to closings, partnerships, collaborations, local and national awards, national news articles, continued advocacy, the Capstone at Scotlandville grand opening and the Cypress Pinchback ribbon cutting.

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Commissioner Payton commented on the numerous accomplishments in one year. She gave positive acknowledgement to the entire team for 2023 achievements. She asked if there were any questions. None were voiced. This concluded the CEO report.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6:

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS (AUGUST 2023)

Mr. Daniels reviewed the August financials as they relate to the departments and the budget.

b. CHIEF HOUSING OFFICER REPORT

i. HOUSING CHOICE

ii. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

c. CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM

d. HUMAN RESOURCES

The departmental reports were included in the board packets distributed to the board members prior to the board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7:

BR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

Ms. Brown updated the board on the status of CNI related to closings and funding. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any questions. None were voiced.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8:

PARTNERS SOUTHEAST COO REPORT

Ms. Brown updated the board on the status of closings, funding and construction related to Cypress River Lofts, CNI, and EKL.

The departmental reports were included in the board packets distributed to the board members prior to the board meeting. Commissioner Payton asked if there were any questions. No further questions were voiced.

This concluded the departmental reports.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9:

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NEW BUSINESS

No new business was voiced.

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10:
ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED

APPROVED

**Dianna Payton
Chair
East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority**

**J. Wesley Daniels, Jr.
Secretary/Chief Executive Officer
East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority**