

Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM)
Special Called Board Meeting
City Pier Building
1300 Hendry Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901
September 11, 2018

A meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM) was held on September 11, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the City Pier Building located at 1300 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, FL. Notice of this meeting was duly posted.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Bruce Strayhorn
Vice Chairwoman Mattie Young
Commissioner Meg Geltner
Commissioner Israel Suarez
Commissioner Douglas Hogg
Commissioner Peter Routsis Arroyo
Commissioner Joseph D’Alessandro
Attorney Justin Stockman
Abbie Weist
Marcus D. Goodson

ABSENT:

Chairman Strayhorn called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. followed by the opening invocation.

Abbie Weist stated she put out an ad for an executive director for highly technically skilled people. There are over 3000 housing authorities in the country. This ad was advertised on Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA), National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (FAHRO), and the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM) website. Chairman Strayhorn, Ms. Weist and Marcus Goodson reviewed the resumes and selected the ones that met the criteria. The board reviewed all of the resumes also. They picked Ronald Jackson, Marcia Davis, Vicki Collins and Evette Hester to be interviewed. Ronald Jackson had another interview with a different housing authority the same day as this interview and chose that one. Ms. Collins withdrew her application today.

The Board of Commissioners interviewed Marcia Davis and Evette Hester.

Commissioner Suarez made a motion to vote for Marcia Davis for the executive director position, pending negotiations on agreeable terms, conditioned on a favorable report from her references and the staff from Richmond Housing Authority, seconded by Commissioner Geltner. There was further discussion. Commissioner D’Alessandro would like to have a secret vote. Attorney Justin Stockman stated he believes you can’t do that because it is imperative that we make these decisions based on what you voice as a board member publicly in matter of the Sunshine Law. If you decide not to vote the reason why needs to be public record. Chairwoman Young selects Ms. Hester as her choice for the executive director position. Commissioner Routsis Arroyo selects Ms. Hester as his choice for the

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executive director position. Chairman Strayhorn selects Ms. Davis as his choice for the executive director position. Commissioner Hogg selects Ms. Davis as his choice for the executive director position. Commissioner Geltner selects Ms. Davis as her choice for the executive director position. Commissioner D’Alessandro selects Ms. Hester as his choice for the executive director position.

Chairman Strayhorn amended the motion to offer Marcia Davis subject to a favorable reference report of four (4) references, seconded by Commissioner Geltner. The motion carries. Chairman Strayhorn stated we will report back to the board a week from tomorrow. We will appoint a person to negotiate an offer letter within a range that is acceptable. Ms. Weist stated she has Ms. Davis’s employee record and there is nothing outstanding in it. It was all good.

Chairman Strayhorn asked if the board would like to ask the people who voted no if they would like to make it unanimous to show unanimity or if they just want to keep the vote the way it is. There was no response.

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers have taken a vote and select Marcia Davis for the executive director position.

Chairman Strayhorn	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner Suarez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice-Chairman Young	<u>No</u>	Commissioner Hogg	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Routsis Arroyo	<u>No</u>	Commissioner Geltner	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner D’Alessandro	<u>No</u>		

The next board meeting for the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM) is September 26, 2018.

Other Business

Chairman Strayhorn read a letter from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) about complaints of the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM). This letter was given to attorney Justin Stockman. Chairman Strayhorn asked attorney Justin Stockman to come up with a policy to properly handle these complaints. Mr. Muwakkil also gave Chairman Strayhorn a letter supporting one of the executive director candidates.

Public Input

There was no one to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

ATTEST Cheryl L. LaBelle, Executive Assistant Date