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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, WAS HELD ON March 19, 2025.

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Gainesville, Georgia, met for a Regular Meeting at the Gainesville Housing located at 750 Pearl Nix Pkwy Gainesville, Georgia at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Smallwood. Those present and absent were recorded as follows:

Present: Darryl Smallwood
Joy Griffin
Faron Thompson
Michael Thurmond
Jennifer Hothem
Abigail Guzman

Staff: Beth Brown
Patrick Scarlett
Jane Smith
Megan McKellar
Doris Smith

Absent: Kimberly Harper

There being a quorum present, Darryl Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the last meeting of February 19, 2025, were presented for approval. On motion made by J. Griffin and seconded by M. Thurmond, the minutes were approved.

Ayes: D. Smallwood, J. Griffin, F. Thompson, M. Thurmond, J. Hothem
Nays: None
Absent: K. Harper

Minutes from the special meeting on March 10, 2025, were presented for approval. On motion made by J. Griffin and seconded by F. Thompson, the minutes were approved.

Ayes: D. Smallwood, J. Griffin, F. Thompson, M. Thurmond, J. Hothem
Nays: None
Absent: K. Harper

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jane Smith reviewed the Final Budget Revision for FY2024 for Gainesville Housing Corporation, Business Activity Center, and Gainesville Housing Authority. On motion by F. Thompson and second by J. Hothem, the financials were accepted.

Ayes: D. Smallwood, J. Griffin, F. Thompson, M. Thurmond, J. Hothem

Nays: None

Absent: K. Harper

SECRETARY'S REPORT

B. Brown discussed new opportunities for community involvement. Board members raised an issue that many local churches were starting their own initiatives as it relates to homeless and housing. They suggested informing United Way's One Hall group so that they may reach out to include them with the larger community wide discussions and goals. Beth will be attending the next One Hall meeting.

B. Brown proposed a board retreat and work session for June 6; the board agreed.

B. Brown gave an update on the potential business partnership with Canton Housing Authority. The Board approved Beth to continue to serve in consulting capacity and work towards a formal business arrangement.

B. Brown gave an update on GH's social media and public relations campaign. Ideas offered were to have information about the area's median income and other nomenclatures that the community at large may not understand as well as highlighting families that live in housing.

B. Brown gave an update on negotiations with the hospital to swap land. Currently waiting for appraisals.

D. Smith gave update on Resident Services activities and future programs.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by D. Smallwood.

SEAL

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board:

Beth A. Brown, Executive Director