

**Louisiana Housing Corporation  
Public Meeting- New Orleans, LA  
May 29, 2013 - 9:00 A.M.**

**Guests Present**

Attached

Meeting started at 9:05 am; Director Guy Williams of the Multifamily Committee welcomed participants and explained the purpose of the Special Interim 2014 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP).

**Tim Smith, HOKE Development Services** - Requested that a 30% basis boost be expanded beyond a DDA & QCT for better success rates and financial stability. He also requested incentives for HUD distressed properties.

**Joseph Stebbins, CCNO** - Requested 30% basis boost because many areas don't have a lot of reach from syndicators.

**Maggie Merrill, HANO**- Thought there should be less than 25 mile radius based on best practice for Workforce Housing commutes.

- Maintain 10 points for PHA certified applications
- PHA referral remove 4 points only if partnering with more specific agreement

**Jamie Neville**- Requested that LHC maintain self-certification in order for the applicant to qualify for the PHA application.

**Charlotte Bourgeois, LAAHP**- Supports reduction from PHA point reduction from 10 to 3, supports clarification on industrial areas because the developers need to know exactly where to build.

**Vanessa Levine, Volunteers of America** – Requested clarification on the following:

- Sec. II.A.1 Non-refundable fee schedule date discrepancy
- Sec.II.E.2 (zoning) date clarification of April 30, 2013...should that date be July 31, 2013?

- Sec.II.G.1 (notification) which date is correct the July 31, 2013 or the August 31, 2013?
- Construction costs are coming in higher than the TDC in the QAP and she requested an increase in TDC.
- Selection Criteria –Rural/Urban asked that location characteristics be doubled based on the type of project.
- Consistent timeline
- Incentive for true infill and blight reduction

**Helena Cunningham-** requested clarification on the definition of industry and asked that staff consider different definitions for rural and urban areas.

**Chris Clement, HRI Properties-** Asked that staff revise the scoring scale based on proximity as opposed to the number of employees in a business regarding economic growth.

**Gionne Jourdan, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority-** Requested to work with the LHC to come up with determining TDC limits and reduce current radius from 25 miles to 10 miles under economic development selection criteria.

**Victor Smeltz, VOA-** Requested incentive points for veterans housing.