



Louisiana Housing Corporation

Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 15, 2016
2415 Quail Drive
V. Jean Butler Board Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808
1:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present

Chairman Elton Lagasse
Willie Rack
Donald B. Vallee
Gillis R. Windham

Committee Members Absent

Treasurer John Kennedy
Nancy Montoya

Board Members Present

Lloyd S. "Buddy" Spillers

Board Members Absent

Michael T. Anderson
Larry Ferdinand
Tammy P. Earles
Jennifer Vidrine

Staff Present

E. Keith Cunningham, Jr.
Christine Bratkowski
Leslie Strahan
Barry E. Brooks
Sarah Mulhearn

Natasha Joseph-Anderson
Brad Sweazy
Rene Landry
Kevin Brady
Barbara Stoetzner

Others Present

See sign-in sheet

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Administrative and Finance Committee (“AFC”) Meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Elton Lagasse at 1:00 p.m. The roll was called by Board Secretary Barry E. Brooks, and a quorum was established.

RESOLUTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF LHC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Next item discussed was the matter regarding the appointment of a permanent LHC Executive Director. Chairman Lagasse asked for comments from the Board Members on the matter.

Board Member Donald B. Vallee noted that he had sent to everyone via email his thoughts on the matter. He noted that he’d prefer to hire an outside consultant and do a national search in order to get the brightest and most innovative candidates; and, that the AFC should negotiate the Executive Director’s salary, duties, and terms of employment.

Board Member Willie Rack opined that current IED Keith Cunningham was doing an excellent job and had made many accomplishments in his position as IED; and that if “...something is not broke, why try to fix it.”

Board Chairman Spillers noted he did not wish to do a long arduous search process, as there was enough talent in Louisiana. And, that was very proud of the accomplishments of IED Cunningham and most of the LHC staff.

Board Member Vallee noted that he felt by following a process of advertising that the process would be more open and transparent, given that he was not aware of any urgency in making a decision on the matter.

On a motion by Board Member Willie Rack and seconded by Board Member Elton Lagasse, the AFC approved the appointing of Edselle Keith Cunningham, Jr. as LHC Executive Director; to separate the duties as Executive Director from those of Executive Counsel; and to advertise for a new Executive Counsel; and providing for other matters in connection therewith, was moved to debate.

There being no further discussion, opposition, or public comments, a Roll Call Vote was taken and the motion PASSED via 4(YES) to 1(NO). The votes were as follows:

YES (Elton M. Lagasse, Willie Rack, Lloyd S. Spillers, and Gillis R. Windham)

NO (Donald B. Vallee).

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Vallee requested that the National Housing Consultant Services matter be discussed at the January 2017 AFC Meeting.

AFC Chairman Lagasse noted that perhaps the matter should be taken up in Executive Session.

IED Cunningham advised that he would have an Executive Report prepared for the Board with recommendations thereof on how to resolve the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters to discuss, Board Chairman Spillers offered a motion for adjournment that was seconded by Board Member Rack. There being no discussion or opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

The AFC Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Board Secretary

A verbatim transcript as well as an audio recording of these proceedings is available upon request by contacting the LHC