

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

October 16, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Glen Allen, VA

Members Present

Louie Berbert
Claudia Cotton
Susan Dewey (Virtual)
Sean Farrell
Lynne Goldberg
Richard Gregory
Sylvia Hallock
Keith Johnson
Roger Jones
J.M. Snell
Scott Stosser
Mark Trostle

Members Absent

Abigail Johnson
Larry Murphy

Call to Order

Mr. Louie Berbert, Chairman of the Board of Housing and Community Development, called the meeting of the Board to order at 10:00 am.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present. Mr. Berbert requested a vote on approval for the virtual participation of Ms. Susan Dewey per the board policy. A motion was properly made and seconded to approve Ms. Dewey's virtual participation. The motion passed.

Public Comment

Mr. Berbert opened the floor for comment.

Ms. Kimberly Dyke-Harsley spoke to share her appreciation for being able to going the meeting virtually as she lives far away from Richmond.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023, meeting of the Board; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Virginia Low Income Housing Tax Credit Rules and Regulations Repeal

Mr. Flanders presented the proposal to repeal the rules and regulations for the Virginia Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. Mr. Flanders noted the enabling legislation for the program had been repealed, therefore the regulations should also be repealed. A motion was properly made and seconded to repeal

13 VAC5-175 of the Virginia Administrative Code. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Agritourism Event
Structure Technical
Advisory Committee
(AGTAC) Update

Mr. Chase Sawyer of the DHCD Policy Office updated the Board on legislation directing the AGTAC Committee to meet and discuss certain items prior to the next General Assembly Session.

Mr. Sawyer reported on the Committee's findings and recommendations following its four meetings held in 2023. Mr. Sawyer noted that the Committee discussed minimum safety standards, sizes and types of facilities, administrative organization, and other topics as they all relate to fire safety and the welfare of the general public at agritourism facilities. The Board will be presented with a final written report from the Committee at the Board's December meeting.

Virginia Housing Report

Ms. Susan Dewey, CEO of Virginia Housing, reported on Virginia Housing's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program.

VFSB Report

Mr. Snell reported on recent and upcoming meetings of the Fire Services Board.

Report of the Director

DHCD Director Bryan Horn noted the Governor's Housing Conference in November and invited Board members to attend. He also updated the Board on the federal Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) funding announcement and the progress to deploy \$1.4 billion to provide broadband access across the state.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Flanders provided an update on the status of conversations with the State Fire Marshal's Office regarding fees related to food truck inspections. Staff will return to the Board with options related to fees for food truck inspections performed by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Board Matters

No Board matters were discussed.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be December 11, 2023.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.