

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF
RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
600 EAST BROAD STREET, 5TH FLOOR
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

Committee Members In Attendance:

W. R. 'Bill' Johnson, Jr., Chair
Charlene Pitchford
Tavares Floyd

Virtual Attendance via GoToMeeting:

Kyle Elliott
Patrice Shelton

RRHA Staff

Steven Nesmith, Chief Executive Officer
Tonise Webb, Associate General Counsel

Chair Bill Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. with Tonise Webb serving as General Counsel. A quorum was established.

Commissioner Kyle Elliott had a medical condition in Richmond, Virginia which prevented him from participating in the April 12, 2023 Governance meeting in-person.

Commissioner Patrice Shelton had a medical condition in Richmond, Virginia which prevented her from participating in the April 12, 2023 Governance meeting in-person.

Motion: (Pitchford/Floyd) Move to allow Commissioners Kyle Elliott and Patrice Shelton to participate in the April 12, 2023 Governance Committee Meeting remotely

Motion Carried Unanimously

General Counsel Comments

RRHA's General Counsel offered an opening statement about the legal basis for the electronic meeting.

Citizen Comment Period

Marilyn Olds, President of the Richmond Tenant's Organization (RTO), addressed the committee members to discuss the relocation of residents of Creighton Court and policing in various developments.

CEO Steven Nesmith responded that RRHA will implement a citizen complaint system similar to the City of Richmond's system.

Chairman Bill Johnson added that staff is working to address the issue of violence in RRHA's communities. He encouraged the RTO to continue to work with CEO Steven Nesmith on these items.

Update on Richmond Tenant Organization (RTO)

Calandra Trotter provided an update on the Resident Councils and the RTO. The following items were discussed:

- Role of the Resident Council.
 - To improve the quality of life and resident satisfaction and participate in self-help initiatives that enable residents to create a positive living environment for families living in public housing.
- Purpose of the Resident Council.
 - To address issues of common concern to all residents of the Community.
- Bylaws.
 - The Bylaws were initially drafted by an independent Third Party with the assistance of the Richmond Tenant's Organization.
- Resident Council Officers.
 - All duly recognized Councils have the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms.
- Meetings.
 - Regular community meetings are indicated in each council's Bylaws.
- Richmond Tenant's Organization (RTO)

- The RTO represents public housing communities that RRHA serves.
- The RTO is comprised of all Presidents of RRHA's Family and Senior Community Councils, as outlined in their Bylaws.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 p.m.