

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting**  
**Of the Boards of Commissioners of the**  
**HOUSING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF FRESNO**

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

**5:00 P.M.**

The Boards of Commissioners of the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, via teleconference.

1. The regular meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Board Chair, Commissioner Jones, of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno. Roll call was taken and the Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT:     Adrian Jones, Chair  
                  Caine Christensen, Vice Chair  
                  Stacy Vaillancourt  
                  Ruby Yanez  
                  Sharon Williams  
                  Sabrina Kelley

ABSENT:     None.

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Board Chair, Commissioner Catalano, of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Fresno County. Roll call was taken and the Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT:     Cary Catalano Chair  
                  Nikki Henry, Vice Chair  
                  Valori Gallaher  
                  Stacy Sablan  
                  Joey Fuentes  
                  Sophia Ramos

ABSENT:     Edugiben Ortiz

Also, in attendance were the following: Angie Nguyen, Interim CEO/Chief Programs Officer, and Ken Price, Baker Manock and Jensen - General Counsel.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED)

**COUNTY MOTION:** Commissioner Gallaher moved, seconded by Commissioner Henry, to approve the agenda as posted.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6 – 0

**CITY MOTION:** Commissioner Christensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the agenda as amended.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6 – 0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no potential conflicts of interest at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Governance: Consideration of the Minutes of July 27, 2021 and July 30, 2021
- b. Consideration of Authorization to Apply for Multi-Family Housing Program (MHP) Funds – Sun Lodge
- c. Consideration of Authorization to Apply for Multi-Family Housing Program (MHP) Funds – Avalon Commons (Phase I)
- d. Consideration Authorization to Apply for Multi-Family Housing Program (MHP) Funds – La Joya Commons (Firebaugh)
- e. Consideration of Authorization to Apply for Multi-Family Housing Program (MHP) Funds – Step Up on 99
- f. Consideration of Authorization to Extend the Award for Project-Based Vouchers – The Arthur @ Blackstone
- g. Consideration of Authorization to Extend the Award for Project-Based Vouchers – Glenn and Shaw Development

**COUNTY MOTION:** Commissioner Sablan moved, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, to approve the consent agenda.

***MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0***

***CITY MOTION:*** *Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Yanez, to approve the consent agenda.*

***MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0***

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Update on YoVille Permaculture Garden

Angie Nguyen, Interim CEO/Chief Programs Officer, Keith Bergthold, Executive Director of Fresno Metro Ministry, and Christopher De Leon, YoVille Community Garden Manager, presented on this item.

b. Update on 2022 Agency Plans, Timeline, and Process

Lyric Aguigam, Policy Analyst, presented on this item.

c. Update on the Choice Neighborhood Planning – California Avenue Neighborhood

Tiffany Mangum, Executive Operations Manager/Choice Neighborhoods Project Manager, presented on this item.

Public Comment:

Eric Payne, Executive Director at Central Valley Urban Institute, asked for clarity relative to the existing conditions report. He asked if the pervasive issues, which were mentioned in the presentation, would be part of the existing conditions report or will it be separate in the social climate analysis. He asked if there are any references to the implications for security when describing the pervasive issues. Would this be achieved through environmental attitudes or with direct action through organizational outcomes? He congratulated the CAN Survey team for achieving the 60% response rate on the resident surveys.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The Boards entered closed session at 6:11 p.m.

- a. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
Title: CEO

8. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

The Board returned from closed session at 6:51 p.m.

Commissioner Catalano stated there was nothing to report from closed session.

Commissioner Henry left the meeting during Closed Session.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consideration of Authorization to Award Project-Based Vouchers – Sun Lodge

Tracewell Hanrahan, Deputy Executive Director, announced that this resolution would be revised to include “awarded HomeKey funds.”

**COUNTY MOTION:** *Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Sablan, to approve the authorization to award project-based vouchers – Sun Lodge.*

**MOTION PASSED:** 5 – 0

**CITY MOTION:** *Commissioner Vaillancourt moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the authorization to award project-based vouchers – Sun Lodge.*

**MOTION PASSED:** 5 – 0

Commissioner Christensen was absent from the vote.

- b. Consideration of Authorization to Award Project-Based Vouchers – Avalon Commons (Phase I)

Tracewell Hanrahan, Deputy Executive Director, announced that this resolution would be revised to include “awarded HomeKey funds.”

**COUNTY MOTION:** Commissioner Sablan moved, seconded by Commissioner Gallaher, to approve the authorization to award project-based vouchers – Avalon Commons.

**MOTION PASSED:** 5 – 0

**CITY MOTION:** Commissioner Yanez moved, seconded by Commissioner Vaillancourt, to approve the authorization to award project-based vouchers – Avalon Commons.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6 – 0

c. Consideration of Authorization to Award Project-Based Vouchers – Step Up on 99

**COUNTY MOTION:** Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, to approve the authorization to award project-based vouchers – Step Up on 99.

**MOTION PASSED:** 5 – 0

**CITY MOTION:** Commissioner Christensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the authorization to award project-based vouchers – Step Up on 99.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6 – 0

d. Consideration of Authorization to Award Project-Based Vouchers – Crossroads Village

**COUNTY MOTION:** Commissioner Sablan moved, seconded by Commissioner Gallaher, to approve the authorization to award project-based vouchers – Crossroads Village.

**MOTION PASSED:** 5 – 0

**CITY MOTION:** Commissioner Yanez moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the authorization to award project-based vouchers – Crossroads Village.

**MOTION PASSED:** 6 – 0

## 10. GOVERNANCE

a. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Jones – August is advocacy month. She wanted to remind the Board about going onto the NAHRO Advocacy Center and sending out the letters of support to elected officials.

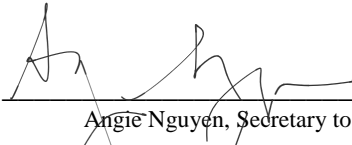
b. Executive Director’s Report

In addition to the written report:

- The Interim CEO, Angie Nguyen, participated in NAHRO’s Instagram Live Webinar regarding Universal Housing Vouchers on August 12, 2021.
- Resident Empowerment Workshop will be held sometime in late September.
- Board Retreat is scheduled for October 15, 2021
- Vaccine clinics are ongoing throughout Fresno Housing properties on a rotational basis.
- Second Vaccine dose will be given out at Viking Village on August 27, 2021.
- Staff is testing in-person appointment software to start to meet with residents throughout Fresno City & County.
- On Tuesday, August 3, FH celebrated National Night Out with a three thousand five hundred-backpack giveaway to help children get ready for the new school year.
- Resident Highlight Newsletter was sent on August 24, 2021.
- FresnoConnect Community Homeownership Initiative will hold a free credit counseling workshop to provide an in depth workshop on all things credit on August 28, 2021.
- New Hires
  - o Angel Caban, Maintenance Technician
  - o Jose Espiritu Vargas, Maintenance Technician
  - o Luis Quintero, Maintenance Technician
  - o Laura Gonzalez-Cortes, Data Systems Coordinator
  - o Gracie Bachicha, Housing Program Manager - HCV
- Promotions
  - o Ana Barajas, Housing Specialist (promoted from Office Assistant)
  - o Sang Sou, Housing Quality Standard Inspector (promoted from Program Integrity Specialist)
  - o Geneva Williams, Supervisor (promoted from Quality Assurance Coordinator)

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be considered by the Boards of Commissioners for the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

  
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 Angie Nguyen, Secretary to the Boards of Commissioners