

The **Special** Board Meeting of the Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Lake, Illinois, was held April 7, 2017, at the Lake County Housing Authority Central Office, 33928 North US Highway 45, Grayslake, IL 60030.

Present: (Physically present unless noted otherwise.)  
Sylvia Valadez, Vice Chairman  
Dawn Abernathy, Commissioner  
Kevin Considine, Commissioner  
Scott Helton, Commissioner  
Curtis Robinson, Commissioner

Absent: Dr. H. Lee Jordan, Jr., Chairman  
(Vacant) Commissioner

Others Present: David A. Northern, Sr., Executive Director/CEO  
Tiffany A. Gonzalez, Deputy Director  
Valerie Rogers, Administrative Secretary  
Alison Bloodhart, Bloodhart Consulting, Consultant/Facilitator

#### ROLL CALL

Noting that a quorum of Commissioners was present, Vice Chairman Valadez called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. Roll call was taken and the following Commissioners were present: Abernathy, Considine, Helton, Robinson, Valadez. Absent: Jordan. One Commissioner seat is still vacant.

Posting of the notice of this Special Meeting and the agenda complied with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.02(a)). The agenda was posted prior to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at the Central Office, 33928 North US Highway 45, Grayslake, IL 60030 and on the Lake County Housing Authority website, [www.lakecountyha.org](http://www.lakecountyha.org). In addition, notice of the Special meeting and agenda were sent to the news media, in particular, to the news media requesting notice of such meetings.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Valadez opened the floor for public comment. No one requested to be heard.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Valadez stated the sole business to be conducted is a discussion only item regarding the Board of Commissioners and Community Engagement facilitated by Alison Bloodhart of Bloodhart Consulting.

Ms. Bloodhart provided guidance on the issues to consider when planning and designing community engagement. She focused on quality and effectiveness, process planning and designing engagement tailored to the particular issue, level of participation to be achieved, timeframe and range of stakeholders affected.

Discussion included understanding of LCHA's current situation. In the spirit of "Service Above All Else", LCHA recognized the need to listen and understand the voice of the client, community and/or Commissioners as it relates to the services it provides as well as desired services.

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A variety of constituents were included in the process. Representation of the various demographics that are impacted by the organization were included to ensure the broader audiences' perspectives are captured. Focus groups have already convened including, residents, the LCHA Leadership Team and community partners.

Favorable comments indicated residents, staff and members of the community welcomed the opportunity to support the organization's vision. This step will assist Lake County Housing Authority in providing services the community needs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Considine moved, seconded by Mr. Helton to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Sylvia Valadez, Vice Chairman

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David A. Northern, Sr.  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer