



**Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the Board of Commissioners of the
Housing Authority of the City of Everett**

June 1, 2018

Meeting Called to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Everett, held at the Authority's main office at 3107 Colby Avenue, Everett, Washington, was called to order by Chair Maddy Metzger-Utt, who participated via telephone, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 1, 2018. Chair Metzger-Utt verified that a quorum was present by a roll call of commissioners conducted at the meeting location.

Commissioners Present at Roll Call:

Chair Maddy Metzger-Utt (via telephone)
Commissioner John Mierke
Commissioner George Perez, Jr.
Commissioner Michele Rastovich

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Allison Warren-Barbour
Commissioner Todd Taylor

Staff:

Ashley Lommers-Johnson, Executive Director
Chris Neblett, Hearing Officer/Administrative Coordinator

Guests:

Lorna Corrigan, Attorney
Janice Greene, observing on behalf of NAACP Snohomish County Branch
Sandra Palmer, observing on behalf of NAACP Snohomish County Branch

Executive Session

Chair Metzger-Utt called for a motion for the Board to convene in Executive Session until 1:25 p.m., pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4), to review the performance of a public employee. Commissioner Rastovich motioned as stated, Commissioner Perez seconded, and the Board convened in Executive Session at 1:01 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Session

At 1:25 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session with no action taken in Executive Session.

Request to Authorize the Chair to Execute a Contract with Special Counsel to Provide Legal Services to the Board of Commissioners with Respect to Certain Personnel Matters, with a Cap of \$20,000.00

Chair Metzger-Utt said she had interviewed three law firms over the past week with regard to the Housing Authority's need for special legal services to address certain personnel matters. She recommended hiring attorney Steve Winterbauer with the legal firm Winterbauer and Diamond, at a rate of \$385 per hour, based on his depth of experience in employment law and extensive work with public agencies. Chair Metzger-Utt called for a motion authorizing her to enter into a contract with Winterbauer and Diamond for the stated purpose, with a cap of \$20,000.

Commissioner Perez moved to authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Winterbauer and Diamond for special legal services as it pertained to certain personnel matters, with a cap of \$20,000. Commissioner Rastovich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further items on the agenda for discussion, Chair Metzger-Utt granted the floor to Executive Director Ashley Lommers-Johnson at his request. He expressed a desire for the Board to provide him with feedback concerning the series of executive sessions it had held over the past few months to discuss his performance. He was concerned about the negative message these sessions sent about EHA and his performance. Attorney Lorna Corrigan responded that the Board was not free to discuss the content of the executive sessions during special meetings, but it intended to address the Executive Director's concerns within a different context.

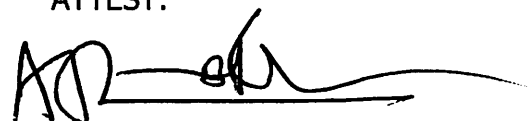
Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Metzger-Utt called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Perez motioned as stated, Commissioner Mierke seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.



Chair, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Secretary