

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Special Session Minutes

November 20, 2023

A Special Session of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County was conducted via virtual platform on Monday, November 20, 2023, with moderator functions occurring at 10400 Detrick Avenue, Kensington, Maryland beginning at 5:02pm. Those in attendance were:

Present

Roy Priest, Chair
Frances Kelleher, Vice Chair
Jeffrey Merkowitz, Chair Pro Tem
Richard Y. Nelson
Pamela Byrd

Absent

Robin Salomon
Linda Croom

Also Attending

Aisha Memon, Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs/General Counsel

IT Support

Aries Cruz
Irma Rodriquez

Commission Support

Jocelyn Koon, Senior Executive Assistant

Chair Priest opened the meeting with welcome remarks and an introduction to the Special Session of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County. Chair Priest introduced Commissioners Kelleher, Merkowitz, Nelson, and Byrd. Commissioner Salomon and Croom were necessarily absent.

Chair Priest read the Written Closing Statement and made a motion to adopt the statement and close the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, with Commissioners Priest, Nelson, Kelleher, Byrd, and Merkowitz voting in approval. Commissioners Salomon and Croom were necessarily absent and did not participate in the vote.

Based upon this report and there being no further business to come before this session of the Commission, the Commission adjourned the open session at 5:08 p.m., and reconvened in closed session at 5:09 p.m.

In compliance with Section 3-306(c)(2), General Provisions Article, Maryland Code, the following is a report of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County's virtual closed session held on November 20, 2023 at approximately 5:09 p.m. with moderator functions occurring at 10400 Detrick Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. The meeting was closed under the authority of Section 3-305(b)(1) to discuss a personnel matter regarding an HOC employee.

The meeting was closed and the closing statement dated November 20, 2023 was adopted on a motion made by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, with Commissioners Priest, Nelson, Kelleher, Byrd, and Merkowitz voting in approval. Commissioners Salomon and Croom were necessarily absent and did not participate in the vote. The following persons were present: Roy Priest, Frances Kelleher, Rick Nelson, Jeffrey Merkowitz, Robin Solomon, Pamela Byrd, and Linda Croom.

In closed session, the Commission discussed the below topic and took the following actions:

1. **Topic:** Discussion of a personnel matter regarding an HOC employee (pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)).
 - a. **Action Taken:** With a quorum present, Commissioners Priest, Nelson, Kelleher, Merkowitz, Byrd, Croom and Solomon approved modifying the terms of the employee's employment contract.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.