

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
DANVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD ON
APRIL 23, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority was held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the James Slade building, 135 Jones Crossing.

Those present were Constance Covington, Chairperson; Amanda Oakes, Vice-Chairperson; and Commissioners Vanessa Cain, Geary Davis, Alonzo Jones, Jermaine Parker, and Larry Toomer. Incoming CEO/Executive Director Larissa Deedrich and outgoing CEO/Executive Director Gary Wasson were also present. Mark Loftis, Counsel, did not attend the meeting, but was available via conference call, if needed.

Mrs. Deedrich called the meeting to order. There were no responses to public comments for consideration.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2020 regular Board meeting; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 2659 approving a contract award in the amount of \$1,288,300 to Quality Construction Company of Danville, Virginia for construction of the Southside Community Learning Center to be located on Chatham Avenue at Cardinal Village; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cain and approved unanimously. The construction project should be completed in early 2021. Commissioner Jones commended Mr. Wasson on his efforts to obtain funding for the project. Mr. Wasson hopes approximately \$65,000 can be secured through grants from local foundations to purchase equipment, recreational equipment, computers, and other items needed for the new center.

Commissioner Toomer made a motion to approve Resolution 2660 authorizing incoming CEO/Executive Director Larissa Deedrich to sign deeds and other documents required for the acquisition of blighted properties for the City of Danville in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and the City; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Oakes and approved unanimously. The Vice-Chairperson thought the Memorandum of Understanding should be reviewed to determine if the Authority had any liability with regards to buying and holding properties in trust for the City. Mr. Wasson said there was a “hold harmless” clause in the memorandum, but he will ask Mr. Loftis to review the agreement.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 2661 authorizing CEO/Executive Director Larissa Deedrich to sign checks and other documents necessary to conduct banking transactions on all DRHA accounts at American National Bank; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and approved unanimously.

All the Commissioners indicated they could attend the May 28, 2020 regular Board meeting. Chairperson Covington, Vice-Chairperson Oakes, and Mrs. Deedrich will meet on May 19th at noon at the Slade building to discuss the regular meeting.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Mr. Wasson for his 14 years of service as CEO/Executive Director, and extended their best wishes as he retires on April 30th.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Parker and approved unanimously.

Chairperson

Secretary