

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF MCKINNEY**

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of McKinney, Texas, was held at 1200 N. Tennessee St. at 5:15p.m. on May 25, 2010.

Chairman Arthur Simmons called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. and established a quorum.

The following Commissioners were present:

Dennis Williams  
Arthur Simmons  
Elinor Williams

The McKinney Housing Authority staff members in attendance were:

Beth Bentley  
Contessa Corkern  
Roslyn Miller

The members of the public in attendance were:

City Council Liaison Travis Ussery, Margaret May, Sereta Johnson, Zabrina Sneed and Nicki Leeks representing the Resident Council. In addition, the following members of 3E and DV8 were in attendance. Larry Robinson, Kim Simpson, Cornel Wasserman, Stephanie Tyson and Elaine Danielson.

Chairman Simmons called for comments from the public. There were no comments.

The first order of business was to review and adopt the minutes of the meeting held April 27, 2010. Commissioner Dennis Williams motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Elinor Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: Elinor Williams  
Dennis Williams  
Arthur Simmons

Nays: None

The next order of business was to consider/discuss/act on the Resident Council report. Chairman Simmons then requested to acknowledge the absence of Commissioner King due to a neck injury. Furthermore he advised that Commissioner Tutson was delayed to scheduling conflict but he was expected to join the meeting later. Commissioner and Resident Council President Elinor Williams gave a brief report of the upcoming activities. Commissioner Dennis Williams offered suggestions for the Resident Council to coordinate with the ice cream event coming up in the City. No action was required.

Chairman Simmons then called for the next item on the agenda which was to consider/discuss/act on a Special Presentation to Community Organizations and Volunteers – 3E McKinney, Seed Sowers/DV8 and Cornel Wasserman. Executive Director Beth Bentley advised the Board that the agency would be introducing some of the groups that have partnered with the agency to serve our clients. Ms. Bentley highlighted a recent project that had more than two hundred volunteers to assist with apartment make ready's and the playground. There after she gave a brief overview of the projects that have been on going with 3E and DV8. Ms. Bentley also thanked staff for their participation. A video presentation about DV8 was viewed. After the video Elaine Danielson stood and gave an overview of Seed Sowers and their mission. Ms. Danielson then asked Kim Simpson to speak about the DV8 program. Ms. Simpson has designed the curriculum for working with the children that participate in DV8. Ms. Simpson provided a brief summary of the activities, volunteers and goals. Then Ms. Stephanie Tyson stood to speak about the group's community outreach and its efforts to break down barriers. Commissioner Williams asked general questions regarding the establishment of the group and advised of his delight to hear of their collaboration with McKinney ISD. Ms. Bentley and the MHA staff presented the awards and the group took pictures with the Board. Chairman Simmons asked Elaine Simpson to provide the board information regarding Monarch House prison ministry. Ms. Simpson gave a brief overview of the vision she hoped to bring into fruition. The audience applauded the efforts and the Chairman asked for other comments. Nicky Leeks made a brief comment to thank everyone for all the work being done. The Chairman directed the participants to partake in the refreshments provided.

Chairman Simmons called for the next item, consider/discuss/act on the Public Housing Admissions and Occupancy Policy. The Executive Director advised the board that the agency still had additional items to include in the final policy. Therefore her request was to table the item along with the next item until the next meeting. Both item six and seven were tabled.

The next item on the agenda was to consider/discuss/act on the Executive Director's report. Ms. Bentley presented and update of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) progress. Ms. Bentley advised of the Texas Housing Association Conference and the Board Recruitment reception. Finally, Ms. Bentley asked Contessa Corkern to present the summer calendar. Ms. Corkern gave a detailed report of the many activities planned for the summer. No action was taken.

The Chairman then called for a motion to enter executive session. Commissioner Dennis Williams made the motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Elinor Williams. The board entered executive session at 6:28pm.

The board returned at 7:35pm. Chairman Simmons advised that Commissioner Tutson had joined the meeting. The Chairman called for a motion regarding the issues discussed during the executive session. Commissioner Dennis Williams made a motion regarding the annual review for the Executive Director. The motion was made to approve a two and a half percent pay increase effective June 2009 thru June 2010. And in addition, effective June 2010 thru June 2011 an increase of two and a half percent. Commissioner Alonzo Tutson seconded the motion. A vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: Alonzo Tutson  
Dennis Williams  
Elinor Williams  
Arthur Simmons

Nays: None

Chairman Simmons then called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Elinor Williams made the motion to

adjourn. Commissioner Dennis Williams seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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Arthur Simmons, Chairman

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Secretary