

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
HELD ON THE NINTH DAY OF JULY.

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Newport, Rhode Island met in regular session in the Administration Building Newport, Rhode Island at 4:00 p.m. on July 9, 2015

Roll call followed the Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer:

PRESENT:

Chairman	Frank Landry
Vice Chairman	Frank Coleman
Commissioner	Cheryl Abney
	Frank McCauley
“	Charles Laranjo
	Nikki Vazquez
“	Peggy Henderson

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Joseph J. Nicholson, Jr.

The monthly meeting began with James Reed presenting the “Way to Go” Awards to the Rogers High School resident graduates. These awards are in recognition to residents and/or invited guests for an achievement, an accomplishment and/or a noteworthy deed having a positive effect on them and on the community.

Upon a motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on June 11, 2015 were approved.

Under communications to this month’s Board meeting, the Secretary presented the following update:

- a). HUD-RAD Application & Funding Approval
- b). ERSRI – Amortization Schedule & Election
- c). ERSRI – Pension Form/Resolution #1097
- d). ERSRI – Pension Memo to Employers-Revised.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, to receive the communications as read and refer to the Administration. Commissioner Laranjo abstained from the vote regarding the HUD-RAD application and funding approval.

The following Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Abney, it being Resolution No. 1097. Same was read aloud and in full by Commissioner Laranjo, and considered by the Commissioners regarding ERSRI Pension Reform.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1097**

**EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF RHODE ISLAND (ERSRI)**

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island enacted changes to the Employees Retirement System of Rhode Island (ERSRI), and

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority of the City of Newport (HACN) participates through Municipal Employee Retirement System (MERS) for its employees, and received by letter of June 26, 2015 from ERSRI,

WHEREAS, the newly enacted RIGL §45-21-43.1 for MERS employees only includes a re-amortization election to remain under the current 21 year amortization schedule or an automatic transfer to a 25 year amortization schedule,

THEREFORE, The Housing Authority of the City of Newport wishes to remain under the current 21 year amortization schedule,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ERSRI be notified before August 1, 2015 that the Housing Authority of the City of Newport has elected to remain under the current 21 year amortization schedule.

**AYES**

Chairman Landry  
Vice Chairman Coleman  
“ Abney  
“ McCauley  
“ Laranjo

**NAYS**

None.

“ Vazquez  
“ Henderson

The Chairman thereupon declared said motion carried and said Resolution adopted.

The Secretary requested authorization and approval of the monthly bills.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Laranjo, seconded by Commissioner Abney, and unanimously carried, payment of the bills was approved.

The Secretary presented to the Commissioners the collection loss report requesting a write off in the amount of \$400.94 as uncollectible and classified as bad debt.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Henderson, and unanimously carried, the write off in the amount of \$400.94 was approved.

The Secretary submitted to the Board the Consent Calendar items which included the COP Report, Occupancy, Applications, & Section 8 Report, Resident Services Report and a Collection Loss Payment in the amount of \$457.27.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, the above Report of the Secretary items were received as presented.

The Secretary presented the report of the Resident Council to the Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abney, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and unanimously carried, the verbal report of the Newport Residents Council was received as presented.

Commissioners Request (s):

- *Commissioner McCauley:* Is there a penalty if police are called to a residents too many times in one day?

*J. Reed:* Yes, there is a mechanism in place for tracking activity, with daily review of the Newport Daily News Police News in addition to our COP officer monthly reports.

- *Commissioner Abney:* Can we add a section on the monthly report of these repeat calls?  
*J. Reed:* Rhonda & I will generate a report that will be added to the COP officer report.

- *Commissioner Laranjo:* At the next Board meeting I would like all Board members to look at the Library that is now available to Commissioners in getting information from conferences. I would also like to suggest that we have a “retreat” and/or meeting of some kind following these annual conferences to review information that is distributed and share with all the Commissioners. The most recent NERC/NAHRO conference was a very informative conference; many seminars for Commissioners including getting certified. In addition, we should review and amend the policy regarding Commissioner travel requirements in regards to further education and certification.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abney, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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James J. Reed  
Secretary