

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Special Session Minutes

September 28, 2023

A Special Session of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County was conducted via virtual platform on Thursday, September 28, 2023, with moderator functions occurring at 10400 Detrick Avenue, Kensington, Maryland beginning at 6:05pm. Those in attendance were:

Present

Roy Priest, Chair
Frances Kelleher, Vice Chair
Richard Y. Nelson
Linda Croom
Robin Salomon
Pamela Byrd

Absent

Jeffrey Merkowitz, Chair Pro Tem

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 Commissioner, Kelleher, Salomon, Nelson, Byrd and Croom. Commissioner Merkowitz was necessarily absent.

General Counsel, Aisha Memon, read the Written Closing Statement on behalf of Chair Priest. Commissioner Salomon made a motion to adopt the statement and close the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, with Commissioners Priest, Croom, Kelleher, Byrd, and Nelson voting in approval. Commissioner Merkowitz was 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 6:08p.m. and reconvened in closed session at 6:42p.m.

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

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 closed session held virtually on September 28, 2023 at approximately 6:08 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 the employment, compensation, and performance of an HOC employee.

The meeting was closed and the closing statement dated September 28, 2023 was adopted on a motion made by Commissioner Salomon, seconded by Commissioner Byrd, with Commissioners Priest, Croom, Kelleher, Byrd, Nelson, and Salomon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Merkowitz was necessarily absent and did not participate in the vote. The following persons were present: Roy Priest, Frances Kelleher, Jeffrey Merkowitz, Pamela Byrd, Richard Nelson, Linda Croom, and Robin Salomon (Commissioner Salomon left the meeting early).

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

1. **Topic:** Discussion of the employment, compensation, and performance of an HOC employee (pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)).
 - a. **Action Taken:** The Commission discussed performance expectations for the HOC employee. No formal action was taken.

The closed session was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.