

**MINUTES
FINAL
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PORTSMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY
245 MIDDLE STREET, PORTSMOUTH, NH
March 12, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.**

Chair Ferrini called the meeting to order.

I. ROLL CALL

PRESENT	LATE ARRIVAL	ABSENT
Commissioner Bergeron		Commissioner Pickering
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		
Chair Ferrini		

Also present: Executive Director Craig Welch, Finance Director Valerie Labrie, Director of Outreach Andrea Pickett, Attorney John Bosen, Operations Manager Mary Bartlett, Resident Mary Fox

Chair Ferrini declared a quorum present.

II. READING OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Rodenhizer motioned to waive the reading of the minutes dated February 12, 2025, and accept as presented. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion.

The votes were as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Commissioner Bergeron		Chair Ferrini
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		

The motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Fox suggested that instructions be provided to Feaster residents on how to operate the heat pumps that were recently installed in apartments.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

There was no discussion.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Welch summarized his report, including an update on the status of federal funding. He stated that PHA is avoiding signing contracts for any major capital projects at this time, as possible.

Yesterday the U.S. House of Representatives passed a continuing resolution (CR) to temporarily fund the federal government until September 30. This would prevent a government shutdown on March 14, 2025, when current funding for the federal government ends. Overall, the CR keeps funding for HUD programs at FY 2024 levels; however, it includes additional spending for some key programs.

Mr. Welch stated that the Sherburne School project is moving along. PHA staff are having weekly meetings with our team. PHA staff expect to have our first TAC meeting in June.

The City of Portsmouth has applied for Congressionally Directed Spending through Senator Shaheen's office, with funding requests for updates to infrastructure on Greenland Road and Sherburne Road.

Mr. Welch updated the Board regarding Christ Episcopal Church. TD Bank has until March 24 to respond to the complaint filed by the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no discussion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no discussion.

VIII. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Ms. Labrie noted that the reports contain the first month of the fiscal year.

IX. Commissioner's Comments

There was no discussion.

X. Nonpublic Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e)

Commissioner Rodenhizer motioned to move into Nonpublic Session. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion.

The votes were as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		
Chair Ferrini		

The motion passed.

The Board entered Nonpublic Session at 2:30pm.

Commissioner Rodenhizer motioned to leave Nonpublic Session and return to public session. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion.

The votes were as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		
Chair Ferrini		

The motion passed.

The Board returned to public session at 2:45pm.

Commissioner Rodenhizer motioned to seal the minutes from Nonpublic Session because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion.

The votes were as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		
Chair Ferrini		

The motion passed.

Chair Ferrini suggested reviewing the protocol for Nonpublic Session at next month's meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

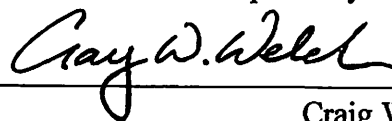
Commissioner Bergeron motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion.

The votes were as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		
Chair Ferrini		

The motion passed; the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Craig W. Welch
Secretary



Accepted by: Kara Rodenhizer
Vice Chair

Thomas G. Ferrini
Chair

4/9/25
Date