

MINUTES  
**FINAL**  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PORTSMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY  
245 MIDDLE STREET, PORTSMOUTH, NH  
May 14, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.

Chair Ferrini called the meeting to order.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

**Also present:** Executive Director Craig Welch, Finance Director Valerie Labrie, Attorney John Bosen, Operations Manager Mary Bartlett, Resident Patience Horton

Commissioner Main, Commissioner Pickering, and Attorney Bosen joined the meeting remotely and all votes were done by roll call.

Chair Ferrini declared a quorum present.

**II. READING OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Commissioner Rodenhizer motioned to waive the reading of the minutes dated April 9, 2025, and accept as presented. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion.**

**The votes were as follows:**

<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Pickering		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		
Chair Ferrini		

**The motion passed.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Patience Horton discussed a portion of her annual recertification with the Board. She also shared a story about the naming of Feaster Apartments.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Welch announced that PHA Resident Services recently received a national award from the National Council on Aging for the Rock the Crock program, which is put on in collaboration with the Portsmouth Senior Center & Gather.

Chair Ferrini reminded the Board of the PHA Annual Reception that will take place after the meeting from 4-6pm at The 801 on Islington Street in Portsmouth.

**V. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

Mr. Welch outlined the main parts of this year's Annual Report, including highlights on staff, volunteers, partners, and projects.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Welch noted that the Christ Church project is moving forward.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Welch noted an upcoming project for an accessible entrance on the south side of Connors Cottage, which will receive CDBG funding. The cost of the project is expected to be around \$250,000.

**A. Vote on Board Officers**

**Commissioner Bergeron motioned to approve the existing slate of Board Officers as follows:**

- Chairperson: Tom Ferrini**
- Vice Chairperson: Kara Rodenhizer**
- Treasurer: Dan Main**
- Assistant Treasurer: Robin Pickering**

**Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion.**

**The votes were as follows:**

<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Pickering		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		
Chair Ferrini		

**The motion passed.**

**VIII. OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

Ms. Labrie noted that tenant charges for cable through PHA will be over, as the bulk cable contract has ended.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

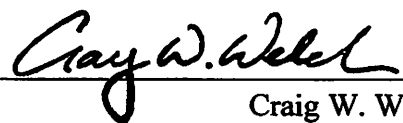
**Commissioner Griffin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ferrini seconded the motion.**

**The votes were as follows:**

<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Pickering		
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

6/11/25  
Date