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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, Operations Manager Mary Bartlett, Resident Patience Horton

Commissioner Main and Commissioner Pickering 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:

AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
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:

AYES	**NAYS**	**ABSTENTIONS**
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:

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

The motion passed; the meeting adjourned.