

**Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)**

**Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)  
1230 O Street #200  
Lincoln, NE 68508**

**Minutes of Friday, September 7, 2018 2:00 p.m.**

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Open Meetings Act – A copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the table as you enter the room.  
All votes were taken by roll call of the members.

**I. Roll Call**

Pamela Otto called roll.

Nine out of fourteen Commissioners were present:

Charles Coley; Ryan Durant; Paul Hamelink; Lee Ann Heflebower; Thomas Judds; Kathy Mesner; Roger Nadrchal; Sara Sunderman; and John Turner.

Absent Commissioners: Nancy Bentley; Judy Pederson; Judy Petersen; Sara Tichota; and Brent Williams.

Guests present were: Dan Curran; Lara Huskey; Sharon Kluck; Paula Rhian; Nikki Swope; Noel Hrnchir; Matthew Cavanaugh; Pam Otto and Kylee Bischoff, DED.

**II. Call meeting to order:**

Chair Durant declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

Chair Durant indicated the Opening Meetings Act was on the table by the sign in sheet.

**III. Introductions**

**IV. Public Comment**

None

**V. Approved June 27, 2018 meeting minutes.**

**Motion:** Commissioner Heflebower moved that the June 27, 2018 meeting minutes be approved.

Commissioner Turner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

YES – Charles Coley; Ryan Durant; Paul Hamelink; Lee Ann Heflebower; Kathy Mesner; Sara Sunderman; and John Turner.

NO – None

Motion carried with a 7-0-0 vote

## **VI. Executive Committee**

Commissioner Durant stated that the Executive Committee held the first Ad Hoc Committee by conference call. The committee members include: Cliff Mesner, Lara Huskey, Matthew Cavanaugh, Tim Keelan; and the following Commissioners: Ryan Durant, Judy Petersen, Lee Heflebower, and John Turner. The committee will meet again in person in October around the NIFA Workforce Housing Conference in Kearney. Commissioner Durant stated that the Executive Committee expressed an interest in creating an annual award to possibly be presented to an organization during the NIFA Conference in March to show how NAHTF Funds have creatively been used across the state.

## **VII. Report from Standing Committees**

### **1. Continuum of Care Committee (CoC)**

Commissioner Heflebower stated that Nebraska received the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant from HUD for \$3.28 million for the balance of state. Heflebower stated that there will be a draft plan in place by mid-November and final in March and the plan's project applications are due to HUD by July 2019.

### **2. Education and Awareness Committee**

Commissioner Turner stated that he is very pleased with how well the committees are coming together to help educate the public. Commissioner Durant stated the committee is continually working with DED to create one pagers for the various funding sources.

### **3. Policy and Issues Committee**

Commissioner Durant stated that he appreciated everyone that attending the hearing and provided comment. Overall Durant felt the hearing went well and feels there are some concerns about where the Senators focus is in regards to the NAHTF program. Commissioner Nadrchal thanked Matthew Cavanaugh for organizing everyone and stated that there is a long road ahead to educate Senators on the NAHTF program. Nadrchal stated that there were concerns that no one from DED was in attendance. Commissioner Mesner stated that she got the impression that the Senators have been led to believe that there is not a need for the NAHTF program. Mesner requested that the Director, Dave Rippe, advise the Senators that this program is needed across the state.

## **VIII. Reports from Agencies and Organizations**

Department of Economic Development – Pam Otto

Department of Health of Human Services Agency – Nikki Swope

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Lara Huskey

Nebraska Housing Developers Association – Matthew Cavanaugh  
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority – John Turner  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development – Sharon Kluck  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Reggie Robinson

**IX. Other Business/Next Meeting** (Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.)

Commissioner Mesner discussed Blueprint Nebraska Initiative and encouraged everyone to go to [blueprint-nebraska.org](http://blueprint-nebraska.org) to complete the survey.

**X. Adjourn**

Chair Durant adjourned the meeting on September 7, 2018 at 3:47 p.m.