



Sarasota Housing Authority (SHA)  
269 South Osprey Avenue  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Board Meeting  
McCown Towers Board Room  
March 26, 2025  
4:30 P.M.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Taylor called the regular meeting of the Sarasota Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to order at 4:31 pm.
- II. **INVOCATION**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Chair Ernestine Taylor, Vice Chair John Colón (in at 4:40 pm), Resident Commissioner Nicole Roman(in at 4:39 pm), Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Commissioner Duane Finger and Commissioner David Morgan

Commissioners Not Present: Commissioner Jack Meredith

Invited Attendees: Attorneys Ric Gilmore & Rhonda Stringer

SHA Personnel: William Russell, Tanesha Gibbons and Andrea Keddell
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. SHA Regular Board Meeting – January 29, 2025
    - Chair Taylor put up the minutes from the January 29, 2025, Regular Board Meeting for approval.
    - Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Finger seconded the motion.
      - The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
  - B. SHA Special Board Meeting – March 5, 2025
    - Chair Taylor put up the minutes from the March 5, 2025, Special Board Meeting for approval.
    - Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Finger seconded the motion.
      - The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Commissioner Morgan voted present.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - A. SHA Regular Board Agenda – March 26, 2025
    - Chair Taylor put up the agenda for the March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting for approval.
    - Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion.
      - The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- A. Team Member of the Quarter
  - Chair Taylor announced Gennetza Hernandez-Alamo, an SHA HCV Specialist, as SHA's Team Member of the Quarter and provided the background and reason for her selection. Gennetza was presented with a plaque and gift card and a commemorative photo was taken.
- B. Team Member Anniversary
  - Mr. Russell recognized Joe Murphy, part of SHA's Maintenance Team, who recently celebrated his 10-year anniversary. Joe was presented with a gift card and a commemorative photo was taken.
- C. City Commission Liaison Update
  - No Update Available.

**VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

- A. Ms. Marianne Dean, from the Towers/Annex, inquired if there was a plan in place in the event that residents lose their Social Security with the new political administration.
  - Mr. Russell responded that there is currently a plan and residents do not need to worry about being put on the street. If they lose their only income, they wouldn't have any rent.
- B. Ms. Agnes Kirkland, Resident Council Member from Towers, inquired as to when the vending machines were going to be up and running. Ms. Kirkland added that money is put into the machine and is spit back out again.
  - Mr. Russell responded that he was told the vending machines work and are ready to be turned over to the council and that he'll need to look into this situation.
- C. Ms. Tremisha Goodman, formally from the Courts, now with the Section 8/HCV program, shared that she's spoken here before and the communication with Section 8 continues to not be good, since November 2024. Ms. Goodman went on to say that she's been told her caseworker is no longer there and she does not know who her Section 8 caseworker is and she needs help. She's spoken to Director, Ana, and still hasn't received help with her recertification packet and income paperwork. Her paperwork was turned in within the timeframe of the extension she was given but she still received warning letter(s).
  - Commissioner Taylor responded that someone will get back with her on the situation with her casework and receipt of her paperwork.

**IX. RESOLUTIONS – ACCEPTED BY CONSENT**

- A. Res 25-07: Write-Off Approval
- B. Res 25-08: Approval of Budget (FY 2026)
- C. Res 25-09: HCV Admin Plan Amendment

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  - Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion.
    - The motion was voted on and passed 5 to 1 (Commissioner Colón Opposed).

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Public Art/Murals

- Mr. Russell provided background that the city has a new public art representative, and she's reached out to SHA and offered to receive some free art at some of its developments. He suggested he invite the rep to the next board meeting so she can provide more information.
- Discussion took place on local artists that are available and the \$12,000 budget for SHA developments. Commissioner Mason requested that she'd like to be told when any site visits are done to look at possible locations. Commissioner Meredith had also requested to be notified, as well as Commissioner Colón.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. None

**XII. PROGRAM UPDATES – ACCEPTED BY CONSENT**

- A. Monthly Financial Statements (Janie's Garden)
- B. Board Committee Meeting Minutes
- C. Housing Choice Voucher Report
- D. Housing Management Reports
- E. Capital Improvement Report
- F. Resident Services Monthly Report
- G. Resident Advisory Board/Sarasota Housing Authority Agency-Wide Resident Council (SHAARC) Board Report (*not submitted*)

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- Commissioner Morgan made a motion to accept the Program Updates Consent Agenda. Commissioner Finger seconded the motion.
    - The motion was voted on and passed unanimously

**XIII. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS**

- A. Commissioner Mason reported that she finds the CFP Report, Resident Services Report and Resident Calendar at the end of the Program Update reports to be very helpful to see what's been going on at the housing authority.
- B. Commissioner Finger announced that, after 20+ years, he will not be seeking re-appointment to the board when his term is up because he will be moving to Vermont permanently. He's enjoyed his time serving on the board.
- C. Commissioner Morgan commented that he also would like to eventually receive information on the contingency plan that SHA is proposing should funding be taken away from its programs. Discussion took place on setting up a document to let the senior residents know that planning is in process and they will not become homeless should funding be taken away and also how they can contact their district representative. Commissioner Mason requested that the board get a copy of any formal notice that is finalized for the residents. Mr. Russell added that a letter may give validity to an issue and that SHA will devise a plan but may not want to send it out to all residents.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Sarasota Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.