

**THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE EVERETT HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Wednesday August 30, 2023

Present: Dominic Puleo, Philip Colameta, Robert Norton and John Barrett

Others: Executive Director Stephen Kergo, Legal Counsel Francis J. LaRovere III, Assistant Director Roberta Correale, Public Housing Supervisor Nicole Dipierro and Attorney Martin Rooney.

- I. Discussion:** To discuss in Executive Session, a settlement agreement on a discrimination claim currently at HUD.

Chairman states the intent to enter into Executive Session. He declares the purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss strategy concerning ongoing litigation because to do so in open session may be detrimental to the position of the authority. Board will adjourn after the session is over, no votes will be made during the Executive Session. Roll Called to enter Executive Session:

Mr. Colameta, Yes -Mr. Puleo, Yes -Mr. Norton, Yes -Mr. Barrett, Yes

4yeas, 0 nays

Attorney Martin Rooney began the discussion with an overview of the current position of HUD and Everett Housing Authority. He explained that HUD is now requiring the EHA drop its State Eviction Cases against the household to be compliant with the negotiated settlement between the parties. He stated that this is a change from the original negotiated settlement at which HUD participated. He further explained that although DHCD believed that EHA staff had not done anything wrong in the process. DHCD would not pay for the litigation should EHA decide to move forward.

EHA currently has in its possession two (2) Writs of Execution against the household in question. Attorney LaRovere questioned whether it would be prudent for EHA to send a letter to the household explaining that we are in possession of the executions and that she should utilize her voucher prior to us utilizing them. Attorney Rooney agreed with Mr. LaRovere that until HUD stated it was demanding us to stop that we could continue in this fashion.

The Board members appeared to agree that we should not move forward with the executions without the support of DHCD.

Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Colameta and Seconded by Mr. Barrett to adjourn the meeting at 6pm. **Voice Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Kergo

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Executive Director