



**Meeting Minutes  
Via Teleconference  
June 16, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Executive Board of Commissioners of the East Georgia Housing Authority Partners began at 6:08 pm. via virtual Zoom meeting. Quorum wasn't met, so the meeting proceeded as an informational meeting. The following Commissioners were present on the Zoom meeting: Susan Benning-Tutt, Jamie Burnett, Lee Ann Meyer and Lashanda Kitchens. Also present were Kelly S. Evans, Executive Director, Jodie G. Key, Public Housing Manager, Elizabeth Brown, East Georgia YouthBuild Director and Glenn Hayes, Maintenance Director. Absent were Commissioners Julie Mae Stewart, Reverend Stephen Ivey, Reverend Anthony Booker and Don Pesek.

Commissioner Lee Ann Meyer led the meeting with prayer.

Executive Director, Kelly S. Evans, read the brief staff reports that were written and delivered to the board of commissioners with the agenda. Director Evans mentioned residents who are due utility reimbursements will be getting them via ACH deposit. Director Evans said the Maintenance Department is only currently performing emergency work orders. Commissioner Meyer asked if the YouthBuild Grant would be renewed and Director Evans said it would not be and she wouldn't recommend it, adding it had a lot of issues, including, but not limited to, some MOU partners not providing what they had promised and HUD doesn't care for the grant.

Executive Director, Kelly S. Evans, discussed her work plan, for informational purposes only. Director Evans said she is in the process of getting new signature cards signed for Cadence Bank so each authority within the consortia can make deposits there. Director Evans gave a brief update on the non-profit, saying she would be making a \$259 contribution to keep the non-profit up and running and would give an update. Director Evans said considering COVID-19, it has given her an opportunity to update the way East Georgia Housing Authority Partners operates and once completed, any employee should be able to work everywhere from a single platform. Chairman Tutt asked if protective gear, specifically masks, would be given to customers as they enter the offices, and Director Evans said EGHAP wouldn't provide masks and it would be a while before the offices were opened. Chairman Tutt added masks provide the biggest protection of another person. Not on the agenda, but discussed by Executive Director Kelly S. Evans, was the creation of an Equality Work Group that would dissect the processes of East Georgia Housing Authority Partners for possible institutionalized racism, one reason the YouthBuild Grant struggled whilst working with local entities. Director Evans said EGHAP needs a governed review to ensure there were no practices that could be deemed as systemic racism, and would need a new, critical eye, and Elizabeth Brown, Director of East Georgia YouthBuild, would bring that to the table. Director Evans said the processes

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would be reviewed into three different categories, statutory, regulatory, and procedural and it would allow EGHAP to take an internal look at how procedures are carried out, and EGHAP could "...sweep around our own front door." Director Evans said she is working on getting a written plan together and would recommend the transition of Elizabeth Brown over from East Georgia YouthBuild to EGHAP. The plan would include a budget revision to also transfer her salary over from YouthBuild to EGHAP. Director Evans added this plan could mitigate issues that are found when EGHAP goes after future grants. Commissioner Burnett asked if the YouthBuild Grant was closing out and Director Evans responded that it was. Commissioner Burnett then asked if Elizabeth Brown would become part of the EGHAP work force and Director Evans said at this point, no, but that's not to say it won't develop.

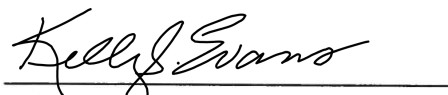
There was no Old Business to discuss.

The consent agenda could not be voted upon with lack of quorum and Chairperson Susan Benning-Tutt said the meeting minutes could be approved at the next board meeting or via televote. Laura Williamson, Finance Manager, said she would send out the April Financials upon their receipt.

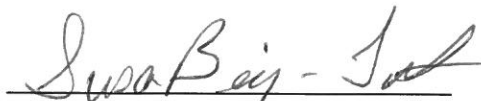
The only item under New Business was the Archway Partnership Renewal and it was discussed for information only. Director Evans said the Thomson Housing Authority would contract for services jointly with the UGA and Community Partners and pay \$5,000 for those services. Executive Director, Kelly S. Evans, encouraged the board of commissioners to maintain the relationship currently held with the Archway Partnership. Director Evans said Archway is currently doing a deep dive into mental health and she knows a portion of the unit turnover within EGHAP is due to lack of mental health services. Chairperson Tutt said a televote would be issued to get votes on whether the Archway Partnership Renewal Resolution would be signed.

Chairperson Tutt said items could be tabled until the next board meeting. Chairperson Susan Benning-Tutt said since there was lack of quorum there wasn't an adjournment of the meeting, but she bid all attendees farewell at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly S. Evans, CME  
Executive Director



Susan Benning-Tutt  
Chairperson