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## BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL AGENDA

(revised June 21, 2023)

A meeting of the Broward Housing Council (BHC) will be held on **Friday, June 23, 2023**, at 10 AM, at Broward County Government Center East (GCE), Room 430, located at 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2) New Condo Safety Legislation (SB 154) – Presented by Donna DiMaggio Berger, Esquire, Becker & Poliakoff, P.A., Fort Lauderdale
- 3) Approval of the April 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes (*see attachment*)
- 4) Discussion of Letter from BHC to Board of County Commissioners Regarding Proposed Charter Amendments – Marty Cassini, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs/Boards Section, County Administration (*see attachment*)
- 5) Discussion of Theme and Speakers for BHC 2023 Affordable Housing Workshop – Jo Sesodia
- 6) Chair's Report: Marcia Barry-Smith
- 7) Director's Report: Jo Sesodia
- 8) New Business
  - A) Election of Officers: Chair and Vice-Chair
- 9) Old Business
- 10) Public Comments
- 11) Housing Options, Solutions, & Supports Division Report: Dr. Rebecca McGuire, Director  
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Report: Vice Chair Caryl Hattan
- 12) **Next BHC Meeting: 10 AM, Friday, August 25, 2023, Broward County Government Center East (GCE), Room 430, 115 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale**
- 13) Adjournment

### ***Our Purpose:***

*To serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission and to facilitate coordination between the County, municipalities, the business community and not-for-profit groups to address housing issues including, but not limited to, affordable housing, workforce housing and homelessness.*

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## SUMMARY MINUTES

**BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL**  
**Friday, April 28, 2023 - 10:00 AM**  
**Broward County Government Center East, Rm. 430, Fort Lauderdale, FL**

### Board Members Present

Ajibola Balogun	Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair	Michele Collie
Beth Daly	Frances Esposito	Parnell Joyce
Christopher Krzemien	Sarah Leonardi	Gino Moro
Nathan Perlmutter		

### Board Members Absent

Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers	Ralph Stone
Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi	

### County Staff

Jo Sesodia, UPD	Annika Ashton, CAO	Karina Rodrigues, CAO
Sue Fejes, HFD	Sue Carrano, UPD	Keith Darby, UPD

### Other Attendees

Edith Bynes, Fort Lauderdale CDC	Nettie Williams, Fort Lauderdale CDC	Craig Vanderlaan, Crisis Housing Solutions
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### 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano who confirmed that a quorum was present.

### 2) Guest Presentation: Senate Bill 102 / Live Local Act Overview

Mr. Kody Glazer, Legal and Policy Director, Florida Housing Coalition, addressed the BHC virtually about the recently adopted Live Local Act (SB 102). Signed by Governor DeSantis on March 29, 2023, the Live Local Act provides a record \$811M for affordable housing and fully funds Sadowski Trust Fund programs. SB 102 offers multiple incentives for affordable housing development such as property tax and sales tax exemptions and use of public surplus lands. The legislation includes preemptions regarding rent control and land use for certain properties in commercial, industrial and mixed-use zones.

### 3) Approval of the February 24, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Christopher Krzemien moved to approve the minutes as presented. Beth Daly seconded. All in favor.

### 4) Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Sec. 11.06 of Broward County Charter

Jo Sesodia, Director, UPD, shared the staff report for proposed Charter amendments regarding BHC membership. The staff report offered two options: Option 1 amends each membership line item with updated membership category language as needed, and Option 2 replaces these line items with the Code of Ordinances, allowing the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to process future amendments through Public Hearing. Regardless of either option, it will be an 18 month process with a targeted referendum date being the November 2024 General Election

**Motion:** Following discussion, Christopher Krzemien moved to select Option 2 which allows for future changes to the membership appointments and categories by Ordinance at a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners. Seconded by Ajibola Balogun. All in favor.

Approved:

**5) Discussion of BHC Fall Workshop: Format**

Jo Sesodia, Director, UPD, stated that planning has started for the BHC fall workshop. She requested BHC members' preference for a virtual versus in-person workshop format.

**Motion:** Following discussion, Christopher Krzemien moved to approve an in-person workshop format with the ability for a virtual keynote speaker. Ajibola Balogun seconded. All in favor.

Staff will explore potential workshop venues. BHC members interested in fully or partially sponsoring the workshop breakfast should contact Jo or Sue.

**6) Chair's Report**

Chair Barry-Smith encouraged attendees to stay informed about housing related legislation; virtual legislative update webinars are offered by 1000 Friends of Florida, Inc.

**7) New Business**

The 2022 BHC Annual Report was prepared by staff in accordance with Sec. 11.06, Item J of the Broward County Charter. It was distributed to BHC members for review prior to today's meeting.

**Motion:** Ajibola Balogun moved to forward the 2022 Annual Report, as presented, to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance. Christopher Krzemien seconded. All in favor.

**8) Old Business**

None.

**9) Public Comments**

None.

**10) Housing Options, Solutions and Support (HOSS) Division Report**

None. The Chair will request a HIP/CofC report from Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan next meeting.

**11) Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 AM.

**12) Next Meeting:** 10 AM, Friday, June 23, 2023, Room 430, Broward County Government Center East, located at 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

*Disclosure: The above captioned minutes are transcribed in a summary format. To obtain a complete audio recording of the meeting, approved summary minutes, or any presentation or handout materials, submit a public records request through the Urban Planning Division, 954-357-8695.*

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June 29, 2023

Honorable Mayor and Members  
Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 409  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**RE: Proposed Amendments to Sec. 11.06 of the Broward County Charter**

Dear Commissioners:

The Broward Housing Council's 2023 Work Program includes reviewing the Broward County Charter and proposing modifications regarding BHC membership, residency requirements, and other items as identified by the BHC. At its meeting on April 28, 2023, the BHC discussed revisions to Sec. 11.06 of the Charter regarding the BHC membership composition. It was determined that the existing language creates barriers to filling certain board vacancies and the members voted to move forward with the proposed amendments.

Section 11.06 establishes the BHC and provides for a maximum of 19 members, each representing a specific category with a designated organization responsible for their appointment. Membership categories were established in 2008 and several are outdated, referring to organization names that no longer exist. Additionally, the specificity of some membership categories has made them difficult to fill, resulting in extended vacancies on the BHC.

To make any change to the membership categories would require amending the Charter. For discussion purposes, the proposed Charter language is attached. It is our desire to process the amendments through voter referendum during the November 2024 General Election. **Therefore, please accept our request to direct County staff to prepare an Ordinance amending Article XI, Section 11.06 of the Charter of Broward County regarding the membership composition of the BHC.**

If there are any questions regarding the proposed Charter amendments, please contact the Housing Council's coordinator, Jo Sesodia, AICP, Director, Urban Planning Division at 954-357-6602 or [jsesodia@broward.org](mailto:jsesodia@broward.org).

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Respectfully,

Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair

Attachment: Proposed Charter Amendment

Cc: Broward Housing Council

Josie P. Sesodia, AICP, Director, Urban Planning Division

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## Section 11.06 BROWARD COUNTY HOUSING COUNCIL

- A. There shall be a Broward County Housing Council that shall serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission and facilitate coordination between the County, Municipalities, the business community and not-for-profit groups to address housing issues including, but not limited to, affordable housing, workforce housing and homelessness.
- B. Membership. The Broward County Housing Council shall be comprised of at least seventeen (17) members. ~~at least no more than seventeen (17)~~ nineteen (19) members. ~~Sixteen (16)~~ Seventeen (17) members shall be voting members. The membership of the Broward County Housing Council shall be ~~appointed as follows: established by Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners.~~
- ~~(1) One (1) member shall be the owner of a business that employs at least fifty (50) employees. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;~~
  - ~~(2) One (1) member shall be the owner of a business that employs fewer than fifty (50) employees. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;~~
  - ~~(3) One (1) member shall be a recipient of Section 8 housing assistance or another housing assistance program. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;~~
  - ~~(4) One (1) Broward County Commissioner. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;~~
  - ~~(5) One (1) member shall be the Chief Executive of a recognized, not-for-profit homeless organization. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;~~
  - ~~(6) One (1) member shall be the Chief Executive of a not-for-profit housing organization. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;~~
  - ~~(7) One (1) member shall be a licensed real estate professional appointed by the Florida Association of Realtors;~~
  - ~~(8) One (1) member shall be a banker appointed by the Broward County Commission;~~
  - ~~(9) One (1) member shall be appointed from the Broward County League of Cities, which member shall be an officer of the organization;~~
  - ~~(10) One (1) member shall be the City Manager of a city in Broward County with more than 50,000 residents. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County League of Cities;~~
  - ~~(11) One (1) member shall be the City Manager of a city in Broward County with less than 50,000 residents. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County League of Cities;~~
  - ~~(12) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Builders Association of South Florida;~~
  - ~~(13) One (1) member shall be the Director or designee from the Florida Atlantic University Center for Urban Redevelopment and Education;~~
  - ~~(14) One (1) member shall be a member of the Broward County School Board chosen by a majority vote of the School Board;~~
  - ~~(15) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Broward County Housing Authority;~~
  - ~~(16) One (1) member shall be a mortgage broker appointed by the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers;~~
  - ~~(17) The County Administrator, or his or her designee, shall serve as a permanent, nonvoting member of the Council.~~
- ~~C. The Broward County Commission, at its discretion, may appoint additional members to the Broward County Housing Council, provided that the Council shall be comprised of no more than nineteen (19) members with an odd number of voting members.~~
- D. The duties and responsibilities of the Broward County Housing Council shall include, but not be limited to the following:
- (1) Exploring housing models elsewhere in the country;
  - (2) Educating and advising about alternative housing programs;
  - (3) Sharing and exploring funding strategies;
  - (4) Coordinating and collaborating with housing agencies to maximize countywide funding opportunities;
  - (5) Preventing and minimizing a duplication of services; and
  - (6) Educating the public and engaging interested parties to ensure the maximum countywide involvement of all stakeholders.

- E. Quorum. A quorum, necessary to conduct Broward County Housing Council business, shall consist of a majority of the Broward County Housing Council members.
- F. Term. The term for each member shall be two (2) years from the date of appointment.
- G. Meetings. The Broward County Housing Council shall hold its first meeting as soon as practicable after the appointment of its inaugural Board but no later than March 1, 2009. The Council shall hold no less than six (6) meetings per year.
- H. Chair and Vice-Chair. At the first meeting of the Broward County Housing Council, and at each March or April meeting thereafter, the members shall appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve for a one-year term.
- I. Vacancies. If a member of the Broward County Housing Council is an elected official and ceases to be an elected official, the individual's membership on the Council shall terminate, and the position shall be declared vacant. Members of the Council who no longer satisfy the residency or employment/membership requirements of their position shall cease to be members of the Council, and their positions shall be declared vacant. Other circumstances creating a vacancy may be defined by ordinance, and those vacancies shall be filled pursuant to Subsection (B) of this section.
- J. Recommendations.  
The Broward County Housing Council shall make regular recommendations to the County Commission and all organizations represented by the Council on issues including streamlining housing-related governmental regulations and enhancing housing stability. The Council shall submit an annual report to the County Commission and other organizations represented by the Council.