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MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS VIRTUAL MEETING JULY 19, 2022

President Patricia Wells, Presiding

President Patricia Wells called the meeting to order at 12:33pm ET. Board liaison Sylvia Bowen called the roll and a quorum was established. Guests were acknowledged. There were no comments from Associates.

President Wells asked the Board to act on the minutes as submitted to the Board on May 11.

Motion by Alan Zais; seconded by Milet Hopping to approve minutes as submitted for meetings held on February 10, February 22, and March 14, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

President Wells commended the leadership for their shared commitment to provide housing and resources within their communities in vibrant communities alongside their work on NAHRO's committees and on the NAHRO Strategic Plan. She commented on her attendance at regional and chapter conferences where she and CEO Thiele were welcomed as family. President Wells urged the Board to attend the Summer Symposium. There will be engaging speakers and attendees will have the opportunity to engage with each other and with presenters. She announced registration for the National Conference opened for the leadership on July 15. President Wells expressed appreciation to DEI Chair Liz Glenn for the opportunity to present at the Inaugural *Pan African Symposium on African City-Housing and Justice for All*.

Senior Vice President George Guy began his remarks by commending President Wells' leadership and engagement with the membership. He spoke to the importance of the theme for the Summer Symposium and of the leadership's support of the Symposium. Senior Vice President Guy then highlighted his engagement in the industry: (1) joined PHAs in roundtable discussions on repositioning their portfolios; (2) part of the MTW collaborative; (3) attended the NCRC conference; and (4) panelist at a conference sponsored by Auburn University regarding the future of affordable rental housing and real estate development. Panelists delved into new and innovative approaches to partnerships, capital sources, design and construction, and much more.

Patricia Wells, MPA, CME, President; **George Guy**, Senior Vice President; **Lucille Boss**, Vice President-Commissioners; **Sharon L. Carlson**, CME, SPHM, PHM, SHM, CRPBRA, CSO-PH, CSEC-PH Vice President-Professional Development; **Irma Gorham**, PHM, Vice President-International Research and Global Exchange; **Duane Hopkins**, Vice President-Budget & Administration; **Milet Hopping**, PHM, Vice President-Member Services; **Peter F. LiFari**, Vice President-Community Revitalization and Development; **Wayne Pollard, Jr.**, Vice President-Housing, **Mark Thiele**, CEO

Chief Executive Officer Mark Thiele briefed the Board on his travel to regional and chapter conferences, meetings on the hill, at HUD and with industry groups. He provided the Board with a preview of industry leaders who will present at the Summer Symposium.

CONSENT AGENDA: MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Amendments to the Pacific Southwest Regional Council Bylaws

Background: The Pacific Southwest Regional Council submitted a request to change its by-laws to ensure the regional senior vice president would have a seat on the NAHRO Board of Governors.

ARTICLE IV

Regional Board: Member, Responsibilities, Meetings, Quorum, Voting and Vacancies

Section 3.

Existing language

The President shall select the two regional representatives at-large to the Board of Governors of NAHRO, who shall serve two-year terms, and will select the regional representatives to the required national standing committees.

Amended language

Two regional representatives at-large will serve on the NAHRO Board of Governors. The Regional President shall select one of the representatives and the other will be the Regional Senior Vice President. The Regional President shall also select regional representatives to serve on the BECT and standing committees. Additionally, the Regional President shall recommend regional members to serve as presidential appointees on standing and advisory committees.

Motion by Milet Hopping; seconded by Lisa Stevens approval of the amendment to the Pacific Southwest Regional Council Bylaws as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AGENDA: BECT – Bobby Collins, Chair

NAHRO Accreditation Path

Background: NAHRO Certification has been pursuing Accreditation of its certification programs. Over the years, NAHRO Certification has followed the standards of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence. In July 2021, NAHRO hired SeaCrest Consulting to conduct a Gap Analysis of the documentation that was available for the Certified Management Executive (CME).

Upon thorough review, it was determined that NAHRO was only in 4% compliance. NAHRO and BECT understand and appreciate the hard work that many individuals put forth to prepare our association for Accreditation. It does not go unnoticed. However, the findings from SeaCrest indicates that this venture would be challenging fiscally for the Association to continue pursuing.

As a result, BECT recommends that NAHRO sunset the Accreditation journey and focus its efforts on improving certification and collaboration with Professional Development.

Action: Motion by Milet Hopping; seconded by Steve Merritt that the Board of Governors authorize the BECT to sunset the Accreditation path for its certifications. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairs/Vice Chairs, Regional Presidents/designees, the BECT chair, BPC Leader, and the HDLI representative were afforded the opportunity to present highlights of their work.

Strategic Planning Committee Chair Sunny Shaw submitted the association's Strategic Plan to the Board and commented on key elements. Following her remarks, President Wells called for acceptance of the NAHRO Strategic Plan.

Action: Motion by David Lange; seconded by Milet Hopping acceptance of the NAHRO Strategic Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CEO Thiele announced the departure of Director of Member Services Lori Myers-Carpenter. He commended her for outstanding leadership and exemplary service to NAHRO for more than two decades. Board members also expressed gratitude to Ms. Myers-Carpenter.

There being no further business, President Wells called for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting.

Action: Motion to adjourn by Kathy Walter; seconded by Carl Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

In attendance: President Patricia Wells. **Senior Vice President** George Guy. **Vice Presidents:** Lucille Boss, Duane Hopkins, Milet Hopping, Peter F. LiFari, and Wayne Pollard. **Past Presidents:** Sunny Shaw (available for the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee report), Carl Richie, and Steve Merritt. **BECT Chair and Advisory Committee Chairs:** Bobby Collins, David Gates, Elizabeth Glenn, Anna Judge, and BPC Leader Stacy Spann. **Regional Representatives: NERC:** Randy Waters, Anthony Vasiliou (late arrival) and Joseph A. D'Ascoli.

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MARC: Kathy Walter, John Mahon, Vernon Lawrence, and Gina Gibson. **Presidential Appointee:** Senghor Manns. **NCRC:** Alan Zais, Jackie Newman, and James Dewey. **SERC:** Shaundra N. Clark, Anthony Goodson, Mark E. Taylor, and Michael Wong. **SWRC:** Tonya Mabry (early departure), David P. Lange and Bobby Collins. **Presidential Appointee:** Michael Gerber. **PSWRC:** Suket Dayal, Rick Gentry (late arrival) and Preston Prince. **Presidential appointee:** Elizabeth Morales. **PNRC:** Jillian Patterson (early departure), Lisa Stevens, Saeed Hajarizadeh, and Andy Rodriguez. **MPRC:** Lori Rosendahl, Jill Elliott, and Janice J. Kimball. **HDLI Representative:** **Ricardo Gilmore.** **Board Parliamentarian** G. Matthew Pike.

Staff: CEO Mark Thiele. Board Liaison Sylvia Bowen and the entire NAHRO team. **Guests:** **RSOs:** Donna Brown, Cheryl Ann Farmer, and Shelli Scrogum.

Excused Absence: **VP-PD** Sharon Carlson, **Legislative Advisory Committee Chair:** Jennifer Keogh. **MP:** Julie Brewen. **Absent:** **VP IRGE** Irma Gorham. **PSW:** Don Swift.

Next Meeting: September 22, 2022, in conjunction with the National Conference in San Diego, CA.