

**DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**  
**GUARDIAN BUILDING**

**500 Griswold St, Suite 1200 • Detroit, Michigan**  
**(Belle Isle Conference Room)**

**Thursday, May 5, 2016**

**1:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Erica Ward-Gerson  
Richard Hosey  
Larry Lipa  
Rasul Raheem  
Patricia Pernell-Shelton

**Others Present:** Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ward-Gerson called the May 5, 2016 meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

All Board members were present and a quorum was met.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chairperson Ward Gerson called for the adoption of the agenda. **Motion by Member Hosey to adopt the agenda. Supported by Member Lipa. MOTION APPROVED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Ward Gerson opened the meeting to public comment. Ms. Joanne Warwick raised a concern about a property located at 258 Smith that is located next door to her and stated that it is causing water damage to her home. Ms. Warwick requested assistance to have problem addressed.

Ms. Lucinda Darrah inquired about a property located at 492 Peterborough and commented that she would like to have the property boarded up. Ms. Darrah was informed that the property was not DLBA owned.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolutions.**

**Resolution 05-01-2016**, Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign an agreement on behalf of the Detroit Land Bank Authority with the Michigan Homeowner Nonprofit Housing Corporation for demolition funding under the help for the Hardest Hit Blight program. **Motion by Member Hosey. Supported by Member Lipa. MOTION APPROVED.**

[At the June 7, 2016 Board Meeting, a corrective roll call vote was held pursuant to MCL 15.270(5) to address a potential procedural deficiency for the May 5, 2016 Closed Session. Secretary Raheem called roll for each Board Member for the May 5, 2016 Closed Session, **Unanimously Approved.**] Chairperson Ward Gerson dismissed for Closed session at 1:25 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

*In accordance with the State of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, Section 8, Closed Sessions are permitted. The conditions of such a Closed Session includes the following: 1) The Session must be for a "limited purpose," 2) the Session must be conducted during the course of an open meeting and 3) per Section 9(1) of the OMA, the minutes of the open meeting must include the purpose for which a closed session is held.*

*It is noted that the purpose of the Closed Session was called for a permitted purpose as described within OMA, Section 8: "to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute," specifically, Section 13(1)(g) of Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, which protects the attorney-client privilege.*

Chairperson Ward Gerson adjourned Closed session and re-opened public meeting at 2:43 p.m.

**Resolution 05-02-2016**, Resolution authorizing the General counsel to retain Plante Moran for additional services. **Motion by Member Hosey. Supported by Member Lipa. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Resolution 05-03-2016**, Resolution authorizing the General Counsel to engage outside counsel. **Motion by Member Raheem. Supported by Member Hosey. MOTION APPROVED.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson Ward Gerson adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.