

**DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY**  

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**  
**IN PERSON**  
**WITH REMOTE ACCESS FOR THE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM**

**Friday, January 14, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**VIA ZOOM:** Erica Ward Gerson  
Miranda Morrow-Bartell  
Richard Hosey  
Patricia Pernell-Shelton  
Carol Walters

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Members of the Public, Members of DLBA Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Ward Gerson called the **January 14, 2022** special meeting to order at **10:22 a.m.** and reviewed the process and logistics for the “hybrid” in person and Zoom meeting. A quorum of members of the Board and some staff were present in person, but Zoom access was available for other staff and members of the public to comment or to present.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Chair Ward Gerson asked Ms. Adela Bejo, Administrative Assistant, to call the roll. Ms. Bejo called roll. Five of five members were in attendance, and a quorum was met.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Chair Ward Gerson opened the floor to public comment.

- **Ms. Mitchell** – Ms. Mitchell expressed her displeasure with respect to her inquiries regarding the purchase of parcels of land owned by the Land Bank. Timothy Devine, General Counsel, reminded Ms. Mitchell of a legal memorandum that explained why the Land Bank could not sell Ms. Mitchell the lots in question. Board Chair Ward Gerson expressed her agreement with the analysis and conclusions in the memo and Mr. Devine agreed to circulate the memo to all the Board members.
- **Joanne Warwick** – Ms. Warwick stated her support for the issues raised by Ms. Mitchell and also reiterated her previous comments regarding her disappointment with the Board’s approval of a land sale in connection with the North End Landings development.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Resolutions**

**01-01-2022 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BOARD MEETING RULES TO INCLUDE HEALTH AND SAFETY.** Board Chair Ward Gerson provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**01-02-2022 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO ENTER INTO A TRANSITION AGREEMENT WITH SASKIA THOMPSON.** Board Chair Ward Gerson provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**01-03-2022 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO ENTER INTO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.** Board Chair Ward Gerson provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Hosey. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**01-04-2022 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ACTIONS DELEGATED OR ASSIGNED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND RATIFYING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS.** Board Chair Ward Gerson provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Ward Gerson called for a **Motion to adjourn. Motion by Member Hosey to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.