

**DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY**  

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**GUARDIAN BUILDING**  
**500 Griswold • Detroit, Michigan 48226**  
**(Executive Board Room – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

**Friday, March 20, 2020**  
**1:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Patricia Pernell-Shelton  
Richard Hosey

**PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL:**  
Erica Ward Gerson  
Miranda Morrow-Bartell  
Carol Walters

**ABSENT:** N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Public, DLBA Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Vice Chair Pernell-Shelton called the March 20, 2020 meeting to order at **1:05 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Board Vice Chair Pernell-Shelton called roll. Five of five members were in attendance, and a quorum was met.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Vice Chair Pernell-Shelton called for a motion to approve the February 18, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes. **Motion by Member Ward Gerson** for approval of minutes. **Supported by Member Hosey. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Vice Chair Pernell-Shelton opened the floor to public comment.

- **Joanne Warwick** – Detroit resident, requested a hold be placed on the sale of DLBA properties in the City’s North End neighborhood due to a study underway by the City. Ms. Warwick commented that the DLBA’s Economic Development policy allows the Detroit Land Bank to participate in City planning and should be used to make whole Detroiters who were impacted by the reported property tax overassessments. Ms. Warwick also stated that she would like to see DLBA operations moved to the City of Detroit. Ms. Warwick suggested that future meetings be televised.

- **Carol Johnson Ehambe** – of Haasan Enterprise and community activist, stated that she is homeless and looking for housing. Ms. Johnson Ehambe inquired about 8794 Woodlawn, a property that she purchased on a land contract and subsequently lost. Ms. Johnson Ehambe stated that she attempted to get the house back 4-5 years ago and it is currently abandoned and not generating property tax revenue to the City. Robbie Linn, Director Inventory, assisted Ms. Johnson.

#### **LEGAL UPDATE**

Doug Parker, Chief Counsel, reconfirmed that Members Pernell-Shelton and Hosey were present at the meeting and Members Ward Gerson, Morrow-Bartell and Walters were attending the meeting via conference call. Doug stated that the Open Meetings Act, as modified by Governor Whitmer's Executive Order no. 2020-15, permits today's and future meetings to be held remotely and electronically. Saskia Thompson, Executive Director, stated that we will also investigate electronic and video options for the April Board and Committee meetings.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Resolutions**

##### **3-01-2020 RESOLUTION ADOPTING VACANT LAND POLICY.**

Saskia Thompson, Executive Director, provided a high-level overview of the resolution and provided details of the proposed vacant land policy. Saskia stated that several meetings were held with DLBA staff and City Council staff during the creation of the policy. Doug Parker, Chief Counsel and Robbie Linn, Director, Inventory, explained the process and a discussion ensued.

**Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Ward Gerson. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Vice Chair Pernell-Shelton called for a **Motion to adjourn. Motion by Member Hosey to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Member Ward Gerson. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting was adjourned at **2:03 p.m.**