

## MINUTES

**Annual Board Meeting of the  
Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Lakeland  
Monday, March 18, 2024  
430 Hartsell Avenue, Lakeland, Florida.**

**LHA Board Members Present:** Don Brown, Chairman  
Shelly Asbury, Commissioner  
Annie Gibson, Commissioner  
David Samples, Commissioner  
Dewey Chancey, Commissioner  
Charles Welch, Commissioner  
Rev. Richard Richardson, Commissioner Emeritus

**Secretary:** Benjamin Stevenson

**Legal Counsel:** Ricardo Gilmore, LHA

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Brown.  
The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were observed.  
A quorum was established.

Commissioner Brown gave an opening statement about the purpose of the Annual Board Meeting is to elect officers. He asked Mr. Gilmore to expound on the purpose of by-laws the importance of complying. Mr. Gilmore stated the by-laws are very important because they are the internal operational document. They are periodically reviewed and updated.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Gibson, seconded by Commissioner Chancey.

Vote:

Don Brown – Aye  
David Sample – Aye

Shelly Asbury – Aye  
Dewey Chancey – Aye

Annie Gibson – Aye  
Charles Welch – Aye

Commissioner Brown relinquished his duty as chair so that Mr. Gilmore could facilitate the election of officers.

Mr. Gilmore opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of LHA Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Gibson nominated Commissioner Asbury. Mr. Gilmore gave

Mr. Gilmore opened the floor for the nomination for the position of Vice-Chairman of LHA Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Chancey nominated Commissioner David Samples. Mr. Gilmore gave the opportunity for other nominees. There were no other nominees. Mr. Gilmore closed the nomination process. Commissioner Samples is now declared by acclamation as the newly elected chairperson.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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