



I. Meeting Opening & Roll Call:

Chair Bacoate opened the Special Board session at 2:05 PM

HACA Mission Statement and Core Values were read.

Quorum was present. **Board Members Present:** Chair Mychal Bacoate, Vice-Chair Kimberly Collins, Commissioner Sean Aardema, Commissioner Scott Farkas, Commissioner Carol Goins, Commissioner David S. Robinson Sr., Commissioner Maggie Slocumb, Commissioner Kidada Wynn. **Also in attendance:** HACA Interim ED Rodney Norman, HACA COO Ella Santos, **Virtually** - Susan Russo-Klein, Attorney, Roberts & Stevens, P.A., Cherin Marmon-Saxe Executive Assistant.

Not in Attendance: Commissioner Laura Sotelo-Garcia.

II. Approval of Agenda:

Vice Chair Kimberley Collins moved to accept the Special Session Meeting Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Sean Aardema seconded. All Ayes, No Nays; The Commissioners unanimously approved the meeting agenda as presented.

III. Closed Session

• Retire to Closed Session

Commissioner Sean Aardema moved to go into closed session to consider the qualifications of prospective candidates for employment of President & CEO of the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville, as permitted under N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(6). **Vice Chair Kimberly Collins seconded.** All Ayes, No Nays; The Commissioners unanimously approved the motion to retire to closed session.

• Return from Closed Session

Commissioner Carols Goins moved to return to open session to consider, discuss, and take action on matters arising from closed session, as permitted by law. **Commissioner Sean Aardema seconded.** All Ayes, No Nays; The Commissioners unanimously approved the motion to return from closed session.

IV. New Business

Vice Chair Kimberly Collins requested a motion to extend the offer of President & CEO of The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville to candidate Ms. Ella Santos.

Commissioner Carols Goins moved to extend the offer of President & CEO of The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville to candidate Ms. Ella Santos. **Commissioner Kidada Wynn seconded** All Ayes, No Nays; The Commissioners unanimously approved the motion to make to offer to Ms. Ella Santos.

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Vice Chair Kimberly Collins requested a motion to be made to approve Chair Mychal Bacoate, to negotiate the benefits package for the position of President & CEO of The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville with Ms. Ella Santos.

Commissioner Carols Goins moved to approve Chair Mychal Bacoate, to negotiate the benefits package for the position of President & CEO of The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville with Ms. Ella Santos. **Commissioner Wynn seconded** the motion. All Ayes, No Nays; The Commissioners unanimously approved the motion to approve Chair Bacoate to negotiate benefits package with Ms. Ella Santos.

Meeting Adjournment at 5:45 PM



Asheville Housing Authority
Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Minutes: September 24, 2025
Meeting Location: 165 S. French Broad Ave., Asheville, 28801

Mychal Bacoate, Board Chair

Date:

ATTEST:

Rhodney Norman, Associate Secretary

Date:
