



The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (“HACA”) met virtually on Friday, April 03, 2026. This was a Special Meeting.

A closed session was held.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Mychal Bacoate; Vice Chair Kimberly Collins; Commissioners Sean Aardema, Scott Farkas, Carol Goins, David L. Robinson Sr., Maggie Slocumb, Laura Sotelo-Garcia, and Kidada Wynn.

Commissioners Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Staff and Guests: Ella Santos, Chief Executive Officer; Marvin Jean Jacques, Chief Operating Officer; Rhodney Norman, Sr. Advisor to CEO; Cherin Marmon-Saxe, Executive Assistant to CEO; Kyle Parks, Parks Public Relations; Susan Russo Klein, Legal Counsel.

Call to Order: Chairman Mychal Bacoate called the Special Virtual Session to order at 1:06 p.m. and read the mission statement of the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted by Cherin Marmon-Saxe, Executive Assistant, and a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda: Vice Chair Collins moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Aardema. Roll call vote: Bacoate, Yes; Collins, Yes; Aardema, Yes; Farkas, Yes; Goins, Yes; Robinson, Yes; Slocumb, Yes; Sotelo-Garcia, Yes; Wynn, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session: Commissioner Goins moved to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the Authority’s attorney to preserve attorney client privilege and § 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment or employment of a public officer or employee, or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance; seconded by Vice Chair Collins.

Roll call vote: Bacoate, Yes; Collins, Yes; Aardema, Yes; Farkas, Yes; Goins, Yes; Robinson, Yes; Slocumb, Yes; Sotelo-Garcia, Yes; Wynn, Yes. Motion carried unanimously. The Board entered closed session at approximately 1:21 p.m.

Return to Open Session: The Board returned to open session, and Chairman Bacoate stated for the record that no actions were taken during closed session.

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Recusals and Discussion: Prior to consideration of Resolution 2026-12, Commissioners David Robinson, Carol Goins, and Kidada Wynn disclosed potential conflicts of interest and formally recused themselves from discussion and voting.

A detailed discussion followed regarding Resolution 2026-12 and the proposed separation of PODS, Inc. Commissioner Scott Farkas raised questions regarding operational transition, continuity of services, potential impacts to residents, contract considerations, and implementation timing.

Leadership, including Ella Santos, Chief Executive Officer, and Marvin Jean Jacques, Chief Operating Officer, confirmed that transition planning had been evaluated, that no disruption to resident services was anticipated, and that appropriate coordination was in place to support implementation. No further discussion was raised.

Resolution 2026-12: Commissioner Carol Goins moved to approve Resolution 2026-12, Approval of the Official Separation of PODS, Inc. from the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville; seconded by Vice Chair Collins. Roll call vote: Bacoate, Yes; Collins, Yes; Aardema, Yes; Farkas, No; Goins, Recused; Robinson, Recused; Slocumb, Yes; Sotelo-Garcia, Yes; Wynn, Recused. Motion carried.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Vice Chair Collins moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Sean Aardema. Roll call vote: Bacoate, Yes; Collins, Yes; Aardema, Yes; Farkas, Yes; Goins, Yes; Robinson, Yes; Slocumb, Yes; Sotelo-Garcia, Yes; Wynn, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.



04/03/2026 Special Board meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Cherin Marmon-Saxe,
Executive Assistant.

APPROVED:

Mychal Bacoate, Board Chair

Date:

ATTEST:

Ella Santos, Secretary

Date:
