BATTLE CREEK HOUSING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting April 28, 2026

Pending Board Approval

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Battle Creek Housing Commission (BCHC) was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by President Simmons in the Main Office of Kellogg Manor, 250 Champion Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Commissioner Simmons, President
Commissioner Gillette, Vice President
Commissioner Gray

Excused:

Commissioner Torrey
Commissioner Guzzo
(Note: Commissioner Guzzo by prior arrangement could not join this meeting in person, but did join virtually in a non-voting capacity.)

Also present: Lee Talmage, Executive Director; John Paternoster, Deputy Director

BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Before approval of the Agenda Vice President Gillette requested that the Business portion was moved forward in the agenda to facilitate the possible need for her to leave the meeting early. The Commissioners agreed and a motion was then made by Commissioner Gray and supported by Vice President Gillette to approve the Meeting Agenda:

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous
Nays – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray and supported by Vice President Gillette to approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous

Nays – None

PUBLIC COMMENT & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission then turned to the Discussion of the Commission's need to consider revising it's Regular Meeting Schedule. Vice President Gillette then made a motion supported by Commissioner Gray to postpone the discussion at this time.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous
Nays – None

The Commission then discussed the recently received purchase offer for Georgetown Estates from Reliant Property Group of 5.75 million. After discussing the offer a motion was made by Vice President Gillette and supported by Commissioner Gray to decline the offer from Reliant and for Housing Commission staff to notify Eenhoorn LLC that BCHC will be taking over the management of Georgetown Estates.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous
Nays – None

Regarding Strategic Planning in 2026, a motion was made by Vice President Gillette and supported by Commissioner Gray to postpone that discussion.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous
Nays – None

BUSINESS:

Executive Director's Report

Director Talmage added to his report a follow up on the work the Commission had accomplished in revising the Personnel/Travel Policies. He stated the new Policy had been distributed to the staff and the signed Signature pages were being collected.

The Commission briefly discussed the upcoming need to replace a Commissioner in 2026 and that two possible candidates were being considered.

Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Paternoster's report was presented, is attached, and made a part of these minutes.

As previously mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, Vice President Gillette was excused from the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Comments: None

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gray alerted the Commission to the return of the travelling Viet Nam war exhibit, “The Wall that Heals”, coming to Battle Creek August 20-23.

He also reminded the Board the annual Juneteenth commemoration will take place on June 19^{th}.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:43 p.m. President Simmons adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Talmage
Secretary