



## **Business Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes March 6, 2025**

**Commission Members Present:** David Anderson, Kizzy Bradford, Coty Dunten, Patrese Griffin (present at 4:45pm) and Gwendolyn Hooker

**Commission Members Absent:** None

**Kalamazoo County Commissioner Present:** None

**Kalamazoo County Housing Director Present:** Mary Balkema

**Administrative Service Provider and Recording Secretary Present:** Holly Dean and Lisa Willcutt

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at the Kalamazoo County Building, Board Chambers, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue by President Griffin at 5:01pm.

### **Approve Minutes of the March 7, 2024, Annual Meeting**

Griffin asked for approval of the annual meeting minutes from March 7, 2024. The minutes were approved as submitted.

*Motion by Hooker*

*Support by Dunten*

*Motion approved*

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Items**

Dorise Braxton Russel lives at Crosstown Parkway Apartments (550 W. Crosstown Parkway) and stated a new tentative owner will be purchasing the apartment complex. She stated the residents received a letter outlining an agreement that may take place. She said the senior citizen residents are concerned that they may need to move. She has had three strokes and feels sorry for the tenants that cannot speak up for themselves. She wants to know where they will go during the temporary move.

Richard Mentor lives at Crosstown Parkway Apartments (550 W. Crosstown Parkway) and is on a committee to help the residents. He is trying to find a way to figure out what is going on. He stated the residents were sent a letter and were scared because they will need to be moved. He doesn't know if the new owners are bringing their own staff to manage the apartment complex, or if Medallion Management will continue to manage. He hopes the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission will be able to help.

### **Election of Officers**

The following slate of officers was moved for approval by Anderson:

President – Patrese Griffin

Vice President – Gwendolyn Hooker



**Kalamazoo County  
Public Housing Commission**

Secretary – Coty Dunten

*Motion by Anderson*

*Support by Hooker*

*Motion approved*

### **Commissioner Member Comments**

Vice President Hooker would like to see the letter given to the residents of Crosstown Parkway Apartments.

Commissioner Bradford was contacted by “seasoned” (senior) citizens. She contacted her resources as well as wrote a letter to the governor. She applauds MSHDA for stepping in for the residents of Hope Woods Senior Apartments. Bradford said she urges everyone who contacts her to research the laws. She also said that many more landlords in Kalamazoo are doing the same things as Hope Woods Senior Apartments.

President Griffin said she would like to connect with both residents from Crosstown Parkway Apartments that spoke up during the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:18pm

Submitted by: Holly Dean