RESOLUTION of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN

Resolution No. 2022-13

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PROTOCOLS FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO CONSULT WITH HOUSING AUTHORITY ATTORNEYS AND ACCOUNTANTS

Date Introduced: September 14, 2022

Date Adopted: September 14, 2022

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Linden ("Housing Authority"), a public entity organized and existing pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and the laws of the State of New Jersey, has determined that individual commissioners, in the discharge of their fiduciary duties and service as a member of the Board of Commissioners ("Board"), may have a need to consult with Housing Authority attorneys and accountants; and

WHEREAS, the Board is responsible for the overall governance and policy making of the Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board is directly and solely responsible to the United States Federal Government and in particular HUD to ensure that the Housing Authority administers its programs and expends its funds in compliance with a myriad of Federal and State legal requirements, including but not limited to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, 24 C.F.R. Part 5, 24 C.F.R. Part 960, 24 C.F.R. Part 966, 24 C.F.R. Part 982, the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq.), the N.J. Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et. seq.), the N.J. Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq.), the N.J. Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.), and the N.J. Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1 et. seq.); and

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WHEREAS, an informed and knowledgeable Board is a benefit to the Housing Authority and its residents; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly discharge its duties in an informed and knowledgeable manner, the Board has a right to have the benefit of legal advice and guidance and accounting advice and guidance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the Housing Authority and its overall goal of providing quality, affordable housing to low-income seniors to approve and authorize individual commissioners to consult the Housing Authority's attorneys and accountants as needed in the discharge of their duties as Housing Authority commissioners;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Linden hereby approves and authorizes individual commissioners to consult with the Housing Authority's attorneys and accountants as needed in the discharge of their duties as Housing Authority commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs that individual commissioners may consult with the Housing Authority's attorneys and accountants upon notice to the Board Chairperson or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Board Vice Chairperson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs that the Housing Authority's attorneys and accountants are authorized to and shall respond to commissioner inquiries at Board meetings and in between Board meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs that the Housing Authority's attorneys are authorized to and shall provide written legal opinions as requested by individual commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to take any and all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

Ann J. Ferguson, Secretary

Housing Authority of the City of Linden