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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2025

Corpus Christi Housing Authority

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson of the Board at 10:00a.m.

Upon roll call those Commissioners found to be present and absent were as follows:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Cathy Mehne  
Greg Smith  
Joe McComb  
Judith Gonzalez-Rodriguez

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Richard Balli

**COUNSEL:** Jeff Lehrman

**STAFF:**

Rhen Bass, Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Valerie Hernandez, Executive Assistant  
Lisa Garcia, Chief Operating Officer  
Tony Wilson, VP Development

Lorenzo Buitron, Sr. VP Maintenance & Construction  
Tadd Grimes, Finance  
Melissa Benavides, VP Human Resources  
Karen Miranda, VP Rental Housing

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Jennifer Buxton, City of Corpus Christi

The meeting having been duly advertised and convened the Chair declared a quorum present and business was transacted as follows:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Smith motioned for the Board to recess to closed session for the legal and personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner McComb.

The meeting reconvened at 11:22 a.m. for Open Session.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 15, 2025, pursuant to the adjustment of the Item 25-EO-114, replacing the past by majority vote with Motion passed ( 3 - Ayes, 1 - Nay, and 1 – Abstain).

Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2025 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Rodriguez. Motion passed (4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Smith motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Rodriguez. Motion passed (4 - Ayes and 0 - Nays)

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Action Item 25-EO-115:** Rhen Bass presented Amendment to CCHA Bylaws, Article IV – Delegation of Authority Section 2.

Commissioner McComb also brought up changes needed to Secretary of Records and Section 2 regarding scheduled meeting dates. Mr. Bass recommended a Bylaw workshop. Commissioner McComb motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed (4 - Ayes and 0 – Nays)

**Action Item 25-FIN-116:** Rhen Bass and Tadd Grimes presented the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 CCHA & CHP Annual Operating Budget. Commissioner Smith made a motion to table item, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Rodriguez. Motion passed (4 - Ayes and 0 – Nays)

**Action Item 25-EO-117:** Rhen Bass presented possible action to explore the hiring of a search firm to locate the next CEO/President. Commissioner Smith made a motion to authorize Interim CEO to submit RFP for Executive Search firms that are in the area of expertise of public employees, particularly Authorites, seconded by Commissioner McComb. Motion passed (4 - Ayes and 0 – Nays)

**Action Item 25-EO-118:** Regarding Mr. Rhen Bass’s compensation as Interim CEO, Commissioner Gonzalez-Rodriguez made a motion to provide a \$5,000.00 per month additional stipend, along with a car allowance of \$600.00 per month for no less than 120 days, retroactive to September 15, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed (4 - Ayes and 0 – Nays)

**Action Item 25-EO-119:** Rhen Bass explained that insurance options would be provided at a special meeting, if necessary. Commissioner Smith made a motion to table item, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Rodriguez. Motion passed (4 - Ayes and 0 – Nays)

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Tadd Grimes gave a brief report on the Financials for CC Housing Authority and Coastal Housing Partners.

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

CEO gave updates on the following:

- National Night Out – October 7 (4-6 p.m)
- Listening Sessions

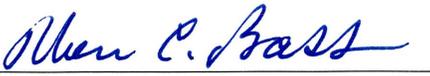
#### CHAIR/BOARD COMMENTS

Chairperson Mehne, Commissioner Smith and Comissioner Gonzalez Rodriguez acknowledged and praised staff for their time, effort and leadership.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

  
Cathy Mehne, Chair  
Board of Commissioners  
Housing Authority of the City of Corpus Christ

  
Rhen C. Bass, Secretary  
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