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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2025

Corpus Christi Housing Authority

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairperson at 11:33 a.m., and roll call certified a quorum was present.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Cathy Mehne  
Greg Smith  
Richard Balli  
Joe McComb  
Judith Gonzalez-Rodriguez

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

**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

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 matters, seconded by Commissioner McComb.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:53 p.m. for Open Session.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner McComb motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 29, 2025, with an amendment to the Board Secretary appointment wording, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed (5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays)

Commissioner McComb motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 10, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed (5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Smith motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner McComb. Motion passed (5 - Ayes and 0 - Nays)

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Action Item 25-EO-124:** Rhen Bass presented Insurance Coverage Proposal for Corpus Christi Housing Authority (CCHA) and Coastal Housing Partners (CHP). Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Option 1 with Higginbotham Base Proposal, seconded by Commissioner Balli. Motion passed (5 - Ayes and 0 – Nays)

**Action Item 25-EO-125** Rhen Bass presented proposed 2026 Board Meeting dates, noting the anticipated Special January meeting. Commissioner McComb recommended an asterisk for the April Annual Meeting. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Rodriguez. Motion passed (5 - Ayes and 0 – Nays)

**Action Item 25-EO-126:** Discussion regarding the hiring of a search firm for the CCHA's next CEO/President. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve hiring Strategic Government Resources, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Rodriguez. Motion passed (5 - 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

Interim CEO Rhen Bass gave updates on the following:

- Commissioners Training – January 13, 2026
- Commissioners Bylaws Workshop
- Commissioners Tour of Properties
- CEO Meetings: Todd Huner, City of CC Emergency Management
- Resident Concern Update: Clairelaine

#### CHAIR/BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner McComb had comments on the Construction report, the Human Resources turnover report, and the Rental Housing occupancy.

Chairperson Mehne thanked staff for all their work.

Vice-Chair Smith wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.



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



Rhen C. Bass, Interim CEO and President  
Board of Commissioners  
Housing Authority of the City of Corpus Christi



Valerie Hernandez, Secretary  
Housing Authority of the City of Corpus Christi