

## **Minutes of the Special Commission on Accessible Housing**

Date: March 18, 2025

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities

100 Cambridge St. #300,

Boston, MA 02114

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*Note: attendance for the 3/18/25 Special Commission on Accessible Housing meeting is hybrid.*

### **Members Present**

Secretary Ed Augustus (Chair)

Senator Julian Cyr

William Joyce

Matthew Steele

Valerie Fletcher

Catherine Boyle (Remote)

Jeff Dougan (Remote)

Danna Mauch *\*to be sworn in at a later date*

### **Absent**

Michael Muehe

David Gillespie

Representative Richard Haggerty

### **EOHLC Staff Present**

Benjamin Bryant

Gina McLaughlin

Eric Shupin

John Burke

### **Call to Order & Swearing In**

Secretary Ed Augustus (Chair) welcomed members to the inaugural meeting of the Accessible Housing Commission and called the meeting to order at 1:07pm. Present members of the Accessible Housing Commission were sworn in.

### **Vote to Host Meetings Remotely**

The Chair moved for a vote to hold Commission meetings remotely. Members voted unanimously (7 – 0) to approve the ability of the Commission to host remote meetings.

### **Member Introductions**

The Chair called on members of the Accessible Housing Commission to offer brief introductions and express one objective they hope to accomplish with the Commission.

### **Overview of Commission Charge & Logistics**

EOHLC Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, Eric Shupin, provided a high-level overview of the Accessible Housing Commission charge and work plan (see the Presentation #1, attached). The presentation highlights key aspects of the Commission's authorizing statutory language, expectations for Commission members, and a proposed work plan.

### **Discussion of Future Meeting Cadence and Open Discussion**

EOHLC Senior Advisor, Gina McLaughlin, provides an overview of key next steps for the Commission, noting that the full Council schedule is to be determined and sharing context for key next steps. The group spends time briefly discussing top challenges and potential areas of interest for the Commission. Secretary Ed Augustus provides wrap-up comments.

### **Adjourn**

The Chair noted that the meeting's agenda had concluded, and asked for a motion to adjourn. Senator Cyr made the motion, seconded by William Joyce. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0) and the meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

### **Materials: PowerPoint Presentation**