

## **Special Commission on Extremely Low-Income Housing Meeting Minutes**

March 26, 2025

10:00 – 11:00AM

Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities

100 Cambridge Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room A

Boston, MA 02114

### **Members Present**

Sec. Ed Augustus (Chair)

Brian Bickford

Andrew DeFranza

Rep. Adrienne Ramos

Rachel Heller

Megan Mulcahy

Libby Hayes

Roberta Rubin

Ann Jochnick

Chris Norris

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Bill Grogan

Sarah Byrnes

John Yazwinski

Emily Cooper (remote)

Emily Haber (remote)

### **Members Absent**

Bran Shim

Rep. Brad Jones

### **EOHLC Staff Present**

Gina McLaughlin

Eric Shupin

Benjamin Bryant

Matt Walsh

Jack Burke

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

The Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the Special Commission on Extremely Low-Income Housing and called the meeting to order at 10:06

All members of the Commission who were present at the meeting, both virtually and in person, were sworn in. Pursuant to Open Meeting Law, the Chair then named members of the Commission participating remotely.

### **Vote to Enable Remote Meeting Participation**

Pursuant to Open Meeting Law, the Chair asked for a motion to enable Commission members to participate in meetings remotely. Megan Mulcahy made the motion, seconded by Rachel Heller, and members voted unanimously (16-0) to approve of the ability of Commission members to participate remotely.

### **Member Introductions**

The Chair called on members of the Special Commission, as well as EOHLC staff present, to introduce themselves.

In introducing himself, the Chair noted that the Commission's work would be supported by data available through "A Home for Everyone: Massachusetts' Statewide Housing Plan" and

“Building for Tomorrow: Recommendations for addressing Massachusetts’ housing crisis.” He further noted the Commission’s work would be bolstered by the work of other related Special Commissions on Accessible Housing and Extremely Low-Income Housing.

### **Commission Charge & Logistics**

The Chair called on Gina McLaughlin to discuss the Commission’s charge and the tentative plan to fulfill that charge by the statutory reporting deadline. Gina noted that the State Housing Plan provides much of the data that will be needed for the Commission’s work. In addition to components noted in the Commission’s charge, members expressed interest in exploring recommendations concerning discrimination against voucher holders, support for extremely low-income individuals, the condition of existing housing for extremely low-income households, and the provision of supportive services, with an emphasis on geographic diversity.

### **Next Steps**

Gina discussed a planned monthly meeting cadence, gave a brief overview of the forthcoming member survey’s focus, and previewed upcoming meetings on data and housing production challenges.

### **Adjourn**

The Chair noted that the meeting’s agenda had concluded and asked for a motion to adjourn. Rachel Heller made the motion, seconded by John Yazwinski. Members voted unanimously (16-0) to approve the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 10:57AM.

### **Materials: PowerPoint Presentation**