



**2019-2021 Commissioners Communication
Subcommittee Teleconference Summary
Monday, January 25, 2021
1:00- 1:30 PM EASTERN TIME**

Presiding: Nikki Vazquez – Chair

Chair, Nikki Vazquez welcomed attending members and roll was called with no quorum.

Washington Conference – Nikki Vazquez

Chair Vazquez encouraged members to attend the virtual conference and stressed the importance in doing so, especially to get virtual time to speak to your respective representatives and senators about the issues that affect your agencies, residents and communities.

JOHCD article topics and/or Monitor newsletter – schedule is attached so please forward article topics and drafts to Chair Vazquez and La Tonya. Chair Vazquez may have an article topic for Commissioner’s Corner for March/April JOHCD.

#HousersAtWork update - Please enter stories, by email: sgimenez@nahro.org by Twitter using the hashtag or Facebook. For more info, check out the website: <https://www.nahro.org/news-publications/housersatwork-stories/>

Adult Literacy - Chair Karina Mason Rorris spoke with Adrian “AJ” Jones via Zoom call on January 20th. Chair Karina will be working closely with her to get something going with adult literacy. They have started the program development process and have lots of ideas.

Communications Plan - Chair Karina Mason Rorris is working on the Communications Plan and will have a draft in a couple weeks and will provide to the group for review and/or adjustments.

Promotion - Commissioner Fundamentals Virtual class (see attachment)

Please submit any items for subcommittee agenda discussion at the Google Doc file:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aBWK5JmU-W5H2g4jbgz4WoYru_LQUMCu2DrEID3G92o/edit?usp=sharing

Next committee meeting: March 22, 2021, 1:00 – 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS Every other month – 4 th Monday Beginning November 23 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time	
Chair: Nikki Vazquez	
1. Stefanie Benvenuto	4. Neil Flynn
2. Sam Bergami	5. Adrian Jones
3. Sandra Boutell	6. George Perez
Commissioner of the Year Group Co-Chairs: Johnny Johnson Henrietta Snipes	
7. Dorothy Carty Daniel	10. Sherry Scudder
8. Alisha Gant	11. Susan Ulrich
9. Mari Hayden	12. Fred Banuelos
13. Char Reavis	

- Communications members will draft and/or provide article topics for the Commissioner’s Corner of the *Journal of Housing and Community Development* magazine.
- Identify and recommend ways to communicate more effectively who NAHRO is and what NAHRO represents to our peers throughout the country.
- Create/Implement communications plan.
- Work on an adult literacy strategy and begin campaign.

Commissioners of the Year Group will encourage regions to submit regional commissioner award nominees for the national commissioner award consideration. Formulate strategy to ensure there are nominees every year. Review and select yearly award recipient.

MONITOR NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Issue	Copy
1. Jan. 15	Jan. 13
2. Jan. 31	Jan. 27
3. Feb. 15	Feb. 10
4. Feb. 28	Feb. 24
5. Mar. 15	Mar. 11
6. Mar. 31	Mar. 29
7. Apr. 15	Apr. 13
8. Apr. 30	Apr. 28
9. May 15	May 12
10. May 3	May 25
11. June 1	Jun. 11
12. June 3	Jun. 28
13. July 15	Jul. 14
14. July 31	July 28
15. Aug. 15	Aug. 11
16. Aug 31	Aug. 27
17. Sept. 15	Sept. 13
18. Sep. 3	Sept. 28
19. Oct.15	Oct. 13
20. Oct.31	Oct. 27
21. No. 15	Nov. 11
22. No. 30	Nov. 24
23. Dec. 15	Dec. 16

JOHCD ARTICLE SCHEDULE

- Jan-Feb: Friday, Jan. 29
- Mar-Apr: Friday, Mar. 2
- May-Jun: Friday, May 7
 - Jul-Aug: Friday, Jul 2
- Sept-Oct: Friday, Sept 3
 - Nov-Dec: Fri, Nov 5

Please encourage your colleagues to take this course

Title: Commissioners' Fundamentals Webinar.

What is the Schedule?

Tuesday, February 2-Friday, February 5, 2021 from 1:30-4:30pm ET

Who should attend?

This course is recommended for new housing commissioners, as well as experience commissioners wanting to expand their knowledge or working to complete their NAHRO Commissioners Certification.

Objectives:

By the completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Identify the various roles of a commissioner
- Explore the principles of board governance
- Define the commissioner's role in agency policies
- Describe the commissioner's role in the oversight of agency finances, and
- Explore the boundaries and relationship between commissioners and the Executive Director

Here's what others have to say about the course...

Excellent instructor, Darlene Kelly. Very interactive. Answered the majority of questions from the audience.

Good reinforcement information for all levels of board experience.

More aware of the role of a commissioner. I know now that I should have received a better orientation from our Executive Director which would have prepared me better for my role as a commissioner.

It was very informative. It addressed several subjects I was not aware of as a new commissioner.

Extremely professional, exceptionally done, excellent presenters who were extremely knowledgeable and prepared. Excellent usage of the Zoom format!! NAHRO has set the bar once again!!!

I like the interactive sessions in the chat rooms. It provided an opportunity to "meet" others and get ideas from

Note: Electronic copy of training manual included in the pricing.

Description:

Join our Commissioners Fundamentals course to create a strong foundation for your work as a housing commissioner. The commissioner's role is complex and can be daunting at times. We hope you will join us as we:

- explore the roles and responsibilities of housing commissioners,
- discover the multi-faceted commissioner roles as advocate, leader, team builder and strategist, as well as the intricacies of board-staff relationships and boundaries,
- review the principles and strategies of board governance, as well as some of the oversight functions of the board.

This virtual classroom includes four online modules, over four days. You will need to attend all four days to receive your course completion certificate. Commissioners Fundamentals is one of two NAHRO courses required to obtain your NAHRO Commissioners Certification. Becoming a [NAHRO Certified Commissioner](#) is a great way to show your commitment to becoming a knowledgeable, engaged and ethical leader in your organization. [Ethics for Commissioners](#) is the other course you'll want to complete to apply for your certification.