



## COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 3, 2021, 2:00 – 3:00 P.M., Eastern time

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COMMITTEE CHAIR, KARINA MASON RORRIS – PRESIDING

Chair Karina Mason Rorris called the meeting to order, welcomed guests. Roll call that did not result in a quorum so February 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4 and August 6 minutes could not be approved.

### Updates:

#### **Jenna Hampton, Governmental Relations Analyst, Congressional Relations**

August Advocacy - Jenna advised we exceeded our goals of 12,401 to over 43,000 letters sent and thanked the committee for their support. She encouraged members to continue to submit letters via [Action Alert Center](#) or the [Advocacy App](#) become involved - [Congressional Contacts](#) . [Advocacy/PR Toolkit](#) – Find info on advocacy training, legal issues in advocacy and other resources.

#### **Interim CEO Michael Gerber**

Mr. Gerber addressed the committee and thanked them for their commitment to the committee, their agencies and the residents they serve during these trying times. He also encouraged members to register for the NAHRO Online National Conference and Exhibition. October 7-8, with a couple bonus post-conference sessions on October 12 & 13. The registration fee for the online conference is \$195 for NAHRO Members; \$245 for Non-members. **REGISTER NOW!**

#### **NAHRO Knowledge Exchange Presentation**

Participants:

- Carl Richie, NAHRO Past President
- Patricia Wells, NAHRO Senior Vice Presidents
- Griffin Hagel, Executive Director  
Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu Housing Authority, Utqiagvik, Alaska

#### **Closing Thoughts – Chair Karina Mason Rorris**

Chair Karina Mason Rorris advised this is the last meeting of the 19-21 commissioners committee and that the 2019-2021 subcommittees will not meet in September. She thanked the members who were diligent in attending meetings even though a quorum was not reached. She felt it was important to maintain the connection and continue the exchange of ideas, best practices and moving the committee forward. She thanked everyone for their commitment to their agencies, communities and NAHRO and hopes that members will continue to serve during the 2021-2023 term. She thanked President Shaw, Senior Vice President Wells and Past President Richie for their participation and input.

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**Attendance:** Karina Mason Rorris, Fred Banuelos, Sam Bergami, Phil Bernal, Lucille Boss, Sandra Boutell, Barb Cleland, Carleen Cumberbatch, Dina Getty, Willie Haynes, Kenyon Lowe, Char Reavis, Sherry Scudder, E. Renee Smith, Gary Valentine, Nicole Vazquez and Carl Richie.

**Absent:** Stefanie Benvenuto, Dorothy Carty Daniel, Richard Conforti, Sheryl English, Robert Finch, Neil Flynn, Alisha Gant, Mari Hayden, Grant Henry, TomiRene Hettman, Dirk Hoek, Brenda Honeycutt, Thomas Jefferson, Johnny Johnson, Adrian Jones, Michael Lacey, Richard Laferte, George Perez, Henrietta Snipes, LaRence Snowden, Susan Ulrich, and Vincent White.