



## 2021-2023 Commissioners Committee Minutes

March 7, 2022

1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time

### Presiding: Lucille Boss – Chair

Chair, Lucille Boss welcomed members and guests and asked La Tonya Rajah, Staff Liaison, to conduct roll call which resulted in a quorum. Chair Boss asked for a motion to approve January 10, 2022 committee minutes; motion was made by Gary Valentine, seconded by Zella Knight. Motion Carried. Chair Boss yielded the floor for leadership remarks:

#### REMARKS

Interim CEO Mike Gerber thanked the committee for their commitment to NAHRO and the committee. He reminded the committee of the upcoming [2022 Virtual Washington Conference, March 28-30](#) and encouraged members to invite colleagues to attend. The strategic plan objectives currently being updated focus on regional, chapter, and state communication, and on improving governance, as well as the objectives set forth by the committees. The CEO Search process is anticipated to be completed prior to the Washington Conference at the end of March.

#### UPDATES

**Advocacy:** Jenna Hampton (Congressional Relations) asked the members to check their emails for a webinar regarding funding levels the week of March 7 or thereafter. She also encouraged anyone who wished to participate in Virtual Hill Day to contact her soon so meetings can be established with representatives.

**Professional Development:** Jackie Taboada (PD Director) requested an update to the definition of commissioner for the Commissioner Fundamentals training. Below is what is currently being used: *“An individual appointed by the local elected official (or body), empowered by state law to serve as a governing officer of a quasi-public corporation that functions as a developer, administrator and landlord of local affordable housing and redevelopment programs”*. Please forward input to Ms. Rajah to compile then forward to Ms. Taboada.

#### DISCUSSION

Strategic Plan Objectives were reviewed by Advocacy, Communications, DEI, and full committee, including a new Goal focused on finance and revenue.

#### REGIONAL REPORTS | Regional Vice Presidents (RVP) or \*regional member

As noted in the January 2022 meeting, each regional vice president (RVP) seated on the committee will connect with their respective regional leadership and be prepared to share regional highlights and activity (via e-mail or during virtual meeting). The RVPs are regional commissioners’ committee link to the corresponding national committee. Regional President, Regional Service Officer and Regional Vice Presidents for Commissioners, are below and can also be found along with chapter information and regional rosters on the NAHRO website under [NAHRO Regions and Chapters](#). \*We will call upon regional members without an RVP to provide update from the respective regions.

Region	Regional President	Regional VP-Commissioners	Regional Service Officer
New England Regional Council (NERC)	Randy Waters	Richard Laferte	Donna Brown Rego
Middle Atlantic Regional Council (MARC)	Kathy Walter	Dorothy Carty Daniel	Sylvia Bowen
Southeastern Regional Council (SERC)	Shaundra Clark	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>NO RSO</b>
North Central Regional Council (NCRC)	Alan Zais	Joe Grisson	Cheryl Anne Farmer
Southwest Regional Council (SWRC)	Tonya Mabry	Willie Haynes	Shelli Scrogum
Pacific Northwest Regional Council (PNRC)	Jillian Patterson	Karina Mason Rorris	Shelli Scrogum
Pacific Southwest Regional Council (PSWRC)	Barbara Kauss	<b>Vacant</b>	Kathy Cueto
Mountain Plains Regional Council (MPRC)	Lori Rosendahl	Cody Schuler	Brea Gilchrist

**NERC** - Richard Laferte (RVP) 2022 Annual Conference and Exhibition is scheduled for June 12-15 in Equinox Resort, Manchester, Vermont. The conference committee is working to develop a commissioners' track. The regional commissioners committee will meet quarterly (in-person or Zoom).

**SERC** - Johnny Johnson advised their last regional meeting was held in Augusta, Georgia in November 2021. The 2022-2023 strategic plan was reviewed and will be finalized at the next meeting in San Destin, Florida, the weekend of March 12-13. The region engaged in advocacy and have established a database to contact members.

**NCRC** - Joe Grisson (RVP) The regional committee will convene later in March. A report will be provided for the Commissioners Committee meeting in May.

**SWRC** - Willie Haynes (RVP) Regional committee not yet convened. A report will be provided for the Commissioners Committee meeting in May.

**PNRC** - Karina Mason Rorris (RVP) Regional conference was curtailed due to the surge in COVID cases. Discussions are ongoing for an online training/certification academy in lieu of a conference for later in March. A report will be provided for the Commissioners Committee meeting in May.

**No reports: MARC, PSWRC and MPRC**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS**

**Access To Zoom Meetings.** Check with LaTonya to ensure you have the full committee recurring Zoom invites. Once subcommittee recurring schedules are set, members will receive a meeting invite via Outlook. If you do not receive the Outlook invite, please contact [La Tonya](#).

Interim CEO Michael Gerber noted that his agency provides tablets for Commissioners who are challenged with technology/Zoom. As commissioners, have the right to ask your respective ED/CEOs for the technology to effectively do your job, whether paid or voluntary. If the ED/CEO cannot, they are obligated to provide an explanation why they cannot.

**Access to Commissioners Committee Pages.** Once you login to the NAHRO website with your user id/password, the Committee roster, subcommittee description and meeting schedules can be found on the [committee working materials page](#). If you do not know your user id and password, please contact La Tonya.

#### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

Chair Lucille Boss encouraged those without a subcommittee assignment to sign up for either Advocacy and Communications as Diversity and Equity is full at this time.

Vice Chair AJ Jones noted she is pleased to see so many faces during the meeting. She is happy to see diversity and equity embedded in all subcommittees and hopes that 2022 will be much better than 2021. Finally, Ms. Jones thanked all of the committee members for their service.

Meeting was adjourned.

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**Attendance:** Chair, Lucille Boss, Vice Chair, Adrian (AJ) Jones

**NERC:** Sam Bergami, Richard Laferte

**MARC:** Fred Banuelos, Angela Reed, Bobby Wilson

**NCRC:** Dina Getty, Joe Grisson, Delois McKinley-Eldridge, Renee Smith, Gary Valentine

**SERC:** Brenda Honeycutt, Johnny Johnson

**SWRC:** Gary Allsup, Willie Haynes

**PSWRC:** Homer Hall, Dirk Hoek, Zella Knight

**PNRC:** George Perez, Char Reavis, Joycelynn Straight, Karina Mason Rorris

**MPRC:** Barb Cleland

**Absent:** John Benton, Phil Bernal, Dorothy Carty Daniel, Richard Conforti, Carleen Cumberbatch, Neil Flynn, Gregory Hartwig Mari Hayden, Grant Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Cody Schuler, Susan Ulrich and Nicole Vazquez.

**Guests:** Interim CEO Gerber and Jenna Hampton

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**Next Commissioners Committee meeting:** May 2, 2022 1:00 -2:00 p.m., EST

**Attachments -** [Journal of Housing and Community Development Magazine print schedule](#)  
[Updated committee/subcommittee objectives](#)  
[Subcommittee list](#)