



**2021-2023 Virtual Commissioners Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, November 7, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.**  
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<http://www.nahro.org/content/nahro-commissionerscommittee>

Meeting was called to order by Chair Lucille Boss. Due to a lack of a quorum, the 9/21 minutes will be placed on the January agenda for approval.

### **Business**

- Commissioners Survey progress – deadline December 31, 2022  
**NAHRO Commissioners Survey:** <https://forms.gle/EoyLWPjpwha5VFs56>  
PDF version of survey: [here](#).

Committee members have forwarded survey to their respective agencies and are either in the process of completion or have completed and submitted survey.

Survey Purpose: The NAHRO Commissioners Committee works for programs and resources that impact affordable housing needs in their communities. Committee members encourage others to become H/CD Ambassadors and increase its reach locally and nationally. To accomplish this, they champion the need for viable communities to the public, elected representatives and the media. Commissioners Committee also support professional development opportunities for commissioners. In order to advance goals related to Advocacy, Communications, and Diversity-Equity-Inclusion-Access-Justice, Commissioners have drafted this survey. Results will set a baseline for advancing goals.

Instructions: One survey/submission should be completed for each Housing Authority; a Commission liaison/Chair should work closely with staff leadership to complete. Commissioners acknowledge this is a lengthy survey which may take an hour to complete if resident demographics are not readily available, and the timing may conflict with other pressing deadlines. Commissioners respectfully request completion by Dec. 31, 2022. If you have questions along the way, please do not hesitate to reach out to [lucilleboss@me.com](mailto:lucilleboss@me.com).

### **Strategic Objectives | Subcommittee Discussions**

- subcommittee objective updates will be tracked by – Word document instead of spreadsheet

### **Advocacy Subcommittee Updates | Renee Smith**

- In progress/Ongoing: Work with LNAC – advocacy workplan
- Completed: Commissioner Advocacy Basics training
- Completed: Advocacy Training module – expected launch -1<sup>st</sup> quarter -2023
- Completed: Commissioners Training
- Completed 2022/Ongoing: Created national conference sessions
- Completed 2022/Ongoing: Letter writing campaigns
- Not Yet Started: Promote NAHRO Certification at respective agencies

### **Communications | Char Reavis**

- Completed/Ongoing: Commissioners resource page update
- Completed/Ongoing: Commissioner of the Year – did not meet goal of one entry per state, we did exceed previous submissions with a total of 10 in 2022
- Not Yet Started: Creation of a specialized commissioners Letter for letter writing campaign – LNAC
- In Progress/Ongoing: will review survey to create talking points for commissioner meetings
- In Progress/Ongoing: Outreach to promote Housing America tasks
- In Progress/Ongoing: Articles for the Journal of Housing and Community Development magazine

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion | Zella Knight**

- Not Yet Started: Work with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DEIAC), Professional Development to develop external relationships with non-traditional organizations. Requesting support from commissioners by completing the survey by 12/31/22 and using data gathered to understand non-traditional partnerships
- In progress: meeting with Housing America chair, staff liaison who will discuss how subcommittee can assist with diversity, equity and inclusion issues.
- In progress: Seeking information from survey data that can shed light on next gen professionals or conversation with Tiffany Mangum, Chair, DEIAC's EIEA subcommittee.
- In progress: Survey completion

### **Committee Member Announcements**

Commissioner reappointments terms vary by city, county, state and may be in the agency bylaws.

### **Closing Remarks**

Chair Lucille Boss noted that prior to the subcommittee meeting schedules, she will meet with the subcommittee chairs to check in and sure everyone is on the same page with objectives/tasks and prepped for the respective subcommittee meetings.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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*Attendance:* Lucille Boss, AJ Jones, Fred Banuelos, Phil Bernal, Sam Bergami, Dorothy Carty Daniel, Alanna Conard, Karina Mason Rorris, Delois McKinney, Richard Laferte, Char Reavis, Cody Schuler, Renee Smith, Joycelynn Straight, Carleen Cumberbatch, Gary Valentine and Nikki Vazquez.

### **NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

Communications - December 2	3:00 – 4:00 p.m, Eastern Time
Advocacy - December 13	2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Eastern Time
<b>Diversity Equity and Inclusion – December 21</b>	<b>1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time</b>
<b>Reschedule mtg to new time</b>	<b>2:30 3:30</b>