



2021-2023 Advocacy Subcommittee  
Virtual Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2023 | 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. EST

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**Presiding: Renee Smith, Subcommittee Chair**

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**Call to Order/Welcome Guests - Chair Renee Smith**

**UPDATE**

**Hill Day/Washington Conference - Tess Hembree, Director, Legislative Affairs**

- Encouraged members to register for the Washington Conference by 2/15, early bird deadline.
- Schedule Hill visits, the earlier the better- Hill Day – March 23.
- Hill Day prep includes: a recorded webinar prior to your arrival to Washington and an advocacy session during the conference.

**NAHRO Commissioners Survey:** <https://forms.gle/EoyLWPipwha5VFs56>

Deadline moved to March 15, 2023. Reminder only one survey should be completed per agency with the collaboration of a commissioners committee member and their respective Executive Directors and staff for survey completion. If you have questions along the way, please do not hesitate to reach out to [lucilleboss@me.com](mailto:lucilleboss@me.com). A PDF of the survey can be found [here](#).

**[NAHRO Leadership Volunteer Form](#)** - It is time to complete the leadership volunteer form for the 2023-2025 term. If you are interested in continuing to serve on the Commissioners Committee or wish to serve on any other committee, please sign in and click on the link above to record your preferences. **DEADLINE IS March 31, 2023.**

**[2023 Washington Conference-](#)** Encourage your colleagues to attend the conference! Additionally, we'll kick off NAHRO's 90th anniversary celebration! Join us to celebrate nearly a century of being the leading housing and community development association as we look back on our storied history and move forward into the future.

**Discussion: Contingency objectives – begin to focus on the session proposals for the National conference and encouraging more certifications.**

**[Goals & Objectives](#) |**

**Next Steps Goal E**

- Submit 3-5 conference session proposals/topics for 2023 National Conference. (2022 submitted three, two were accepted)
- Discussion promoting NAHRO Certification program with Professional Development Director.

**December Meeting Recap: Presentation: Julz Harvey –Professional Development**

- Encourage colleagues to become certified. Work to have all commissioners committee members certified and continue outreach among board colleagues.
  - Commissioner PD offerings, training
  - Working with NAHRO to promote Advocacy training at all levels.
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## **Attachments/Resources**

### **2023 Subcommittee Virtual Recurring meetings (attached)**

[Commissioners Mentors List](#) - If you are interested in being a mentor and placed on the Mentors list, please contact [LaTonya Rajah](#), Staff Liaison.

### **[2023 NAHRO Monitor Print Schedule](#)**

**New JOHCD schedule** - twice-yearly. The first issue -July, second in December. Article deadline: mid-June and mid-November respectively

### **[Current Commissioner-related training schedule](#)**

### **[New committee/subcommittee objectives document](#)**

## **Attendance:**

Renee Smith, Gary Valentine, Dirk Hoek, Lucille Boss

## SUBCOMMITTEES RECURRING MEETING

Advocacy – Renee Smith, Chair

Bi-monthly schedule – Second Tuesday, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Eastern Time

February 14 , April 11, June 13, August 8

**Meeting URL:** <https://nahro-org.zoom.us/j/83683213953?pwd=Rnl3ZkZTam82NzZldzNKaHlxTTQxUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 836 8321 3953

**Passcode:** 697965

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