

**2025-2027 Commissioners Committee Chair/ Vice Chair Meeting (draft)**

**Theme: Setting Committee Groundwork**

**December 4, 2025 - Zoom meeting 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time**

**Presiding: Joe Grisson, Chair**

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**Establish Commissioner Handbook Working Groups – team members and leads**

The full committee’s first major task is to update the NAHRO Commissioner Handbook. Please select a group to serve on based on your expertise, keeping in mind the number of slots to be filled are 8 members per group. Contact La Tonya with your choice. If you do not select a group one will be assigned to you.

Each group will review their respective chapters, see links below, and be ready to discuss during the March 9<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Committee meeting at the Washington Conference. Your Team lead will determine if additional meetings are needed prior to the in-person meeting.

| <b>GROUP INFORMATION</b>  | <b>SLOTS REMAINING<br/>IN EACH GROUP</b> |
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| <b>Group A Team Lead : Jake Joseph (NERC)</b><br>Members: Donna Dixon (SWRC), Dena Murphy (MPRC)<br><a href="#">Intro to Chapter 3</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What a Commissioner Does</li><li>• A Contract with the Federal Government</li><li>• An Overview of Housing and Redevelopment Programs</li></ul>  | 5  |
| <b>Group B Team Lead: Scott Urmy (NCRC)</b><br>Members: Michael Baker (NCRC), Sam Bergami (NERC)<br><a href="#">Chapter 4 to 6</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program Financing and Monitoring</li><li>• Working with the Board and Executive Director</li><li>• Conducting Effective Board of Commissioners Meetings</li></ul>  | 5  |
| <b>Group C Team Lead - Tess Clark (MPRC)</b><br>Members: Angela Reed (MARC), Phil Bernal (MPRC), Fermika Smith (SERC), Erica Edwards (SWRC), Susie Washington (SERC)<br><a href="#">Chapter 7 to 9</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winning Government and Community Support</li><li>• Becoming and Affordable Housing Advocate</li><li>• Communicating Effectively with Residents</li></ul> | 2  |
| <b>Group D Team Lead: Greg Johnson (SWRC)</b><br>Members: Arthur Sampson, Jr. (SWRC), Joe Grisson (NCRC), Gary Valentine (NCRC)<br><a href="#">Chapter 10 to 12</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building a Successful Public Relations Strategy</li><li>• Ensuring Ethical Conduct and Practices</li><li>• What NAHRO Can Do For You</li></ul>  | 4  |

**Tentative Timeline:**

- Mid-December, 2025 - March 8, 2026, group review at Washington Conference in-person committee meeting
- Forward chapter review changes to La Tonya who will organize by Group then forward to Comms. Director, Sylvia Gimenez
- NAHRO staff will review and insert additional data for final review by committee
- Final review by committee, back to NAHRO Staff for final review, then production.

**Commissioner Committee Meeting Cadence: Bi-monthly Meetings**

Meetings will alternate by month, 1 hour meeting, eastern time

- Full Committee Meeting – as needed
- Committee Working Group Meeting – Groups A-D in same month. If necessary, a Doodle will go out to determine availability for each group to meet in February.

**Discussion: 2026 National Conference Commissioners Track Sessions Sessions**

presented at the 2025 National Conference:

- Voices of Residents
- Board Evaluation and Accountability

2026 session suggestions -Call for proposals begins in February.

- Resident Commissioner topics
- Succession panel
- Telling Your Story of Housing – In-Person and Online Storytelling that makes a difference

**ATTENDANCE:**

Joe Grisson, Phil Bernal, Fermika Smith, Jake Joseph, Scott Urmey, Greg Johnson, Tess Clark, Michael Baker, Angela Reed, Susie Washington, Erica Edwards, Arthur Sampson, Jr., Gary Valentine, Donna Dixon and Dena Murphy.

**Absent:** Sam Bergami, Dorothy Carty Daniel (ill), Lizette Mill, Gregory Pabon (ill), Johnnie Jackson, Johnny Johnson, John Morgan, Rickie Keith, Gary Singer, Rick Leco, TomiRene Hettman, Duana Ricks-Johnson, Katy Zemke, Chantha Oum, Lester Patrick, Tillmon Calvert, Alvin Jones, Alan Turnbo, Melli Wickliff

## 2025-2027 Commissioners Committee member emails

Returning Member from 2023-2025 term 34

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