Arlington Housing Authority HCV Public Hearing

Minutes

June 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order at 6:36 by Mr. Talanian.

Roll Call

Present: Nicholas Mitropolous

Gaar Talanian, Jo Anne Preston and

Fiorella Badilla

Absent: Brian Connor

Also Present: John Nagle, Executive Director,

John Greco, Attorney

Notice to Town Clerk

Notice of this meeting was delivered electronically on June 13, 2025 and posted by the Arlington Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

FSS Coordinator Report

Raji Ayinla, FSS Coordinator, put together a report for the FSS Program. He explained how the Program works and what he plans to do with the participants. He is working on trying to improve the program.

Ms. Badilla asked what is the graduation?

Mr. Ayinla explained how the FSS Program works for the individuals that are in the Section 8 Program. He explained the goals that the individuals have to be met. He said that the goals can be adjusted.

Ms. Badilla asked what is the escrow?

Mr. Ayinla explained if the family gets an increase in salary that means the rent goes up. What happens is they take the increase and put it into escrow. He said that the needs are very specific for each and every participant.

Housing Choice Voucher Program Goals & Objectives Annual Hearing

Mr. Nagle reviewed the goals and objectives of the Section 8 program with the AHA Board.

Ms. Thomas said we have come up with ideas on the shortfall. We are in a holding pattern. We have reviewed the utility allowance and brought that down. We are reviewing the families that have zero income.

Ms. Thomas indicated that the Section 8 program will be going direct deposit for landlords effective July 1st.

Ms. Thomas indicated that the AHA Section 8 program is rated as a high performer.

Ms. Preston asked if all of Section 8 is federally funded. She also indicated that she has concerns regarding project-based vouchers. She asked if any of our vouchers are currently project-based vouchers.

Ms. Thomas said no. She also indicated that most of our Section 8 participants are in Arlington. She also indicated that when the AHA pulls a wait list most applicants live or work in Arlington.

Ms. Preston wanted to know why we are not closing the list.

Ms. Thomas said when someone comes in and wants to be on Section 8, they go through the application process.

Public Comments

NONE

Approval of Civil Rights Certification

Upon a motion made by Ms. Badilla and seconded by Ms. Preston it was unanimously voted in favor to Approve the Civil Rights Certification.

| Roll Call | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| Nicholas Mitropoulos | X | |
| Gaar Talanian | X | |
| Jo Anne Preston | X | |
| Fiorella Badilla | X | |

Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion made by Ms. Preston and seconded by Ms. Badilla it was unanimously voted in favor to Adjourn the HCV Public Hearing.

| Roll Call | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| Nicholas Mitropoulos | X | |
| Gaar Talanian | X | |
| Jo Anne Preston | X | |
| Fiorella Badilla | X | |