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Minutes of a Special Meeting Of the Gardner Housing Authority March 25, 2022

A Special Meeting of the Gardner Housing Authority was held Friday, March 25, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Congregate Dining room at 116 Church Street, Gardner MA. Upon the call of the Chairman, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Roger Tousignant, George Ouellet, Stephen Hancock, Stephen Cormier, Jeanne May, Sandra Mullins

Excused: None

Also Present: Peter Goguen, Maintenance Director

The Board met to interview one candidate presented by the Search Committee chosen for the position of Executive Director for the Gardner Housing Authority. The Search Committee previously interviewed four candidates out of the eight resumes received for the position. The four candidates were evaluated and ranked according to areas of housing experience.

Krishonna Murray was the candidate invited to interview before the full board by the Search Committee. Ms. Murray currently works for the Marlborough Community Development Authority and manages all aspects of the ch. 667, ch. 705 & ch. 689 programs as well as supervising administrative and maintenance staff. The board members not on the Search Committee asked several pertinent questions related to housing. Ms. Murray provided a letter of professional and character reference/recommendation from the Executive Director of the MCDA. This letter gave Ms. Murray an exemplary reference regarding her attention to detail handling projects and working under stressful conditions as well as a good rapport with residents, applicants, co-workers and service providers.

The board thanked Ms. Murray and asked her to step outside while they met in Executive Session to discuss.

At 1:30 PM a Motion was made by G. Ouellet and Seconded by J. Hancock to enter into Executive Session to discuss the hiring and salary negotiations of K. Murray. Voted Unanimously.

At the conclusion of executive session (1:45 PM) the board resumed the meeting in open session.

At 1:45 PM the board resumed to Regular session and called Krishonna Murray into the meeting. The board asked her what kind of a notice she would need to give and if she would agree to train one day per week until the end of April until Ms. Mullins' last day 4/29/2022 . She was receptive to that and stated she would need to give a month's notice to her employer and would most definitely be willing to take a day each week to familiarize herself with GHA. The Chair called for a vote from all members. A motion was made by S. Cormier and Seconded by J. May to offer Krishonna Murray the position of Executive Director of the Gardner Housing Authority for the yearly salary of \$95,000.00 and based on review, approval and acceptance of contract by DHCD. Voted Unanimously.

The amount of salary had previously been discussed in Executive session. The Board agreed to offer Ms. Murray \$95,000 annual salary for the first year of her contract 5/2/2022 – 9/30/2023. K. Murray was very pleased and thanked everyone for the offer and would like to review the contract prior to signing. All agreed.

A Motion was made by G. Ouellet and Seconded by S. Cormier to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 PM. Voted Unanimously.