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	MEETING OF THE TOWN OF : TRANSCRIPT
3	HARRISON HOUSING AUTHORITY : OF PROCEEDINGS
4	OPEN SESSION
5	Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6 p.m.
6	Harrison Gardens, Bldg. #1
	788 Harrison Avenue
7	Harrison, New Jersey 07029
	PRESENT:
8	JAMES P. DORAN, Ed.D, CHAIRMAN
9	ARTHUR PETTIGREW, VICE CHAIRMAN
10	BRUNILDA MUSTILLI, COMMISSIONER
11	FREDERICK CONFESSORE, COMMISSIONER
12	RICHARD MILLER, COMMISSIONER
13	EXCUSED:
14	DANIEL CHOFFO, COMMISSIONER
15	DAWN KINSELLA, COMMISSIONER
16	ALSO PRESENT:
17	RAYMOND LUCAS, Executive Director
18	JOSEPH MANFREDI, ESQ. Board Attorney (Zoom)
19	MAUREEN GILMORE, Authority Staff
20	GENE GILMORE, Maintenance Supervisor
21	JOAN MICHAELSON, Authority Staff
22	MIKE CARLON, Accountant (Zoom)
23	MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
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1	THE CHAIRMAN: I hereby declare this
2	meeting to order and state that this is a meeting
3	of the Harrison Housing Authority of the Town of
4	Harrison scheduled for May 10, 2022. This
5	meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting, and
6	proper public notice of time, date, location,
7	purpose and agenda have been posted in compliance
8	with the Sunshine Law.
9	I'd ask all to please join me in
10	saluting the flag.
11	(Pledge of Allegiance.)
12	THE CHAIRMAN: Before I call the roll,
13	I want to just acknowledge that on screen with us
14	we have Mike Carlon from Geltrude Accounting and
15	Joe Manfredi the attorney, and the rest of us
16	here.
17	Clerk, call the roll.
18	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo,
19	absent.
20	Commissioner Confessore.
21	COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Here.
22	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella,
23	absent.
24	Commissioner Miller.
25	COMMISSIONER MILLER: Here.

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1	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
2	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Here.
3	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
4	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Here.
5	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
6	THE CHAIRMAN: Here.
7	Can I have a motion to approve the
8	minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting?
9	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion.
10	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion by Pettigrew.
11	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second.
12	THE CHAIRMAN: Second by Mustilli.
13	Clerk, call the roll.
14	COMMISSIONER MILLER: I have to
15	abstain.
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. When we get to
17	you.
18	COMMISSIONER MILLER: So I don't know
19	the proper rules of order.
20	THE CHAIRMAN: You know, some believe
21	when you weren't here you should abstain. Some
22	believe that you've read the minutes, and so
23	you're a voting member. It's your call.
24	COMMISSIONER MILLER: Whatever you want
25	to do.

world there are variances where -- the point is simple, to give you an example, the gas, which PSE&G provides, but then they sub it out to another contractor. We had one and they folded, and now PSE&G has it, and they're looking for a sub. Now everybody knows the gas prices in the city, it's 6.25, in California it's \$9. So that bill might not be budgeted correctly, but from month to month it varies. At the end of the year report -- which we'll send it to you in June when we send it to HUD at the end of this month -- you will have balance to balance. But anything over 10 percent and/or 22,000 there will be a written explanation of why it is that much over, okay.

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I do have Mike Carlon on the line today, our accountant, just in case you wanted a further explanation, he can give it to you.

MR. MILLER: It's not on the accounting report. We do it all the time in management.

DIRECTOR LUCAS: Here it's an accounting report. We work with them with the numbers. That's how we do it.

COMMISSIONER MILLER: So if it's an accounting report, then I'll ask whoever is responsible. Because unfortunately I wasn't in

the city to get to a big printer, but I tried to line up Excel line items line by line. And from the month of -- I've got to remember. The month that's here with the month that I was at last time. So this report is from April, and the February do not line up line by line.

DIRECTOR LUCAS: Okay.

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COMMISSIONER MILLER: So here it is, just for me to take a quick look, just to check on it. And the people that report to me, I like it to line up so you can do it quickly, see if there's anything out. And here, like lines disappear, there are less lines in April than there are in February. That, to me, is saying that, you know, how do you do month-to-month reports when you've got things that don't line up? The whole beauty of Excel is to have line items line up so you can quickly see if you've got revenue comparing to revenue. That you don't have parking -- I'm just using the parking revenue, parking doesn't line up with credit reports. The only way to do it is to quickly look at it.

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MR. CARLON: There's a new year, the

Michael.

DIRECTOR LUCAS:

1 year starts April 1st. So that's the report that 2. we're providing to you, is essentially the first 3 month of the new year. So I guess, you know, we never thought about comparing it to February, 4 5 because, again, February to March, because we're starting a new year. So this April report that 6 we're providing to you is the start of the new So the activity for the new year is only 8 one month, and then we're starting on the new 10 budget.

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So when you're saying it doesn't line up, I mean, the line items were all the same.

Those are general ledger accounts, so they should all be the same that you've had before.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, moving forward,
Mike, will May's report reflect the same columns
that are in April's report?

MR. CARLON: Yes, yes. So you'll have the report showing the month activity and the year-to-date activity. So next month you'll have May alone, and April and May together as the year to date. And then it will be comparing it to the budget for one month, and the budget for two months.

THE CHAIRMAN: So, for example, if

electricity was on Line 5 of the spreadsheet,
when I look next month it will be a continuation
of electricity, it won't be something else?

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MR. CARLON: Correct, yes.

MR. MILLER: Hold on a second. I know how -- he's generating a report, let's say in the month of -- I'm just using -- can I borrow your reading glasses?

THE CHAIRMAN: You can use mine.

COMMISSIONER MILLER: I didn't realize how small it was.

THE CHAIRMAN: I thought that was an eye test.

MR. MILLER: On an Excel spreadsheet -I was only kidding about that. By way of
example, you might have gas on Line 12, and then
the following month you have the account going to
the third-party vendor that you're using. By
going onto an Excel sheet, you just added a line.
That line does not appear in April's report, but
showed up in February's report. So if you don't
have the same model that has the same thing with
the most number of lines, it will not line up no
matter what you do, unless you do that. So
that's what I'm used to, is where the lines are

the same so that it always -- and it might be 0 until you need it. But unless you've got every line, you know, 1 through 80, with all the correct expenses, they won't line up. On the revenue, it doesn't even line up on the revenue side because you've got some additional lines in February that don't appear in April. I'm just giving you how you have to have the same.

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So once you start with a template of February, even though you're not comparing month to month, but you're comparing line items. It has to -- someone has got to spend -- it doesn't take more than five minutes to do. You just cut and paste.

COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Or use the same template going forward; right?

MS. MICHAELSON: In November we switched over to new software called PHA Web.

And the new software has --

MR. MILLER: You were switching. I do this, and we switched softwares. It requires someone to spend the time to take the data that you get from your accounting program and put it into an Excel sheet and line up the stuff. It takes five minutes.

1	MS. MICHAELSON: And going forward,
2	with April forward the accounts will be the same.
3	PHA now is using the same account numbers that
4	they do for the audit. So the gas will be gas,
5	the water will be water, the sewer will be sewer.
6	Back then when you saw February's, you saw the
7	QuickBooks accounts instead of our accounts.
8	That's the difference.
9	MR. MILLER: Right. But even still
10	you're going to have to what happens if, like
11	using Ray's example, gas. Now you're going to
12	have one gas line whether it's PS&G or the
13	third-party vendor?
14	MS. MICHAELSON: Yes, all the gas, that
15	expense all goes to gas. For instance, on the
16	old system, water and sewer were in the same
17	account. Now we have an account for water and we
18	have an account for sewer.
19	DIRECTOR LUCAS: Everything will line
20	up going forward, Richard.
21	MS. MICHAELSON: I mean, with your
22	permission I can send you what we did for April.
23	DIRECTOR LUCAS: Yes, you do have my
24	permission.

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Do me a favor, Richard, check it out,

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- we'll send it to you. Check it out and let me know, give me a call tomorrow.
- MS. MICHAELSON: If you want, I can print it out for you.

5 DIRECTOR LUCAS: It will be the same.

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COMMISSIONER MILLER: Well, the reason that I ask for it is because when I looked at bills and expenses that are supposed to be paid, you've got an expense that's negative.

DIRECTOR LUCAS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MILLER: So how do you have as an expense -- it's a revenue number. Either you're getting a credit -- but how does it become negative? That's why I'm looking for the stuff, because in the prior months you had an explanation where you said you flatlined the utility bills, and I'm just trying to understand how you're budgeting going forward. Like here you know your gas bill is going to be higher in the wintertime.

DIRECTOR LUCAS: Exactly, and my water bill is going to be soaring in the summertime because of the fountains.

MR. MILLER: Right, I agree with you.

But it should be reflected, not that the end of

- the year it adds up, which I understand
 completely. But when certain things are starting
 to become expensive, you might have to defer
 something. You know, in my world sometimes you
 have to -
 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Our world and the
 - construction world where everything adds up is not the same as the HUD world, it's completely, absolutely different. The first thing I learned when I took this job, I thought all my knowledge of when I came here would help, and actually, to be totally honest with you, it's the total opposite. HUD has its own rules for everything. And I mean everything.
- THE CHAIRMAN: You still can't overdraft an account, I would assume.

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- DIRECTOR LUCAS: Correct. But we can move the money easily in and out of every single account. There is no HUD guy calling me and saying, Ray, why did you move this money over here to cover that? You know --
- THE CHAIRMAN: But at least, what I think Richard is trying to ask is if you can show what is moved and what isn't moved.
- DIRECTOR LUCAS: Absolutely, not a

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MR. MILLER: So I found an example.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mike, can you hear him?

4 MR. CARLON: I can hear you. The

5 video's broken, but I hear you.

MR. MILLER: Okay. In the February budget you had a line item for, it was 70612, HUD capital grants, COVID. By the fact that you had that number in February makes it hard to --

DIRECTOR LUCAS: We didn't have it in January, they took it away.

MR. CARLON: But the COVID, that was
for last year. So that doesn't --

MR. MILLER: I'm aware. But as a person, the fact that it shows 0 is in my mind what happened, you give an explanation to the variance, it disappeared. But once you delete line items, it's hard to ever remember they were there. It doesn't cost any -- you know, Animal House, John Belushi, when he comes into the thing, You want a beer? It costs nothing. It doesn't cost any money to put a line into the Excel spreadsheet. This way you can see that the COVID money disappeared.

I understand that everyone is trying to

understand what's going on, but when you have things disappear, that to me is like -- I get nervous. Especially in a construction job, when I see people taking stuff that was in the budget before and it disappears. Show me a 0, I don't care.

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MR. CARLON: But if you started a new construction job and there wasn't, I don't know, let's say doors, jut as an example, on a new construction job, you wouldn't have a door line if you're not going to be installing doors.

MR. MILLER: No. But to continue your thing, I've got, here in Harrison I've got seven buildings, and I know that there's recuring line items. Now, if in my new building I don't put in the same kind of air conditioning system, I don't add them, but I would like to know that I don't have the expenses going forward.

If you don't have a standard line item it's hard for you to see exactly what's there and different. And I've been doing this, I'm sorry to say, 43 years. So I'm trying to say, look, have it in there. Even if it's 0, it sticks out in your mind. If it's a line item that's not there in a budget that all of a sudden pops up,

you don't know about it. Or one of the people might have experience and say, hey, by the way, the water bill is going up in Harrison, not the sewer bill, the water bill. And then you have a chance to do it. You can buy water and sewer, by way of example, you don't know what's going on.

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DIRECTOR LUCAS: It will be separate -- MR. MILLER: No, I'm using an example.

DIRECTOR LUCAS: But I'm answering. In the old system they were together. In the new system every separate item will have its own line item.

COMMISSIONER MILLER: The utility
bills, you can save money on your gas bills by
going to a vendor, a third-party vendor. I'm
saying if you separate, one is the transmission
side, one is the production side. Your big
utility bill is here. That's your fixed costs.
Insurance you might have, break it up, you might
decide what's one line. But here all of a sudden
workman's comp is going out of control. You
can't see by having line items all blended into
one. And it's a way that we can help you. I'm
not here to hurt, I'm here to say this is what
I'm saying from doing this a long time.

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1	MS. MICHAELSON: Well, this report that
2	I just handed you is the first time we did
3	anything like this under the PHA Web. And this
4	will show you the accounting fees, why they're
5	up, what's up or down, the balance. A lot of
6	this has to do with the coding of the accounts
7	that we used in QuickBooks, that we're using now.
8	This should help you.
9	All the expenses, the number is
LO	annualized each month. So in months like this
L1	the gas will be a lot higher because we needed it
L2	more, other months it will go lower.
L3	MR. MILLER: Right. But in our
L4	buildings after you've got a
L5	MS. MICHAELSON: You trend it.
L6	MR. MILLER: You trend it, exactly.
L7	MS. MICHAELSON: HUD doesn't trend.
L8	They take the number and divide it by 12. That's
L9	for the utilities.
20	MR. MILLER: But that's so here
21	you're now saying the standards we're going to
22	use, whether or not they throw you under a bus,
23	are going to be HUD standards; correct?
24	DIRECTOR LUCAS: Correct.
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- words, we're going to perform to HUD standards,
 we can't perform above?
- DIRECTOR LUCAS: That's who we're governed by.
- 5 MR. MILLER: No, no, wait a second. 6 You're governed by -- that means you can't do and
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- DIRECTOR LUCAS: Joseph, can you

 explain to Richard what I'm trying to say so he

 can understand what I mean by we have to follow

 HUD rules?
- MR. MILLER: Wait. HUD rules is -- for the PHA I understand.
 - DIRECTOR LUCAS: No, I'm not saying you don't understand anything. What I'm saying is we have to follow HUD rules, that's who gives us our money to run the buildings.
 - MR. CARLON: If we feel that there's months -- right now on most of the items other than (inaudible) we're just dividing the overall budget, the annual budget by 12. Other than payroll in the months that we have five payrolls we're allocating it for the five payrolls.

 There's no restriction from HUD on being able to

change around our annual budget on a monthly

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basis. We haven't historically done that because
we didn't want to get into the minutia of trying
to allocate, like for instance, we're not going
to -- I guess you want us to look at the month of
February, and in the month of February the gas
and heating may be higher --

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MR. MILLER: In our shop you would divide, you take 90 percent of the gas bill, because some is used for hot water, obviously, but we take 90 percent of the gas bill and separate it over the months of payment in December through May. And it's like we walked in here before the last meetings we had the, at one of the last meetings we hired a summer guard service. So would you take that bill and separate it over 12 months, or would you say that it's going to show up in May in the summer months?

MS. MICHAELSON: According to this budget, it's 12 months.

MR. MILLER: I know it's according to 12 months. And then the purpose of this is we'll wait until the end of the year and all we do is wait for the budget to be reported to HUD.

That's what you're saying. You're saying that --

why do we spend any time reviewing budgets if all we're going to is divide it by 12? I mean, you're just saying wait until the end of the year and we'll see what the variance is, and it will either be 0 or some number that, whoa, we're out of budget.

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DIRECTOR LUCAS: Yes. The best part of working for HUD is we can put a line item and say heating, like Richard said, this is what we're budgeting for the 12 months. Now, if that number rises immensely, I can move money in the capital fund to cover that expense. We don't have to worry about the fluctuation as long as the money is in the line item. Like we have line items for just about everything here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, if it's divided by 12 months, then how do you know if it's going up? Like where do you judge that?

DIRECTOR LUCAS: When we get the variance report it will say this month percentage is over what we allotted for that month. But the next month will be so low it balances itself off after the 12 months. That's why they do the average of the 12 months. Does that make sense, Dr. D?

MS. MICHAELSON: See, we had, right now we have electricity is low because we don't have air conditioners going. So we have a positive variance in electric. And then by the time July and August comes up, it will go higher than the monthly amount because we generate more. That's the issue with gas now. The water and sewer, water will go up because our sprinklers will be on during the summer months. But then it will go down.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. My question would be then, just like your normal accounting. If you get an electric bill that's 15,000, and you have 12,000 in that account, what triggers you to say, Oh, we can't send them a check yet because we don't have the money?

MS. MICHAELSON: It doesn't, because in HUD we have the money. It's not like it's a private business where they generate -- we don't have a net operating income. We don't put capital below that line to get a different income, a profit. Our expenses, operating expenses are above the line. And they're so budgeted that by the end of the year, like at the end of March 31, 2022, we will be within 1

percent of budget by the end of the year. What Mr. Miller is saying is right, that month by month we have may have different variances.

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THE CHAIRMAN: But at what point would you notice and say, Gee, we're getting now near November and it doesn't look like we have enough money to, you know, like right now at the schools we had to implement a spending freeze because we're not sure if we have enough money because we've been following the accounts and saying, gee, we have no more money left in supplies, we have no more money left here, salaries are getting really close. And so at what point does it trigger you to make some adjustments based on your numbers?

MS. MICHAELSON: Well, I would do it two ways. First of all, I would look at our income and know how much money I have in the bank, and we have pretty substantial money in our master account, number one.

Number two, I would look at the expenses and see where I can cut it back. It's like utilities, which is usually our biggest expense. But the operating, we have such a history with the maintenance supplies that our

overage is usually -- we have exceptional turnovers in apartments. Like this month we have two apartments. So the supplies are going to be higher, whereas next month we may not have two turnovers. So that would balance it out. A lot of the variances now we're seeing is because the codes are different. We're no longer using QuickBooks. We're using the PHA codes, which are the same codes that the auditor uses. So it's just a period of getting through it.

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Our income was higher this month. We had the tenants pay their rent, so that caused a variance. We haven't raised rents, so our variances aren't going up because we raised rents, they're going up because we had people pay the rent. We had to write off some money because two tenants died and we couldn't send it to collections, so we had to write it off.

So a property this small, we can give as much detail as you want. And the experienced people who have been here between Gene and Maureen, they know what we're spending money on. You know, we don't, we're not elaborately spending for office supplies and things likes that.

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1	THE CHAIRMAN: So just that same school
2	of thought then: What would you do in a month
3	where you had ten people move out, and how much
4	do you have in that account? How would you
5	MS. MICHAELSON: Well, first of all, in
6	this development it's very rare to have because
7	our people don't leave until they pass away.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: But just say it
9	happened.
10	DIRECTOR LUCAS: Hypothetically that
11	one time.
12	MS. MICHAELSON: Then Ray would call
13	HUD and explain to them that we're going to have
14	a deficit this month, but we have money in our
15	master account to help us.
16	DIRECTOR LUCAS: To cover it.
17	THE CHAIRMAN: So you'd transfer money
18	to that account.
19	DIRECTOR LUCAS: I have to let them
20	know.
21	MS. MICHAELSON: It's up to Ray to let
22	HUD know that our operations are lower because we
23	had unexpectedly ten people move out.
24	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Well, what
25	happens when you deplete the master account?

DIRECTOR LUCAS: Then you'd be in big

2 trouble.

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MS. MICHAELSON: Then you call Ray. I would know beforehand.

DIRECTOR LUCAS: Artie, the answer to your question is this: We have money from 2019, 2020 and 2021. The reason why we have so much money is because when we were doing the electrical upgrade most of our spending stopped because I was nervous about what we were getting.

Our subsidy is coming at the end of June, our new

12 subsidy, right. So 2018 had to be completely

13 shut down because, or HUD will come in and take

their money back. So you have to use it, right.

So when we had the upgrade we stopped spending

16 basically until we got all the RFPs in to

understand how much we were going to allocate.

But with the money we have left for 2019 and 2020

19 we're fine.

MS. MICHAELSON: And 2021.

21 DIRECTOR LUCAS: And 2021.

MR. MILLER: But you don't even get the

23 balance sheet on a regular basis.

24 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Balance sheet for

25 what? I don't understand.

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               MR. MILLER: Just answering our
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     question. How would we know, as a commissioner
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     how would Dr. Doran know, how would Lindy know,
     how would people know? We don't get a balance
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               DIRECTOR LUCAS: Is that what you want;
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     you want a balance sheet?
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               DIRECTOR LUCAS: Not something we've
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     done before. No, it isn't.
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               COMMISSIONER MILLER: You've given it
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     to us before.
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               DIRECTOR LUCAS: If you ask for it I
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     give you anything you want.
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               MR. MILLER: I asked for it. I asked
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     budget on gas and electricity in the winter, just
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     like Dr. Doran said, I would start to get
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               DIRECTOR LUCAS: We'll send you the
     accounts, how much we have in the account. I'm
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not 100 percent positive of what we had in 2019.

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- We have most of it minus our salaries, but 2020 I haven't touched much.
- MS. GILMORE: That's only for stuff for work in the buildings, not for anything else.
- MS. MICHAELSON: To answer Artie's
 question. If our master account got depleted, we
 have the right and the ability being a Housing
 Authority to go to HUD and say because this,
 this, this and this, and then that would be
 adjusted for next year's budget.
- DIRECTOR LUCAS: And we get more money.
- MS. MICHAELSON: Mr. Miller, we don't
- have a vacancy percentage here. We're never
- 14 vacant. Other places where I've worked we had a
- 5 or 10 percent vacancy; we've never had a
- 16 vacancy issue. So it's different thinking when
- 17 | it comes to finances.
- DIRECTOR LUCAS: To be honest, our list
- 19 is closed.
- 20 | COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: You wouldn't
- 21 either if you charge what we charge for rent.
- 22 You'd be full.
- 23 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Don't forget, Richard,
- we charge 30 percent of your salary and that's
- 25 | it. You don't pay utilities.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mike, would it be 1 2. possible for you, Ray and Richard to have a conversation to kind of fine-tune as to what 3 should be included in the monthly reports? 4 5 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Dr. D, whatever he 6 asks us to do, we'll do. That's not a problem. 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Can he hear me? My question was, Mike, if you didn't hear it, can 8 9 you have a conversation with yourself, Ray and 10 Mr. Miller to find out what would be the best 11 monthly report so that it would be easy to read? 12 Is that possible? 13 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Yes, 100 percent. THE CHAIRMAN: Did he hear me? 14 15 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Mike? Can you hear 16 Dr. Doran? 17 MR. CARLON: Yes, he wants to figure 18 out the best monthly report. This monthly report 19 that's being generated is obviously being 20 generated right out of PHA. So ideally we'd like 21 to keep it that the reports are generated out of 2.2 PHA just to make things consistent with what 23 you're talking about, Mr. Miller. 2.4 THE CHAIRMAN: Right. So at one point I think some of the questions alluded to, to use 2.5

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COMMISSIONER MILLER: Yes, it will

DIRECTOR LUCAS: Perfect.

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solve a lot.

COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.

MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.

THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.

Okay. From communications we have a thank you card from the Kelly family, a tragic loss, pretty girl. what a shame.

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The Executive Director's report. Ray, you want to start? And we might as well include discussion about the swing, where we're at with the swing.

DIRECTOR LUCAS: Okay. So where we're at with the swing. One of our councilmen has asked to donate a handicapped swing. I've talked to the insurance company, I've also talked to counsel, Mr. Manfredi, who you see up on the screen there. We're waiting on the manufacturer of the swing to send us the logistics, that's where we're at right now. As soon as I get the logistics, I'll have another report on whether it can go in our existing swing set and/or we might have to put it in by itself. But, again, we're not even close to that, I don't have that information yet. As soon as I get that information, if all you Commissioners want to know about it, I'll send it to all of you. THE CHAIRMAN: It might take longer to build the Gardens than the swing will take.

DIRECTOR LUCAS: Yes.

23 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm phenomenally

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25 | DIRECTOR LUCAS: I can't even imagine.

1	THE CHAIRMAN: Phenomenally frustrated,
2	and I want to go on the record as saying so. We
3	had the thing built, it's a simple matter of
4	calling your you don't even need to call the
5	insurance company, I don't know why you're
6	jumping around calling insurance companies. You
7	don't need to do that. I've installed
8	playgrounds before, you do not have to
9	DIRECTOR LUCAS: Well, we're
10	handicapped exempt.
11	THE CHAIRMAN: It doesn't matter
12	whether you're handicapped exempt, please don't
13	even go there, it's ridiculous. What you should
14	have done is just call up the person who
15	installed your swings, or your insurance company
16	can refer people to you who do playground
17	inspections.
18	DIRECTOR LUCAS: I talked to both of
19	them.
20	THE CHAIRMAN: You call them up and
21	say, Hey, we got the swing set, here's a picture
22	of it or whatever. What swing can we get that's
23	handicapped to install it. Boom, problem over,
24	you get the swing installed.

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DIRECTOR LUCAS: We did all that

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Page 33 1 already. THE CHAIRMAN: Then how come there's no 3 swing there? DIRECTOR LUCAS: Because we don't have 4 5 a picture of the swing set from the manufacturer. 6 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm hoping by next 7 month. I'm putting it on the record by next month I want progress on the swing installed. 8 9 DIRECTOR LUCAS: There's progress right 10 now. 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 12 DIRECTOR LUCAS: That's it, end of 13 update. THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Do I have a 14 15 motion on the Executive Director's report? 16 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion. 17 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Motion. 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Pettigrew, second by Mustilli. Clerk, call the role. 19 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore. 20 21 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye. 2.2 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Miller. 23 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Aye. 2.4 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli. 2.5 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.

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1	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
2	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
3	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
4	THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
5	Maintenance report. Gene, anything?
6	MR. GILMORE: Nothing going on. Any
7	questions?
8	THE CHAIRMAN: Anyone have any
9	questions? No? It seems okay to me. Good Gene,
10	thanks.
11	Motion to accept the maintenance
12	report.
13	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion.
14	COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Second.
15	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion by Pettigrew,
16	second by Confessore.
17	Clerk, call the role.
18	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.
19	COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.
20	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Miller.
21	COMMISSIONER MILLER: Aye.
22	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
23	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
24	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
25	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.

Page 35 1 MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran. THE CHAIRMAN: Aye. 3 Okay. Any old business? DIRECTOR LUCAS: None, sir. 4 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Any new business? DIRECTOR LUCAS: None, sir -- wait. 6 7 Yes, we do, I'm sorry. THE CHAIRMAN: We have a Resolution 8 9 #1593 adopting revised income limits. I had 10 trouble understanding that. What does that mean, 11 Ray? I read them and I'm like what was -- where 12 was it? 13 DIRECTOR LUCAS: It's on the last one, Dr. D. 14 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. So the number of 16 persons, one, and I guess -- what's a 30 percent 17 median income classification. What does that 18 mean? 19 MS. GILMORE: It means 30 percent of 20 their gross income. 21 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Of the tenant. 2.2 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. How do I qualify 23 for any of those? 24 MS. GILMORE: Actually, the income 25 limits are from HUD. And that just tells you

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1 like one person, 30 percent of their income.
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- 2 That would be like if there's two people in the
- 3 apartment, their income could go up, they could
- 4 make up to at least 27,000 to get in. And then
- 5 very low they can make up to 46,000. See
- 6 there's three different categories.
- 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. And how does one
- 8 attain one of those categories?
- 9 MS. GILMORE: It depends how much their
- 10 | income is and how many people.
- 11 THE CHAIRMAN: So if I make \$50,000 and
- 12 | I'm moving in with my --
- MS. GILMORE: Daughter at 50,000?
- 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah.
- 15 MS. GILMORE: Okay. So you'd be into
- 16 low.
- 17 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Low is good. Very
- 18 good.
- 19 MS. GILMORE: Up to 73,000.
- THE CHAIRMAN: So two people, if I'm
- 21 under 73 then I would be considered low income?
- MS. GILMORE: Yes, you would be able to
- 23 | get in.
- 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Or would I be 30
- 25 percent, then? I don't know.

MS. GILMORE: Well, no. It depends on your income. If you make up to 73,000 you would be low income two people. You can make that much money and that's what your rent would be based on.

COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: The right side is the salaries.

MS. GILMORE: Yeah.

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THE CHAIRMAN: So let me go back to the one person, Maureen. If I was a single person, say I was a senior citizen, and when you say 30 percent of median income, would that mean then that's technically my income? What's that 24,150? I would have to make less than that?

MS. GILMORE: No. You can make up to 24,150 to get 30 percent of the income. So for one person --

COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Are those the only people that get the 30 percent?

MS. GILMORE: No, every tenant gets 30 percent, but that's the maximum income you can make when you first get there. You can't make more than 24,000 to be in a one bedroom. Very low income you would get 30 percent of the 40,000. And then the low is 34. That's what

Page 38 their income could be. 1 2. MR. MILLER: I thought I understood. 3 Now I don't. 4 MS. GILMORE: I'm sorry. 5 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Why does the income go higher and it says low? Very low is 6 7 lower than low? 8 MS. GILMORE: Because it's the opposite of what you think it is. 9 10 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Low in our scale for 11 our Housing Authority is a high earning person. 12 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: So low is the 13 lowest? DIRECTOR LUCAS: Low is the best. 14 15 Extremely low is the worst. 16 MR. MILLER: So if a person comes in 17 and they're making, using Dr. Doran's example of 18 one person. All he makes is \$24,000 a year, so 19 his rent would be? 20 MS. GILMORE: 30 percent of that. 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Of 24,000? 2.2 MS. GILMORE: Yes. 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. So what would, 24 would it also then be for the next person if they

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made 40,000, it would be 30 percent of 40,000?

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1 MS. GILMORE: Yes. 2. MS. MICHAELSON: Because in public 3 housing you have to have your tenant profile diversified to a certain percentage of low, very 4 5 low --DIRECTOR LUCAS: I have to balance it 6 7 out. THE CHAIRMAN: I understand. So why 8 9 would low income be the best? Take a teacher's 10 aide that works in the school, they make about 11 19,000. 12 MS. GILMORE: Yes, they'd be very low, 13 extremely low. That 30 percent median income, 14 that's extremely low, they call it. It's 30 15 percent they say, but that's extremely low. 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. So extremely low 17 would be the first one, 30 percent. And if they 18 got a promotion for, they're there for 20 years, 19 they might make 40,000 and then they go up to the 20 40,000. 21 DIRECTOR LUCAS: Then their rent gets 2.2 adjusted accordingly to their salary. Okay. So ideally if 23 THE CHAIRMAN: 24 you're looking to pay the least amount of rent

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you want to make below the 30 percent median.

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COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: So this 1 2. column is actually the rent. 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Richard, thank God you don't have to figure this out. 4 5 DIRECTOR LUCAS: So here's the best So HUD looks at all the tenants that I 6 I as executive have to balance the same have. amount of low as the same amount of extremely low 8 as the same amount of very low. They look at my 10 fluctuations. So if I have a whole bunch of 11 extremely low people, the Housing Authority is 12 not making money on the rents, so I have to 13 balance that out with a lot of low people, a lot 14 of -- all of them in. That's why it varies on 15 when people come in. Right now we're on the 16 bottom rung. 17 MR. MILLER: Do you have to fill out 18 the forms from the New Jersey Civil Service --Civil Rights Commission? 19

MS. GILMORE: Yeah, multiple dwelling.

MR. MILLER: You do?

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DIRECTOR LUCAS: Yes, of course.

MS. GILMORE: We do that every year.

DIRECTOR LUCAS: This is, like I said,

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1	would be used to.
2	MR. MILLER: Okay.
3	THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Can I have a
4	motion then to approve Resolution 1593 adopting
5	revised income limits?
6	COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Motion.
7	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Second.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: Motion by Confessore,
9	second by Pettigrew.
10	Clerk, call the roll.
11	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore.
12	COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye.
13	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Miller.
14	COMMISSIONER MILLER: Aye.
15	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli.
16	COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye.
17	MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew.
18	COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye.
19	MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran.
20	THE CHAIRMAN: Aye.
21	Okay. Any public comment? Anybody
22	wish to be heard?
23	DIRECTOR LUCAS: Mr. Kearny?
24	MR. KEARNY: Nice to see you all.
25	THE CHAIRMAN: Good to see you, Mr.

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     Kearny; how are you?
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                COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second.
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                THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor.
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                THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
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