Page 1 1 TOWN OF HARRISON HOUSING AUTHORITY 2 MEETING OF THE TOWN OF : TRANSCRIPT 3 HARRISON HOUSING AUTHORITY : OF PROCEEDINGS 4 OPEN SESSION Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 6 p.m. 5 Harrison Gardens, Bldg. #1 6 788 Harrison Avenue 7 Harrison, New Jersey 07029 **PRESENT:** 8 9 JAMES P. DORAN, Ed.D, CHAIRMAN 10 ARTHUR PETTIGREW, VICE CHAIRMAN 11 FREDERICK CONFESSORE, COMMISSIONER 12 RICHARD MILLER, COMMISSIONER 13 DANIEL CHOFFO, COMMISSIONER 14 BRUNILDA MUSTILLI, COMMISSIONER 15 DAWN KINSELLA, COMMISSIONER EXCUSED: RAYMOND LUCAS, Executive Director 16 17 ALSO PRESENT: 18 ALBERTO CAMACHO, ESQ. Board Attorney (TELEPHONIC) 19 MAUREEN GILMORE, Authority Staff 20 GENE GILMORE, Maintenance Supervisor 21 JOAN MICHAELSON, Authority Staff 22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC 23 TELEPHONICALLY TRANSCRIBED BY AND BEFORE: SUSAN 24 M. STYRON, C.S.R., R.P.R., AND NOTARY PUBLIC OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY License No. XI 01704 25

Page 2 THE CHAIRMAN: I will declare the 1 2 meeting to order, and state that this is a 3 meeting of the Harrison Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison scheduled for October 11, 2022. 4 5 This meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting, 6 and proper public notice of time, date, location, 7 purpose and agenda have been posted in compliance with the Sunshine Law. 8 9 I would ask you to please join me in 10 salute to the flag. 11 (Pledge of Allegiance.) 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Clerk, please call the 13 roll. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo. 14 15 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Present. 16 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore. 17 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Here. 18 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Kinsella, absent. 19 20 Commissioner Miller. 21 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Here. 2.2 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli. 23 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Here. 24 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew. 25 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Here.

Page 3 1 MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran. 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Here. 3 And, for the record, we have on the phone? 4 5 MR. CAMACHO: Alberto Camacho from Joe Manfredi's firm. 6 7 MS. GILMORE: And Susan Styron from Veritext. 8 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Just give your name for 10 the record. 11 THE REPORTER: Susan Styron. 12 THE CHAIRMAN: And your role is the 13 court reporter? 14 THE REPORTER: Correct. 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Can I have a 16 motion to approve the minutes of September 13th 17 that was documented and looked at and read? Any 18 comments or point of view? Anything out of the 19 ordinary? Motion? 20 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Motion. 21 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Motion. 2.2 THE CHAIRMAN: Motion made by Mustilli 23 and second by Confessore. 24 Clerk, call the roll. 25 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo.

Page 4 1 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Aye. 2 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore. COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Yes. 3 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Miller. 4 5 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Aye. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli. 6 7 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew. 8 9 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Um-hum. 10 MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran. 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye. 12 Because of the court reporter, you need 13 to give an actual --COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye, yes. 14 "Um-hum" is a yes, my mother used to do it all 15 16 the time. 17 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sure she did, 18 especially when she read your report card. 19 Okay. Can I have a motion to approve 20 the bills that you have? Does anybody have any 21 questions? 2.2 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion. 23 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second. 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Motion by Pettigrew, second by Mustilli. 25

Page 5 Clerk, call the roll. 1 2 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo. 3 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: I vote aye. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore. 4 5 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Miller. 6 7 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Ave. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli. 8 9 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye. 10 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew. 11 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Yes. 12 MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran. 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye. Thank you. 14 We'll go to communications. 15 MS. GILMORE: We received the PHADA 16 scholarship program. They're giving out three 17 scholarships, and I sent it to the guidance 18 department in the high school, and I sent it to 19 everybody that I think is going to be a senior 20 this year. I sent it to them too, because a lot 21 of times they don't go down to the guidance 2.2 department. 23 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Is that our 24 housing authority, or is that in competition from 25 all housing authorities?

Page 6 MS. GILMORE: Yes, competition from all 1 2 housing authorities. 3 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: So all --4 MS. GILMORE: Yes, yes. 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Have we ever had anybody enter it? 6 7 MS. GILMORE: Yes, we had one, and we had one winner. Melinda Kelly's daughter won a 8 9 scholarship. I don't know, like \$1,000. 10 THE CHAIRMAN: The Executive Director's 11 report is in your packets. Ray wasn't able to 12 make it tonight. Does anybody have any questions 13 on it? 14 Okay. Looking at the maintenance 15 report also, does anyone have any questions on 16 that? 17 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Just one about 18 the shower. Should we be looking -- since we got 19 some extra money from HUD, they gave us \$1 20 million, we might want to look into the shower. 21 Just where we have the faucet running, that's 2.2 called a shower, at least it was when I was a 23 kid. Maybe we should be looking into maybe redesigning the water and make it more like a 24 water park like they have up in West Hudson Park 25

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Page 7 where the kids can run in and out and the water 1 2 goes up. You might want to just bring it up, 3 maybe look at a couple of companies. THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, we'll talk to Ray 4 5 about that also. COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: 6 I have a question 7 on the maintenance report. I see the UPCS inspection repairs. That was when they came 8 9 around; right? 10 MR. GILMORE: That was when HUD did the 11 inspection. 12 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: What was the 13 most, like, dominant area? 14 MR. GILMORE: Actually, we did really 15 well on basically everything as far as like a 16 day-to-day thing. It's usually on the point --17 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: There's no new 18 laws we have to abide by? 19 MR. GILMORE: Well, right now they're 20 in the middle of bringing in sewer, park and 21 fire. And this new inspection program, which is 2.2 a bit different than what they're doing now. 23 Right now they don't put as much point loss on 24 apartments as they do on the outside. It's going to be a little bit of the opposite way. There's 25

1 going to be more emphasis on the apartments. And 2 they only inspect 34 apartments for the inspection for one section, but once a year we do 3 100 percent. With the new FIG, they come in and 4 5 inspect the apartments, generate work orders, and we fill in the work orders as we can. 6 7 THE CHAIRMAN: But they're random choices when they come? So basically you have to 8 9 have them done? MR. GILMORE: Well, what was happening 10 11 was they were giving people, they were fining 12 maintenance guys in every apartment. So they 13 stopped that. So they are enforcing it, and if it's something -- it does do, we will have to put 14 15 a smoke detector in each bedroom, and a heat 16 detector on --17 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Hardwired? 18 MR. GILMORE: It doesn't have to be. 19 You can use the ten-year batteries now. 20 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Oh, really? 21 Yeah. We do have smokes MR. GILMORE: 2.2 that are hardwired right now that are in the

24 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: In the hallways?
25 MR. GILMORE: No, in the apartments,

hallways.

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okay. But the ceiling detectors and that have a 1 2 ten-year life span, so you're allowed to use them as long as they're there. They have specs on how 3 far away it has to be from the stove, fire. 4 So 5 this was all new that they came up with. The thing with broken smoke alarms and CO alarms, you 6 7 fail for them, but it's not a point deduction, in other words, but you have to have a change in 8 9 them. That's what we're facing right now. 10 There's not much more that they're changing as of 11 now, but they're having a hard time getting it 12 They have a, I think a few all over the started. 13 country that are doing sample testing of this 14 program, and so far it hasn't been working out. 15 I don't know the ones that volunteered.

MS. GILMORE: Don't they also count like if the tenant's front is not kept up, you can also get points taken off for that, too? That counts too?

20 MR. GILMORE: Yeah. It's basically, 21 they basically look at safety. You get marked 22 off for a bad apartment, of course, but there's 23 only a certain amount of points that you can lose 24 from one apartment. So if you have an apartment 25 that's totally bad -- which we have a few -- you

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Page 10 1 can't lose all the points for that apartment, 2 which may only be three, okay. So it's all based 3 on -- out of 100 percent of our score, maintenance is 40 percent, and that's so we get 4 5 100 percent -- in other words, 40 percent goes to 100 percent of our score. And then you have the 6 7 other, the outside, the offices. COMMISSIONER MILLER: If there's an 8 9 apartment with the hoarders, did you ever have 10 any issues with that? 11 MR. GILMORE: Yes, we do. 12 COMMISSIONER MILLER: And how do you 13 handle that? 14 MR. GILMORE: We constantly go in and 15 give them some room to straighten it out, and 16 then they straighten it out. And then as our guy 17 goes around once a month and does exterminating, 18 so he inspects the apartments once a month and we 19 see every apartment. And it's usually the same 20 apartment. 21 They put everything in MS. GILMORE: 2.2 their car. MR. GILMORE: And then when the 23 24 inspector is done, they bring it all back in the 25 house.

Page 11 1 COMMISSIONER MILLER: When you said on 2 a monthly basis I'm assuming that's where you find them. 3 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay? Any other 5 questions? Okay. A motion to approve the 6 Executive Director's report and the maintenance 7 report. COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion. 8 9 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second. 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Motion made by Pettigrew, second by Mustilli. 11 12 Clerk, call the roll. 13 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Choffo. 14 COMMISSIONER CHOFFO: Ave. MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Confessore. 15 16 COMMISSIONER CONFESSORE: Aye. 17 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Miller. 18 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Aye. 19 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Mustilli. 20 COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Aye. 21 MS. GILMORE: Commissioner Pettigrew. 22 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Aye. 23 MS. GILMORE: Dr. Doran. 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Aye. Any old business? Any new business? All right. Anyone from the 25

Page 12 public who'd like to be heard? Okay. Motion to 1 2 adjourn. 3 COMMISSIONER PETTIGREW: Motion. COMMISSIONER MUSTILLI: Second. 4 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Motion by Pettigrew, second by Mustilli. All those in favor? 6 7 (Ayes.) THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed? 8 9 (No response.) 10 11 (Whereupon the proceedings concluded at 6:15 12 p.m.) 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 2.2 23 24 25

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