

**BATTLE CREEK HOUSING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting March 24, 2026

Pending Board Approval

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Battle Creek Housing Commission (BCHC) was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Simmons in the Main Office of Kellogg Manor, 250 Champion Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Commissioner Simmons, President
Commissioner Gillette, Vice President
Commissioner Gray
Commissioner Torrey
Commissioner Guzzo

Also present: Lee Talmage, Executive Director; John Paternoster, Deputy Director

BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Vice President Gillette and supported by Commissioner Torrey to approve the Meeting Agenda with additions:

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous
Nays – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray and supported by Vice President Gillette to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Unanimous
Nays – None

PUBLIC COMMENT & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

BUSINESS:

Executive Director's Report

The Commission discussed the search for a 4% LIHTC Co-Developer to partner with BCHC and the work done by staff to evaluate the RFQ submissions and its recommendation of two top candidates. The Commission then chose April 14, 2026 as a date for scheduled interviews at 5:00 and 6:30 pm.

Talmage then handed out a Brokers listing of the Georgetown Estates property by Colliers that provides data on the current interest by potential buyers. This handout is made part of his Report.

The Commission also discussed an appeal made by the Jackson MI community regarding a serious fire at their Reed Manor Development and it's need for Emergency Housing.

Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Paternoster's report was presented, is attached, and made a part of these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2026-06 Collection Loss Write Off

After reviewing with the Commission accounts determined to uncollectible from the 1st and 2nd Quarters of FYE 2026, a motion was made by Vice President Gillette and supported by Commissioner Guzzo to adopt Collection Loss Resolution 2026-06 as prepared and presented.

Vote: Ayes- Unanimous
Nayes- None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Comments:

None

Commissioner Comments:

None

At 4:00 the Commission then went into a closed session to meet with Candidates Christopher Lussier and Matt Lecher for the position of Chief Executive Officer beginning at 4:00pm.

After coming out of the session and discussing the interview scoring, a motion was made by Commissioner Guzzo and supported by Commissioner Gray to offer the position of Chief Executive Officer to Christopher Lussier.

Vote: Ayes- Unanimous
Nayes- None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:55 p.m. President Simmons adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Talmage
Secretary