



Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023

Members Present: Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel (Chair), Councilmember Casey Thomas II (Vice-Chair), LaKeysa Townsend, Michael Pegues, Carol Lucky, Celeste Arista Glover, Mita Havlick; Dr. Fred Cerise, Dan Micciche (new appointee), Brent Hurley (new appointee)

Members Absent: Linda McMahon, Kin Oldham, Judge John Creuzot, Ashley Brundage

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

- Declare A Quorum Present
- Declare Legal Notice Posted and Meeting Duly Called

The hybrid meeting (in person and virtual) was called to order by Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel (Chair) at 1:02 p.m. with quorum present.

2. Public Comment – Mr. Baker, member from Dallas City District 3, underscored the homelessness issue and would like to do their fair share to help support homeless services. Mr. Baker is speaking out against the 200 Hampton Road proposal that the City of Dallas is attempting to bring before Dallas County as a partner. This proposal was not brought forth for community engagement. There was no front-end participation. Location for the facility is the wrong location as it is next to an elementary school, a public park, two senior developments, a nature center and in the middle of a residential neighborhood. During the October 27 city meeting, there was 100% unanimous opposition to this proposal. Mr. Baker proposes that the city start with a smaller center first.

3. Approval of Minutes

Carol Lucky moved to approve the November 3, 2022, minutes, seconded by Celeste Arista Glover. The minutes were approved.

4. Discussion: Board Membership Status: Dr. Theresa Daniel, Partnership Chair

Acceptance of Resignations and Board Vacancies – DA John Creuzot, Linda McMahon, Jorge Baldor, Trustee Justin Henry.



5. Nomination and Confirmation of Board Appointment(s):

Dr. Theresa Daniel, Partnership Chair

The following board members were confirmed:

Director Position 12 (Dan Micciche, Dallas ISD Trustee)

Director Position 13 (Balch Springs Police Chief Brent Hurley)

Appointment of Mayor of Dallas: Michael Pegues to Director Position 4

Vote: Dr. Fred Cerise moved to approve appointment Dan Micciche as board member, seconded by Chair Casey Thomas II

Vote: Dr. Fred Cerise moved to approve appointment Balch Springs Police Chief Brent Hurley as board member, seconded by Carol Lucky

Mayor Eric Johnson of Dallas appointed Michael Pegues.

6. Discussion to retain outside counsel

Casey Thomas, II, Partnership Vice-Chair

In discussions between board chair and vice-chair, it was determined that it would be of greater benefit to have outside counsel designated for the board's legal advice instead of consulting with City and County's attorneys.

Carol Lucky added that it would be of great benefit to have designated counsel and will provide a recommendation to Vice-Chair Casey Thomas II, who will be leading the process with recommendations. Part of the process will be to consider budget. Michael Pegues asked if there will be an RFP process. Vice-Chair Thomas will look at that recommendation as well.

Vote: Casey Thomas II moved to approve the process to retain outside counsel for the board, seconded by Dan Micciche.

7. Discussion with possible action:

Dr. Theresa Daniel, Partnership Chair

Revision of the Articles of Incorporation – will be discussed at next meeting.



8. Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness Local Government Corporation Board Committee Reports

Existing Committees

- a. **Investment Strategy and Strategic Partnerships** Dr. Theresa Daniel, Partnership Chair

The work of this committee has been taken on primarily by the City of Dallas and Dallas County. Each entity has put in time, energy, and funds in impacting the affordable housing in general and making them appropriate for each group in need. Efforts continue to add investments in housing of all types within City of Dallas and Dallas County.

Councilmember Casey Thomas II added that the Dallas Real Time Rapid Re-Housing is the largest strategic partnership, and the board receives regular updates on the work being done.

- b. **Public Education and Housing Availability** Vacant
- c. **Policy Alignment Committee** Casey Thomas, II, Partnership Vice-Chair

Vice-Chair Casey Thomas II proposed to review any redundancy with committees.

- d. **System Performance Committee** Dr. Fred Cerise, M.D., Chair

Carol Lucky stated this committee decided that it would be redundant for the committee to gather data when Housing Forward is already producing data and reports on an annual basis with a powerful dashboard.

9. Committee Restructuring Discussion

- Casey Thomas II recommends sending out the committees' duties, descriptions and put on the agenda for next meeting to restructure committees.
- Celeste Arista Glover commented about the Mayor's Task Force and, consider how efforts can be aligned.
- Dan Micciche echoed idea to not duplicating efforts already in place and figure out a way to complement those efforts that are already being undertaken.
 - What is the definition of "homelessness" being used by this entity.
 - Chair Theresa Daniel looked at the articles of incorporation for a definition, however it was not defined.
 - Chair Theresa Daniel suggests for board members to review and make a recommendation of what the definition of homelessness would look like. Dan Micciche and Chief Hurley will work on defining the term "homelessness".
 - Carol Lucky recommends getting clarity by communicating with Housing Forward to get their homelessness definition and how it is used within the different programs.



10. Announcements of Upcoming Events and Meetings

- City of Dallas Mayor created Homelessness Task Force
- Celeste Arista Glover announced Housing Forward is holding meeting taking place 2/17/23 at 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Celeste Arista Glover is attending this event and will report back.

11. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dr. Theresa Daniel'.

Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, Chair

3/2/2023

Approval Date