

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH
January 14, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Savannah met in regular session at the office of the Housing Authority of Savannah, 1407 Wheaton Street – Building B Community Room beginning at 3:03 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Chairwoman M. Ann Levett called the meeting to order and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Dr. M. Ann Levett, Chairwoman
 Edward Gresham, Vice Chairman
 Happi Peavey-Guzman
 Michael Holland
 Dr. Kenneth Zapp

Absent: None

Also present were Executive Director Evette Hester, Director of Finance Robert Faircloth, Director of Human Resources Shannell Hardwick, Director of Resident Services Kristin Hopkins-Graham, Interim Director of Property Management Selena Kelly, Interim Director of Assisted Housing Programs Renay Malone, Director of Real Estate Development and Preservation Rafaella Nutini, Management Analyst Tammy Brawner, Chief Communications Officer Calandra Corder, Resident Advisor Deborah Bulloch, and Resident Advisor Sophia Perry. Attorney Dana Braun of Ellis, Painter, Ratterree, & Adams LLP, Attorney David Sunshine Hamburger of Georgia Legal Services, and several community members were also in attendance.

AMENDMENT OF MEETING AGENDA

Executive Director Evette Hester requested to remove the action item regarding consideration of the FY 2026 Annual Plan to allow for additional time for consideration of all comments. Ms. Hester also requested that a Special Meeting be convened to take such action after full consideration.

Commissioner Holland made a motion to amend the agenda as indicated by Ms. Hester. Commissioner Gresham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda included the minutes of the December 10, 2025 regular meeting; Resident Services Report; Property Management Report; Assisted Housing Programs Report; Real Estate Development Report; and Financial Report. Commissioner Gresham made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Hester provided a report to the Commissioners. Report highlights included:

- HUD has issued a Notice of Fund Opportunity (NOFO) for the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant for 2026. Staff will be reviewing if it would be appropriate and feasible for HAS to pursue the grant.
- The FSS Graduation Ceremony was held on January 10th and was a celebration of success
- An update provided on the NOFO for homeless providers; an injunction has been issued.
- An overview of the HAS Employee Appreciation Banquet and awards provided to HAS employees in meeting goals and exceeding expectations
- Yamacraw Village Community meeting will be held this month. An update will be provided on demolition/disposition application status.
- A Request for Qualifications for a Master Developer of Yamacraw Village has been published.
- The next virtual tenant/landlord sessions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program will be held on January 22

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chairwoman Levett asked Ms. Hester how many families were currently still living in Yamacraw Village. Ms. Hester stated that ninety-one families currently live in the community. Ms. Hester also noted that the length of time for the approval of the application to HUD will continue to impact the amount of relocation resources that are available for families.

A discussion followed regarding the relocation plan for Yamacraw Village residents. Commissioner Gresham acknowledged the community and expressed his appreciation for organizing around the issue. He also expressed his appreciation for the work of Ms. Hester and the Housing Authority. Chairwoman Levett echoed his comments and encouraged the community to communicate with Ms. Hester.

There being no further business, the Chairwoman called for a motion to close the meeting. The motion to close was made by Commissioner Gresham and seconded by Commissioner Peavey-Guzman. The Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chairwoman

Approval Date: March 4, 2026