

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE**  
**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH**  
**May 19, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Savannah met in special session at the office of the Housing Authority of Savannah, 1407 Wheaton Street – Building B beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Chairwoman Dr. 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 Real Estate Development and Preservation Dr. Jesseca Lightbourne, Management Analyst Tammy Brawner, and Resident Advisor Deborah Bulloch. Attorney Dana Braun of Ellis, Painter, Ratterree, & Adams LLP, and Attorney Bill Broker and Attorney David Sunshine Hamburger of Georgia Legal Services were also in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 1:00 p.m., Commissioner Gresham made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Peavey-Guzman, to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. The affidavit of Chairwoman Dr. M. Ann Levett, the presiding officer, is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof. At 2:15 p.m., the Board of Commissioners returned to open session. All attendees except Attorney Broker and Attorney Hamburger were present.

**ADOPTION OF SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM CERTIFICATION**

Executive Director Evette Hester explained that housing authorities are graded by HUD on their Housing Choice Voucher Program's performance. By using the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP), HUD can assess the Housing Authority's performance based on fourteen indicators that show whether or not families are being assisted according to federal regulations. This information is electronically submitted to HUD on Form HUD-52648 on an annual basis.

Commissioner Zapp made a motion to approve the Section 8 Management Assessment Program Certification and to authorize the Chairwoman and Executive Director to execute the form, and accompanying Board Resolution No. 05-26-01. Commissioner Peavey-Guzman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the Chairwoman called for a motion to close the meeting. The motion to close was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Zapp. The Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

  
Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Chairwoman

Approval Date: June 9, 2026



(5) No unrelated matters were mentioned or attempted to be offered for discussion during the closed portion of the meeting.

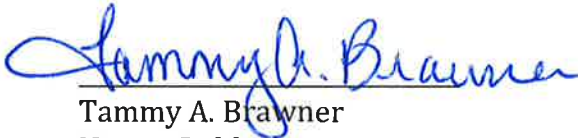
(6) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

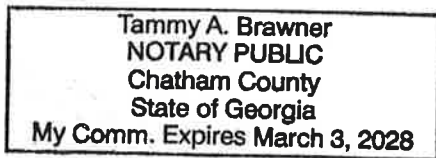


Dr. M. Ann Levett, Chairwoman  
Housing Authority of Savannah

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.



Tammy A. Brawner  
Notary Public



**RESOLUTION NO. 05-26-01**

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Savannah must submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification (Form HUD-52648) on or before May 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the submission of the Form HUD-52648 requires the approval and authorization of the Housing Authority of Savannah Board of Commissioners; and


WHEREAS, the certification must be submitted electronically through HUD's website on or before May 31, 2026 by the approval of the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Savannah has determined to the best of their knowledge that the Section 8 Management Assessment Program Certification for fiscal year ending March 31, 2026 is true and correct.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Savannah ratifies confirms and approves the submittal of the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification (Form HUD-52648), which will be submitted electronically through HUD's website, on or before May 31, 2026.

ADOPTED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH

By:   
Dr. M. Ann Levett, Chairwoman

ATTEST:



Evette Hester, Secretary

# Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB Approval No. 2577-0215  
(exp. 12/31/2026)

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

This collection of information is required by 24 CFR sec 985.101 which requires a Public Housing Agency (PHA) administering a Section 8 tenant-based assistance program to submit an annual SEMAP Certification within 60 days after the end of its fiscal year. The information from the PHA concerns the performance of the PHA and provides assurance that there is no evidence of seriously deficient performance. HUD uses the information and other data to assess PHA management capabilities and deficiencies, and to assign an overall performance rating to the PHA. Responses are mandatory and the information collected does not lend itself to confidentiality.

**Instructions** Respond to this certification form using the PHA's actual data for the fiscal year just ended.

PHA Name	For PHA FY Ending (mm/dd/yyyy)	Submission Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
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**Check here if the PHA expends less than \$300,000 a year in Federal awards**

Indicators 1 - 7 will not be rated if the PHA expends less than \$300,000 a year in Federal awards and its Section 8 programs are not audited for compliance with regulations by an independent auditor. A PHA that expends less than \$300,000 in Federal awards in a year must still complete the certification for these indicators.

## Performance Indicators

1. Selection from the Waiting List. (24 CFR 982.54(d)(1) and 982.204(a))

(a) The PHA has written policies in its administrative plan for selecting applicants from the waiting list.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

(b) The PHA's quality control samples of applicants reaching the top of the waiting list and of admissions show that at least 98% of the families in the samples were selected from the waiting list for admission in accordance with the PHA's policies and met the selection criteria that determined their places on the waiting list and their order of selection.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

2. Reasonable Rent. (24 CFR 982.4, 982.54(d)(15), 982.158(f)(7) and 982.507)

(a) The PHA has and implements a reasonable written method to determine and document for each unit leased that the rent to owner is reasonable based on current rents for comparable unassisted units (i) at the time of initial leasing, (ii) before any increase in the rent to owner, and (iii) at the HAP contract anniversary if there is a 5 percent decrease in the published FMR in effect 60 days before the HAP contract anniversary. The PHA's method takes into consideration the location, size, type, quality, and age of the program unit and of similar unassisted units, and any amenities, housing services, maintenance or utilities provided by the owners.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

(b) The PHA's quality control sample of tenant files for which a determination of reasonable rent was required shows that the PHA followed its written method to determine reasonable rent and documented its determination that the rent to owner is reasonable as required for (check one):

**PHA Response**  At least 98% of units sampled  80 to 97% of units sampled  Less than 80% of units sampled

3. Determination of Adjusted Income. (24 CFR part 5, subpart F and 24 CFR 982.516)

The PHA's quality control sample of tenant files shows that at the time of admission and reexamination, the PHA properly obtained third party verification of adjusted income or documented why third party verification was not available; used the verified information in determining adjusted income; properly attributed allowances for expenses; and, where the family is responsible for utilities under the lease, the PHA used the appropriate utility allowances for the unit leased in determining the gross rent for (check one):

**PHA Response**  At least 90% of files sampled  80 to 89% of files sampled  Less than 80% of files sampled

4. Utility Allowance Schedule. (24 CFR 982.517)

The PHA maintains an up-to-date utility allowance schedule. The PHA reviewed utility rate data that it obtained within the last 12 months, and adjusted its utility allowance schedule if there has been a change of 10% or more in a utility rate since the last time the utility allowance schedule was revised.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

5. HQS Quality Control Inspections. (24 CFR 982.405(b))

A PHA supervisor (or other qualified person) reinspected a sample of units during the PHA fiscal year, which met the minimum sample size required by HUD (see 24 CFR 985.2), for quality control of HQS inspections. The PHA supervisor's reinspected sample was drawn from recently completed HQS inspections and represents a cross section of neighborhoods and the work of a cross section of inspectors.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

6. HQS Enforcement. (24 CFR 982.404)

The PHA's quality control sample of case files with failed HQS inspections shows that, for all cases sampled, any cited life-threatening HQS deficiencies were corrected within 24 hours from the inspection and, all other cited HQS deficiencies were corrected within no more than 30 calendar days from the inspection or any PHA-approved extension, or, if HQS deficiencies were not corrected within the required time frame, the PHA stopped housing assistance payments beginning no later than the first of the month following the correction period, or took prompt and vigorous action to enforce the family obligations for (check one):

**PHA Response**  At least 98% of cases sampled  Less than 98% of cases sampled

7. Expanding Housing Opportunities. (24 CFR 982.54(d)(5), 982.153(b)(3) and (b)(4), 982.301(a) and 983.301(b)(4) and (b)(12)).

**Applies only to PHAs with jurisdiction in metropolitan FMR areas.**

**Check here if not applicable**

(a) The PHA has a written policy to encourage participation by owners of units outside areas of poverty or minority concentration which clearly delineates areas in its jurisdiction that the PHA considers areas of poverty or minority concentration, and which includes actions the PHA will take to encourage owner participation.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

(b) The PHA has documentation that shows that it took actions indicated in its written policy to encourage participation by owners outside areas of poverty and minority concentration.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

(c) The PHA has prepared maps that show various areas, both within and neighboring its jurisdiction, with housing opportunities outside areas of poverty and minority concentration; the PHA has assembled information about job opportunities, schools and services in these areas; and the PHA uses the maps and related information when briefing voucher holders.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

(d) The PHA's information packet for voucher holders contains either a list of owners who are willing to lease, or properties available for lease, under the voucher program, or a list of other organizations that will help families find units and the list includes properties or organizations that operate outside areas of poverty or minority concentration.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

(e) The PHA's information packet includes an explanation of how portability works and includes a list of neighboring PHAs with the name, address and telephone number of a portability contact person at each.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

(f) The PHA has analyzed whether voucher holders have experienced difficulties in finding housing outside areas of poverty or minority concentration and, where such difficulties were found, the PHA has considered whether it is appropriate to seek approval of exception payment standard amounts in any part of its jurisdiction and has sought HUD approval when necessary.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

8. Payment Standards. The PHA has adopted payment standards schedule(s) in accordance with § 982.503.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

Enter FMRs and payment standards (PS)

0-BR FMR \_\_\_\_\_ 1-BR FMR \_\_\_\_\_ 2-BR FMR \_\_\_\_\_ 3-BR FMR \_\_\_\_\_ 4-BR FMR \_\_\_\_\_  
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**If the PHA has jurisdiction in more than one FMR area, and/or if the PHA has established separate payment standards for a PHA-designated part of an FMR area, attach similar FMR and payment standard comparisons for each FMR area and designated area.**

9. Annual Reexaminations. The PHA completes a reexamination for each participating family at least every 12 months. (24 CFR 982.516)

**PHA Response** Yes  No

10. Correct Tenant Rent Calculations. The PHA correctly calculates tenant rent in the rental certificate program and the family rent to owner in the rental voucher program. (24 CFR 982, Subpart K)

**PHA Response** Yes  No

11. Initial HQS Inspections. Newly leased units pass HQS inspection within the time period required. This includes both initial and turnover inspections for the PBV program. (24 CFR 982.305; 983.103(b)-(d)).

**PHA Response** Yes  No

12. Periodic HQS Inspections. The PHA has met its periodic inspection requirement for its units under contract (982.405 and 983.103(e)).

**PHA Response** Yes  No

13. Lease-Up. The PHA executes housing assistance contracts for the PHA's number of baseline voucher units, or expends its annual allocated budget authority.

**PHA Response** Yes  No

14a. Family Self-Sufficiency Enrollment. The PHA has enrolled families in FSS as required. (24 CFR 984.105)

**Applies only to PHAs required to administer an FSS program.**

**Check here if not applicable**

**PHA Response**

a. Number of mandatory FSS slots (Count units funded under the FY 1992 FSS incentive awards and in FY 1993 and later through 10/20/1998. Exclude units funded in connection with Section 8 and Section 23 project-based contract terminations; public housing demolition, disposition and replacement; HUD multifamily property sales; prepaid or terminated mortgages under section 236 or section 221(d)(3); and Section 8 renewal funding. Subtract the number of families that successfully completed their contracts on or after 10/21/1998.)

or, Number of mandatory FSS slots under HUD-approved exception

b. Number of FSS families currently enrolled

163

c. Portability: If you are the initial PHA, enter the number of families currently enrolled in your FSS program, but who have moved under portability and whose Section 8 assistance is administered by another PHA

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Percent of FSS slots filled (b + c divided by a)

370.00

14b. Percent of FSS Participants with Escrow Account Balances. The PHA has made progress in supporting family self-sufficiency as measured by the percent of currently enrolled FSS families with escrow account balances. (24 CFR 984.305)

Applies only to PHAs required to administer an FSS program .

Check here if not applicable

PHA Response Yes  No

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Portability: If you are the initial PHA, enter the number of families with FSS escrow accounts currently enrolled in your FSS program, but who have moved under portability and whose Section 8 assistance is administered by another PHA

**Deconcentration Bonus Indicator** (Optional and only for PHAs with jurisdiction in metropolitan FMR areas).

The PHA is submitting with this certification data which show that:

- (1) Half or more of all Section 8 families with children assisted by the PHA in its principal operating area resided in low poverty census tracts at the end of the last PHA FY;
  - (2) The percent of Section 8 mover families with children who moved to low poverty census tracts in the PHA's principal operating area during the last PHA FY is at least two percentage points higher than the percent of all Section 8 families with children who resided in low poverty census tracts at the end of the last PHA FY;
- or
- (3) The percent of Section 8 mover families with children who moved to low poverty census tracts in the PHA's principal operating area over the last two PHA FYs is at least two percentage points higher than the percent of all Section 8 families with children who resided in low poverty census tracts at the end of the second to last PHA FY.

PHA Response Yes  No  If yes, attach completed deconcentration bonus indicator addendum.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge, the above responses are true and correct for the PHA fiscal year indicated above. I also certify that, to my present knowledge, there is not evidence to indicate seriously deficient performance that casts doubt on the PHA's capacity to administer Section 8 rental assistance in accordance with Federal law and regulations.

**Warning:** Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802).

Executive Director, signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 05/19/2026

Chairperson, Board of Commissioners, signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 05/19/2026

The PHA may include with its SEMAP certification any information bearing on the accuracy or completeness of the information used by the PHA in providing its certification.