

**MINUTES OF THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**February 27, 2014**

Board of Directors of the Cook County Land Bank Authority met pursuant to notice on February 27, 2014 at 8:00 AM in the offices of the Metropolitan Planning Council, 140 South Dearborn, fourteenth floor conference room, Chicago, Illinois.

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairwoman Gainer called the meeting of the Board to order.

**Present:** Directors Dworkin, Friedman, Gainer, Helmer, Holmes, Planey, Sherwin, Porras, Ware (9)

**Absent:** Brawley, Brewer, Grisham, Jenkins, Ostenburg, Saffo (6)

Also Present: **Brian White** (*CCLBA Executive Director*)

**Others Present:**

**Bob Benjamin** (*Cook County Treasurer's Office*), **Brian Bernardoni** (*Illinois Association of Realtors*), **George Blakemore** (*Concerned Citizen*), **David Bender** (*Cook County Government, IL*), **Marsha Borders** (*Community Renewal Society*), **Marie Carter** (*Concerned Citizen*), **Brian Clappier** (*City of Chicago Government, IL*), **Paul Cochran** (*Faith Community Homes*), **Stephen Cote** (*Uplifting Lives*), **Arness Dancy** (*Chicagoland Black Chamber of Commerce*), **Narcisa Enopena** (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*), **Breanna Gale** (*Metropolitan Planning Council*), **Adam Gross** (*BPI Institute*), **Meghan Harte** (*City of Chicago Mayor's Office*), **Jocelyn Have** (*University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy*), **Marc V HoHas** (*Mercy DonHolio Services*), **Sara Hynes** (*Cook County States' Attorney's Office*), **Nick Jefferson** (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*), **Michelle Jordan** (*Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin's Office*), **Justin Kirvan** (*Cook County Treasurer's Office*), **Barbara Koenen** (*City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events*), **Abin Kuriakose** (*Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer's Office*), **Diane Limas** (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*), **Nick Lucius** (*City of Chicago Government, IL*), **Stephanie Milito** (*Cook County Department of Planning & Development*), **Jasna Ostojich** (*Uplifting Lives*), **Jessie Outlaw** (*Country Club Hills, IL*), **Devine Race** (*Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc*), **Pat R** (*SB John LLC*), **Joy Readey** (*Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc*), **Katie Sabo** (*Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer's Office*), **Ryan Schmitt** (*DePaul University Institute for Housing Studies*), **Chuck Schultz** (*Dragon Dynamics Consultancy*), **Elizabeth Scott** (*Chicago Rehab Network*), **Laura Scruggs** (*Community Renewal Society*), **Dominic Todd** (*Cook County Bureau of Economic Development*), **Christopher Toepfer** (*The Neighborhood Foundation*), **Susana Vasquez** (*Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Chicago*), **Vincent Walker** (*Cook County Department of Environmental Control*),

## **II. Public Speakers**

Before public speakers addressed the Board of Directors, Chairwoman Gainer thanked the Metropolitan Planning Council and their staff for all their assistance with CCLBA board and committee meetings. Out of respect to all staff who are working during CCLBA board meetings, Chairwoman Gainer requested all meeting participants to stay in the conference room until the meeting is adjourned.

Chairwoman Gainer noted there were two public speakers: **George Blakemore** (*Concerned Citizen*), **Stephen Cote** (*Uplifting Lives*)

Chairwoman Gainer, seconded by Director Friedman, moved to take Item IV and Item V out of order. **The motion carried unanimously.**

## **IV. Presentation on the Neighborhood Foundation by Christopher Toepfer**

Chairwoman Gainer introduced Christopher Toepfer, Executive Director of The Neighborhood Foundation. Christopher delivered a presentation on the foundations' operations of decorative board-ups in Chicago. After his presentation, Christopher answered questions from the board. **No action was taken.**

## **V. Report on the City of Chicago Advisory Committee for School Repurposing and Community Development**

Chairwoman Gainer introduced Megan Harte, Deputy Chief of Staff for City Agency Operations at the City of Chicago Mayor's Office and Susan Vasquez, Executive Director of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Chicago. Both Megan and Susan presented on the report of the City of Chicago Advisory Committee for School Repurposing and Community Development. After their presentation, both presenters answered questions from the Board of Directors. **No action taken.**

## **III. Executive Director's Report (Brian White)**

Brian White, CCLBA Executive Director delivered a presentation on his CCLBA priorities and next steps outlined in a thirty/sixty/ninety (30/60/90) day plan. After his presentation, he answered questions from the Board of Directors. **No action taken.**

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

Director Holmes, seconded by Director Freidman, moved to amend the January 30, 2014 meeting minutes of the CCLBA Board of Directors for Section IV and Section V replacing "the motion carried unanimously" to "no action taken" – the accurate record of activities taken during the board meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Director Holmes, seconded by Ware, moved to approve the amended consent agenda. **The motion carried unanimously.**

## **VIII. Financial Report from the Treasurer (Director Holmes)**

Director Holmes as CCLBA Treasurer delivered the financial report. Director Holmes explained that the process to finalize CCLBA's contract for the Illinois Attorney General Settlement Grant is soon to be completed and will be presented to the full board for approval. **No action taken.**

**VIII. Chairman's Report (Director Gainer)**

Chairwoman Gainer welcomed Brian White as he begins his work as CCLBA Executive Director. She announced that a memorandum of understanding between CCLBA and the City of Chicago is soon to be completed and to be introduced to the board. Chairwoman Gainer announced the next meeting of the CCLBA Board of Directors is March 27, 2014 at 8:00 AM at the offices of the Metropolitan Planning Council. **No action taken.**

**IX. Adjournment**

**Director Porras, seconded by Director Holmes moved to adjourn. THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Directors of the Cook County Land Bank Authority

**Bridget Gainer, Chairwoman**

Attest.

**Director Ostenburg, Secretary**