

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

**January 29, 2015**

Board of Directors of the Cook County Land Bank Authority met pursuant to notice on January 29, 2015 at 8:00 AM at the Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Fourth Floor, Conference Room A/B, Chicago, Illinois.

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

Chairman Gainer called the meeting of the Board to order.

**Present:** Directors Brawley, Brewer, Dworkin, Friedman, Gainer, Grisham, Helmer, Holmes, Ostenburg, Porras, Sherwin, Ware (12)

**Not Present:** Directors Jenkins, Planey, Richardson (3)

**Others Present:**

**Frederick Agustin** (*Agustin, Ltd*), **Bob Benjamin** (*Cook County Treasurer's Office*), **George Blakemore** (*Concerned Citizen*), **Brandon Bordenkircher** (*Action Now*), **Charles Brown** (*Action Now*), **Mark Buford** (*Dearborn Realist*), **Natasha Cornog** (*CCLBA*), **Brent Denzin** (*Ancel Glink*), **Amy Ellingson** (*Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer*), **Adam Gross** (*BPI*), **Eugene Harris** (*HAS*), **Calvin Jackson** (*Chicago Anti Eviction Campaign*), **Mike Jasso** (*Cook County Economic Development*), **Michelle Jordan** (*Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin*), **Tom Mahoney** (*Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin*), **Kathy McKee** (*State's Attorney's Office*), **Grady Norwood Jr.** (*Chicagoland Black Chamber of Commerce*), **Ros Meerdink** (*Community Investment Corporation*), **Stephanie Milito** (*Cook County Economic Development*), **Mary Ellen Podmolik** (*Chicago Tribune*), **Toni Richards** (*Action Now*), **Emily Robinson** (*Elevate Energy*), **Katie Sabo** (*Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer*), **Ryan Schmitt** (*Institute for Housing Studies*), **Equella Sparks** (*The Word of Life Mission*), **Alex Simmons** (*CCLBA*), **Vincent Walker** (*Cook County Environmental Control*), **Gerald Wilkery** (*Dearborn Realist*), **Bryant Williams** (*Cook County Environmental Control*), **Eric Williams** (*CCLBA*), **Cheryl Wilson** (*The PrivateBank*)

**II. Public Speakers**

Chairman Gainer noted there was one (1) public speaker:

**George Blakemore**

**III. Consent Agenda**

Director Brawley, seconded by Director Ostenburg, moved to approve the meeting minutes of the December 18, 2014 Board of Directors meeting and the January 21, 2015 Land Transactions Committee meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **IV. Acquisition Strategy**

CCLBA Land Transactions Committee Chair Friedman gave a summary of the CCLBA Land Transactions Committee meeting, during which the Committee discussed current acquisition strategies. **No action taken.**

#### **V. Memoranda of Understanding**

Chairman Gainer introduced Brent Denzin (Ancel Glink) to discuss CCLBA Memoranda of Understanding with Cook County municipalities. Brent explained that the MOUs are guidelines between CCLBA and a municipality to govern the sale of property and a starting point for negotiations. **No action taken.**

#### **VI. Financial Report**

Director Holmes, CCLBA Treasurer, gave the financial report. **No action taken.**

#### **VII. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Gainer delivered the Chairman's report. Chairman Gainer gave an update on the PrivateBank program and introduced Cheryl Wilson from The PrivateBank, who is the new lead on the partnership from the PrivateBank. Gainer also reminded all Directors to complete Open Meetings Act training.

The Board recognized Brian White for all of his hard work with CCLBA last year. **No action taken.**

Director Friedman, seconded by Director Ostenburg, motioned to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

**The motion passed on a roll call vote with 11 Yeas (Directors Brawley, Brewer, Dworkin, Friedman, Grisham, Helmer, Holmes, Ostenburg, Porras, Sherwin, Ware), 0 Nays, and 3 Absent (Directors Jenkins, Planey, Richardson). The Board moved into Executive Session.**

#### **IX. Executive Session**

The Board discussed personnel matters regarding the Executive Director search. **No action taken.**

#### **X. Adjournment**

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

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

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**Bridget Gainer, Chairman**

Attest.

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**Director Ostenburg, Secretary**