

**Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2023 - 11:00 AM**

**69 West Washington, 22nd Floor, Conference Rooms G & H, Chicago, Illinois**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call Public Speakers – **Board of Directors present or virtual**: Chairwoman Bridget Gainer, Mayor Sheila Chalmers-Currin, Director Michael Kaplan, Mayor Kelly Burke, Dr. William McClinton, Director Cheryl Thomas, Director Peter Friedman, Director Xochitl Flores, Director Joy Aruguete, Director Diane Limas, Director Thurman Smith, and Mayor Katrina Thompson. Also present: Executive Director Jessica Caffrey, Deputy Director Darlene Dugo, Earnestine Cain-Hill (Executive Assistant), Elisha Sanders (Sr. Acquisition Specialist), Anthony “Tony” Blakely (Sr. Acquisition Specialist), Jamila Danzy (Acquisition Specialist), Daniel Taylor (Sr. Finance Business Manager), Alexander Simmons (Planning Analyst)

2. **Chairwoman Bridget Gainer acknowledged we had no public speakers.**

**Motion for approval of the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Strong Communities Program Round 1 Extension**

Director Thomas moved seconded by Director Limas. The motion was carried unanimously with recuse from Director Victoria Lakes-Battle, Director Richard Monnochio, and Director Michelle Carr.

3. **Executive Director’s Report (Jessica Caffrey)**

Director Caffrey went over the Core Business Activities for 2023, Notable CCLBA Events, CCLBA inventory as well as a breakdown of the Equity Fund. Overview of the FY2023 CCLBA Budget Summary, issues, recommendations, and strategies. The Director also welcomed Attorney Kathleen McKee and Executive Assistant Earnestine Cain-Hill to the CCLBA team.

4. **Motion for Approval of the Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Approval of January 20, 2023, Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of FY2023 – Q1 Activity Report
- c. 12-Month Extension: Land Banking Agreement, By The Hand Club For Kids

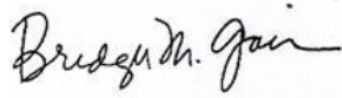
Director Cheryl Thomas moved and was seconded by Mayor Katrina Thompson. The motion was carried unanimously with recuse from Director Victoria Lakes-Battle, Director Richard Monnochio, and Director Michelle Carr.

5. **Chairman’s Report (Commissioner Gainer)**

Chairwoman Gainer about an exciting opportunity for community wealth creation by partnering with the Illinois Finance Authority in the near future and the use of Federal funds.

**6. Motion to Adjourn**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget M. Gainer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

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- Bridget Gainer, CCLBA  
Chairperson