

# HOUSING COMMISSION OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023, 11:30 AM  
1901 S ALAMO & VIDEO CONFERENCE

**Members Present:** Katie Wilson, Chair  
Robert Abraham, Member  
Pedro Alanis, Member  
Kristin Davila, Member  
Taneka “Nikki” Johnson, Member  
Michael Reyes, Member

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**Members Absent:** Jeffrey Arndt, Member  
Cecilia Garcia Redmond, Member  
Crystal Requejo, Member

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**Staff Present:** Veronica Garcia, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Veronica Gonzalez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Juan Valdez, *Mayor’s Office*; Teresa Myers, *Mayor’s Office*; Jameene Williams, *City Attorney’s Office*; Thomas Heydon, *Department of Human Services*; Sara Wamsley Estrada, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Allison Beaver, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Jacob Floyd, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Siboney Diaz-Sánchez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; James McKenzie, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Valentina Fernandez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Joyce Palmer, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Sharon Chan, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*

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- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Katie Wilson, at 11:36 AM.
- **Roll Call** – Allison Beaver, Senior Housing Policy Manager, called the roll. At the time when roll call was conducted, six (6) members were present representing a quorum.
- **Public Comments** - Beaver announced there were zero (0) residents signed up for public comment.

*Staff note: The Housing Commission deadline for submitted written comment is 24 hours before the meeting. The reason for this is because it takes 24 hours for comments received in a language other than English to be translated. Speakers can leave a voicemail to be played during the meeting up to three hours before the meeting. Speakers can sign up to speak live during the meeting virtually up to 3 hours before the meeting or to speak during the meeting in person up until the meeting starts. Speakers who call past the deadline are given the opportunity to submit a written comment to be included in the minutes but not read during the meeting, and to sign up in advance for the following meeting.*

- 1. Item #1: Approval of the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meetings on October 11, 2023, and October 25, 2023.** (Video timestamp: 3:14)  
Commissioner Pedro Alanis motioned to approve the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meetings on October 11, 2023, and October 25, 2023. Commissioner Kristin Davila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Item #2: Discussion and possible action on Housing Commission Fiscal Years 2024-2025 goals and priorities. (Video timestamp: 3:45)**

Wilson requested Sara Wamsley Estrada, Affordable Housing Administrator, present. Wamsley Estrada overviewed the priority and goals discussions to date including Commissioner discussions at their retreat and regular October meeting, small group discussions, staff's theme consolidation process, and staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Pedro Alanis motioned to approve the following priorities for the Housing Commission for the 2024 and 2025 Fiscal Years:

- Recommend principles for increasing density to connect housing and transportation
- Support advocacy coalition and public messaging for financing to support projects, legislative message, and public/private partnerships
- Engage with Rental Owners & Operators
- Support Public Information Campaign (PIC) to reframe affordable housing
- Support the advancement of homeless prevention & housing stability initiatives

Commissioner Nikki Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Item #3: Briefing and possible action related to the Housing Commission's Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report. (Video timestamp: 26:20)**

Wilson requested Beaver present. Beaver overviewed the Annual Report's background, two modifications that would be made based on the Housing Commission's approval of the priorities for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025, drafting process, and staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Pedro Alanis motioned to approve the Housing Commission Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report prepared by the Dashboard and Annual Report Subcommittee. Commissioner Kristin Davila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Item #4: Briefing on the Housing Commission Subcommittees' Ongoing Work. (Video timestamp: 34:00)**

Wilson requested the subcommittee representatives (Alanis, Abraham, Davila, and Johnson) present.

The item was for briefing and discussion only. No action was taken.

**5. Item #5: Briefing and discussion related to updates on the San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT) and Opportunity Home San Antonio's current work. (Video timestamp: 49:20)**

Wilson requested the Commissioner Alanis and Commissioner Reyes present.

Reyes presented updates regarding Opportunity Home's Housing Choice Voucher application period, quarterly landlord workshop, San Antonio Independent School District's closures impact, and Kick Childhood Cancer Soccer Camp sponsorship.

Alanis presented updates regarding SAHT's awarded developments, sponsored programs, current pipeline, VIDA development progress, the SAHT's new address, and current key focuses.

The item was for briefing and discussion only. No action was taken.

**6. Item #6: Director's Report. (Video timestamp: 01:06:10)**

Wilson requested Veronica Garcia, Director, present. Garcia provided an update on the SHIP event, Housing Bond progress, and upcoming meetings.

Item was for briefing and discussion only. No action was taken.

**7. Item #7: Commissioner reports on items of community interests. (Video timestamp: 01:23:50)**

Wilson inquired if the Commissioners had any items to note for the Commission and/or public interest. Wilson shared items related to Close to Home's work pertaining to their challenge to house 90 families experiencing homelessness within 90 days and the opportunity to volunteer for the Annual Point-in-Time Count.

Item was for briefing and discussion only. No action was taken.

**Closing-**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned without contest at 1:02 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Sharon Chan**  
**Housing Policy Coordinator**