

Remote Rent Board Meeting Minutes - Held Via Zoom

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

II. ROLL CALL - 0:00:15

Christopher "Buddy" Moore, Tenant, District 3 - Chair
Austin Sims, Homeowner, District 5 - Vice Chair
Anne-Laure Razat, Tenant, At-Large (Absent)
Matthew Walker, Tenant, District 2
Matthew Lax, Tenant, District 1
Kristen Carreras, Landlord, At-Large
District 4 - Vacant

Staff present:

Adam O'Connor, Rental Registration Inspector
Aga Dixon, Counsel for the Rent Board

III. COMMUNICATIONS - 0:00:35

0:01:02 - The Chair announces that Caleb Roebuck has resigned from his seat (District 4) on the Rent Board.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - 0:02:30

a. Election for Vice Chair - 0:03:20

0:03:37 - Matthew Lax moves to appoint Austin Sims as Vice Chair. Seconded by Kristen Carreras. (5-0; Razat absent) The motion passes.

b. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law from August 13th Meeting - See 2:14:00

c. Rent Board Annual Report - 0:05:30

0:07:45 - Philip Mathieu shares his screen and presents data collected for the Rent Board Annual Report.

0:29:35 - Jack O'Brien, Professor of Statistics from Bowdoin, discusses the data presented.

0:54:37 - Austin Sims moves to assign the Chair and Matthew Walker to take preliminary steps in drafting the report of the annual report to be presented at a future meeting. Seconded by Matthew Lax. (5-0; Razat absent) The motion passes.

0:57:02 - 1:06:12 - The Board takes a recess.

V. NEW BUSINESS - 1:09:10

a. New Rule Discussion - 1:09:18

2:12:00 - Matthew Walker moves to assign Kristen Carreras and Matthew Lax to take the lead on potential rule change in regards to pre-application process and checklists for initial screenings of applications. Seconded by Austin Sims. (5-0; Razat absent) The motion passes.

2:15:50 - The Chair moves to table item IV.b. (Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law from the August 13 Meeting) to a subsequent meeting of the Rent Board. Seconded by Matthew Lax. (5-0; Razat absent) The motion passes.

VI. ADJOURN

2:20:00 - Austin Sims moves to adjourn. Seconded by Kristen Carerras. (5-0; Razat absent) The motion passes.