



Human Services Department

Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division

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**BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division (“HOSSD”)
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (“HCoC”) Board Meeting
March 25, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent	Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent
Senator Nan Rich Board Chair	X			Reniese McNeal			X
Mikal Cartier	X			Silvia Quintana	X		
Amanda Bartle	X			Officer Chung	X		
Tom Ruthardt- Ex- officio	X			Pam Beasley-Pitman	X		
Keith Cavanaugh – Ex-officio	X			Larry Rein	X		
Brian Donovan	X			Robin Martin			X
Sandra Einhorn	X			Howard Bakalar			X
Tiffany Garcia	X			Michael Baldwin	X		
Juan Saavedra	X			Melida Akiti	X		
Commissioner Adam Gruber			X	Emmittcia Jones			X
Maria Hernandez	X			Marisa Sotelo	X		
Dionne Blackwood	X			Joseph Kenner	X		
Angela Chin	X			Teneshia Taylor	X		

Call to Order and Quorum

Senator Rich, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

Roll Call

Patrice Paldino called attendance and confirmed quorum.

Approval of January meeting minutes

Motion: To approve the February meeting minutes

Declaration of Conflict: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Chair Report

Senator Rich informed the Board that there are some bills that have made their way through the Legislative session that will be positive. Senate Bill 1434 (Infill Redevelopment Act) exempts certain local land development regulations and oversight for qualifying parcels (parcels must be at least 5 acres) to promote infill redevelopment in urban areas. Senator Rich stated that local government may not adopt or enforce a local law or an ordinance or regulation that restricts, prohibits, or otherwise limits the development of a qualifying parcel in accordance with the bill.

Senator Rich informed the Board that House Bill 1033 is for homelessness and hospital discharge. Unfortunately, the Bill did not pass this year but there are high hopes that it will be passed in the future.

She also informed the Board that House Bill 1481 will help provide housing for Veterans. This is a pilot program in some counties and has a landlord recruitment component.

Senator Rich mentioned that the Legislature was not able to pass a budget and a special session will need to take place.

Senator Rich informed the Board that the county is starting a communications campaign and at to educate Broward County residents on how *ad valorem* taxes are spent.

Old Business

- **NOFO update:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that NOFO notifications have been sent out for the fiscal year 2026 funding and registration. Patrice Paldino stated that registration will open on March 30, 2026, with a submission deadline of April 23, 2026.

- **Legal Aid/Coast to Coast funding update:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that Legal Aid of Broward County and Coast to Coast Legal Aid will be funded through separate contracts.

New Business:

- **Landlord Initiative BMSD property owners:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that she was recently provided with a list of 712 units in the BMSD. She stated that there is a Broward County landlord registration project and requested all of the information of registered landlords in the BMSD. Patrice stated that once the list of 712 landlords is organized, HOSS-D staff will look at the top 20 or 30 largest landlords in the BMSD. We will send out a targeted marketing campaign to try and recruit them into Project Home Again.

- **Data:**

- **Permanent Supportive Housing update:**

Alex Morales with HOSS-D informed the Board that referrals were halted to the Permanent Supportive Housing programs, both HUD and the general funds. He stated that HOSS-D is trying to understand what is going on with the HUD programs and if there will be cuts. Alex stated that we didn't want to bring in families and then immediately have to cut them from the program due to HUD changes. Alex informed the Board that HOSS-D consulted with the Director of Human Services and received approval to move in families.

HCoC Vacancies update:

VA Representative- Potential candidate
Chamber of Commerce

Committee Updates:

Performance Outcomes Needs & Gaps

Chair Sandra Einhorn informed the Board that HOPE South Florida gave a presentation on the Safe Parking Program.

Housing Action Committee (HAC)

The Committee did not meet in March.

Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC)

Reniese McNeal thanked the HOSS-D staff for their collaboration with the Committee on the 10th Annual Homeless Symposium. Reniese McNeal stated that this event was a great success, with many individuals experiencing homelessness in attendance.

Homeless Youth & Families Committee

Mr. Wendell Johnson shared the student 2026 data.

Homeless Providers, Stakeholders Council

Mikal Cartier informed the Board that next Stakeholders Council meeting will be on April 1st. They will have presentations from the Community Rightful Center, Family Success, and Healthy Start.

Public Comment: NONE

Good of the Order:

Tom Ruthardt announced that on May 16th, BPHI partnership is going to be holding their annual Salute to Leadership Gala at the Ritz-Carlton in Fort Lauderdale, where Senator Rich will receive the James Blosser Award.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.