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**Pittsburgh Land Bank [PLB] Minutes**  
**February 12, 2021**

**Convene:**

The Chair called meeting to order.

**Public Comment:** None

**Roll Call:**

Julie Edwards called the Roll. Members Present: Reverend Burgess, Chair; Dr. Jamil Bey, Vice Chair; Diamonte Walker, Secretary; Senator Fontana; Councilman Lavelle, Treasurer; Wanda Wilson; Councilwoman Kail-Smith; Steve Mazza; Doug Anderson

**Approval of January 2021 Minutes:**

◇ Motion to approve January 2021 minutes [**Bey/Fontana**] Passed unanimously

**Chairman's Report:**

Welcome new mayoral appointed Board Member - Doug Anderson

**Administrator's Report:**

Julie Edwards gave an update on the following:

- URA/PLB Agreement drafted to replace the current MOA, and the Executive Session will meet immediately following this public meeting to discuss the changes to the Agreement, we anticipate 1 more Executive Committee meeting before this Agreement is finalized.
- PLB Manager position update was given and currently still interviewing candidates.
- PLB Website is updated and operating in full capacity.
- PLB agendas and minutes from 2015-present were compiled and shared with the City to post on Legistar.
- URA is currently working to submit an extension request for the \$400k grant with Heinz Endowments.
- URA/City has paused the work to identify initial properties for transfer to the PLB due to pursuing amendment to MCTLL.
- URA has been paying all PLB operating expenses with its' own funds because checks aren't able to be cut due to COVID, URA is recommending amendment to Article II, Section 5 of the PLB By-Laws to allow more flexibility with check signing.

◇ Motion to approve amendment Article II, Section 5 of PLB By-Laws [**Fontana/Mazza**] Passed unanimously.

Julie Edwards recommended the converting PLB to ACH payments as the primary method of payment and setting up PLB with pre-printed safe signatures on checks.

**Finance Report:**

Julie Edwards reviewed PLB expenditures from November 2020 to current.

**New Business:**

Senator Fontana reported that his staff has decided to advance the Municipal Claims and Tax Lien Law amendment and conduct hearings, a law that will allow Pittsburgh to utilize sheriff sales for municipal liens. Some of the proposed amendments are procedural and would give Pittsburgh, a second-class city, the same rights as Philadelphia, a first-class city. Senator Fontana will report on the finalization of this bill at future meetings.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:**

The Chair called for adjournment.

◇ Motion to adjourn. **[Bey/Wilson]** Passed unanimously.