



**Pittsburgh Land Bank [PLB] Minutes**

**July 12, 2019**

**Convene:** The Chair called meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Director called the Roll. Members Present: Reverend Burgess, Chair; Jamil Bey, Vice Chair; Diamonte Walker, Secretary; Paul Leger, Treasurer; Senator Fontana; Councilwoman Kail-Smith; Councilman Lavelle; Steve Mazza; Members absent: Wanda Wilson.

**Property Reserve Listening Session and Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chair congratulated member Diamonte Walker on her recent appointment as the interim Deputy Director of the Urban Redevelopment Authority

**Approval of June 2019 Minutes:** The Board reviewed the June 2019 meeting minutes.

◇ Motion to approve the June 2019 Board meeting minutes without correction [**Walker/Fontana**] Passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:** Dir. Davidson provided an update on the status of the PLB's insurance procurement.

The Director reviewed the status of the contract for legal counsel, and asked the board to extend the term and add additional real estate-related services.

◇ Motion to expand and extend the 2016 Agreement for Legal Services with Irene (McLaughlin) Clark [**Leger/Bey**] Passed unanimously.

The Director introduced the 2019 Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference to the Board for their consideration.

**Finance & Fundraising Report:** The Treasurer asked the Director provided the Finance Report. The monthly financials and expenditures for approval were presented.

◇ Motion to accept the financial report and approve monthly expenditures. [**Leger/Mazza**] Passed unanimously.

**Inventory Report:** Legal Counsel updated the board on the closing of 243 Meadow Street – now in the PLB's ownership.

The Director asked the Board to authorize a resolution to participate in Real-Estate Owned (REO) bank foreclosure inventory programs. The board discussed the need to ensure adequate due diligence and oversight given the fast turn-around nature of these programs. Member Mazza asked if it was possible to generate and distribute lists of the potentially available inventories to the Board.

◇ Motion to participate in REO programs, including the National Community Stabilization Trust, and providing staff with signatory authority on legal documents as it pertains to these programs.

**[Fontana/Mazza]**

**Property Reserve Modernization Committee:** Director Davidson provided a brief update on behalf of Committee Chair Wilson. The group continues its working sessions and is on track to have draft recommendations for PLB Board and public review by September. Member Kail-Smith asked Committee members present to introduce themselves and list their neighborhoods of residence. She committed to making a recommendation of a committee member from the West End.

**Communications Committee:** Committee Chair Jamil Bey reviewed the work of the Communications Committee and the web designer. Director Davidson provided a preview of the website to the Board and public.

**Legislative and Regulatory Update:**

Senator Fontana provided a brief update on the bills he introduced to the board at last month's meeting.

**New Business:** The Chair asked the Board to convene an Executive Session regarding personnel matters immediately following the Board meeting.

**Adjournment:**

There was no more business and the Chair called for adjournment.

◇ Motion to adjourn. **[Leger/Mazza]** Passed unanimously.