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**Pittsburgh Land Bank (PLB) Minutes**  
**May 12, 2023**

**Convene**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

**I. Roll Call**

Emily Kauchak (PLB Assistant Manager) called the roll. Members present: Rev. Ricky Burgess, Councilman Daniel Lavelle, Councilman Bobby Wilson, Director Karen Brean, Director Steve Mazza, and Director Wanda Wilson.

The PLB Board had a quorum.

**II. Public Comment**

**K. Chase Patterson**, Chief Executive Officer of the Urban Academy of Greater Pittsburgh. Requests that the Board of the Pittsburgh Land Bank finalize its decision to sell 243 Meadow Street to the Urban Academy of Greater Pittsburgh.

**Dr. Christine White Taylor**, member of the Larimer community for approximately 68 years, retired school administrator from the Pittsburgh Public schools, here to support the sale of 243 Meadow Street to Urban Academy.

**Jordan Strassburger**, a representative of one of the neighbors, Trinity LP. Here to object to the sale of 243 Meadow Street to the Urban Academy.

**III. Chairman's Report**

Approval of April 2023 Minutes

◇ *Motion to approve the April 2023 Board meeting minutes [Mazza/Lavelle] Passed unanimously.*

Review of April 2023 Financial Report

◇ *Motion to accept the April 2023 Financial Report and approve the monthly expenditures [Mazza/Lavelle] Passed unanimously.*

**IV. Staff Updates**

Sally Stadelman, Manager of the Pittsburgh Land Bank provided updates on two pending sales.

1. 6 Boggs Avenue (4-L-133) | Mount Washington  
Closing for the property is expected to be scheduled for May 30, 2023
2. 0 Flowers Avenue (56-C-239, 240, 240-A) | Hazelwood  
The City has quieted title on two of the three parcels. We expect to be on track to have those conveyed in June.

The PLB has an open position for a Program Assistant posted on the URA Career Center website.



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## **V. Action Items**

Ms. Stadelman read a brief summary of the feedback received on the sale of 243 Meadow Street to the Urban Academy during the 20-day objection period after the Board's preliminary vote on the sale. The Land Bank received a petition with 19 signatures that led the PLB to schedule and hold a public meeting in the Larimer community. Eighteen attendees, the majority of which supported the sale, attended the meeting. The PLB received a petition with 50 signatures in support of the sale to the Urban Academy. All documents including objections were submitted to the Board for review prior to the meeting.

◊ *Motion to Approve the sale of 243 Meadow Street (124-P-199) to the Urban Academy of Pittsburgh Charter School [Lavelle/Mazza] passed unanimously.*

## **V. Legislative Update**

Sally Stadelman, Manager of the PLB, addressed two pending pieces of legislation relevant to the PLB's operations this year.

The Tri-Party Cooperation Agreement Amendment is currently before the City Council. A second internal briefing for City Council members was held in April. Councilwoman Gross who called for a public meeting and post agenda is working to schedule those.

Councilman Wilson added his comment in support of the agreement. Chairman Burgess thanked Councilman Wilson for his comments and reinforced his support, also.

Progress is being made in both the Senate and the House for co-sponsorship of the Municipal Claims and Tax Lien Law (MCTLL). On May 9, 2023, SB202 was approved by the Pennsylvania Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee. It will now be considered by the full Senate. House Bill 711 pertaining to MCTLL amendments will be scheduled for a vote.

## **VI. Public Comment**

**K. Chase Patterson**, Chief Executive Officer of the Urban Academy thanked the Board and staff for their support in passing the resolution to transfer the property at 243 Meadow Street to the Urban Academy. He corrected some statements made about the Urban Academy during the first public comment that are inaccurate, and he denied the existence of any agreements with Trinity LP.

## **VII. Adjournment**

The Chair called for adjournment.

◊ *Motion to adjourn. [Lavelle/W. Wilson] Passed unanimously.*