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Re: OMA Request for Review 2025 PAC 87230

Mr. Rogina,

No decisions were made in the texts in this complaint. We were trying to set a meeting. In the first group of texts times were discussed for interviewing candidates for the Executive Director position. Mr. Baker attended the interviews.

The second set of texts were to set the Special Meeting to set a salary. No decisions were made in the texts. The Meeting was not held at Fairway as stated by Mr. Baker. There were also more than 48 hours notice of the Special Meeting.

Sincerely,
Board Members of the Housing Authority

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Re: OMA Request for Review 2025 PAC 87112

Mr. Rogina,

We were unable to read any of the texts in the complaint. We are only assuming Ron's synopsis of the texts are accurate. Discussion was carried on at the November 15, 2023, Board Meeting concerning the Request for Removal of Ron Baker from the Housing Authority Board. The letter to the Wayne Co. Board (appointing officers) was read in full. Ron was allowed to speak/discuss his view on the matters.

We were following the HUD Chicago Field Office's direction in compiling a letter and evidence to present to the Wayne Co. Board, which in turn requested that everything be sent to the State's Attorney, Kevin Kakac, for review and advice as how to proceed.

After discussion at the November 15, 2023, a motion was made and seconded to approve the letter/resolution. Only after discussion and approval did any Board Member sign the letter.

Also, under the Timeline of Discovery, 3. D., Ron states that on May 27, 2025, that the Executive Director forwarded screen shots that she had received from Commissioner Tim McBride. The Executive Director did not receive any email from Tim McBride and did not forward it to Ron. The Executive Director's phone was replaced in October, 2024, so these texts were unavailable and not withheld as Ron stated in 3. D. Summary of Violations – Concealment and Disclosures.

Under Improper Meetings with Third Parties, there was never a quorum of members meeting with Wayne Co. Board Chairman, Daryl Hargrave, State's Attorney, Kevin Kakac, or the County Clerk. No decisions were made during the only meeting with Kevin Kakac, who was notified of the situation by the Wayne Co. Board Chairman. Only the Executive Director and 2 Board Members spoke with Mr. Kakac.

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Re: OMA Request for Review 2025 PAC 87464

Mr. Rogina,

We as a Board have not made decisions or held a meeting via texts.

Jill Short (retired) or the Board have not initiated a petition to remove Ron Baker from the Board.

The only text readable in the complaint has no date. Rodney Legg passed away in late April and was ill and unable to attend meetings after the Special Meeting, February 26, 2025. The other screen shots are not legible.

If you need anything else, please let us know.

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