REGULAR MEETING OF THE CULVER CITY LANDLORD TENANT MEDIATION BOARD CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

# Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Lescoulie called the regular meeting of the Culver City Landlord Tenant Mediation Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Meeting Room at City Hall.

Present: Justin Lescoulie, Chair

Gary Duboff, Board Member

Michael Matthias, Board Member Demetria Richardson, Board Member

Judy Scott, Board Member

Julieanna Thompson, Board Member

Absent: Beth Hyatt, Vice Chair

Selena Cuffe, Board Member Janice Ginther, Board Member Kasey Esser, Board Member

Elias Platte Bermeo, Board Member

Staff: Mona Kennedy, Housing Programs Supervisor

Teresa Williams, Housing Staff

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Chair Lescoulie discussed meeting intent and procedures.

## Pledge of Allegiance

The Landlord Tenant Mediation Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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# Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Mona Kennedy, Housing Programs Supervisor, indicated that no public comment had been received.

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## Correspondence

Mona Kennedy, Housing Programs Supervisor, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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### Consent Calendar

Item C-1

# Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2022

MOVED BY MEMBER SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MEMBER THOMPSON THAT THE LANDLORD TENANT MEDIATION BOARD APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

THE MOTON CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

DUBOFF, LESCOULIE, MATTHAIS, RICHARDSON, SCOTT,

THOMPSON

NOES:

NONE

ABSENT:

CUFFE, ESSER, GINTHER, HYATT, PLATTE BERMEO

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### Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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#### Action Items

Item A-1

Quarterly Report of Mediated Cases and Requests for Mediation During the Last Quarter (January 2022 Through April 2022), Discuss the Outcomes of All Mediated Cases that Occurred During the Last Quarter (January 2022 Through April 2022), In Addition, Discuss All Mediation Requests During the Last Quarter

Mona Kennedy, Housing Programs Supervisor, reported zero mediation requests and zero mediations conducted during the last quarter.

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Item A-2

# Best Practices - Open Discussion on Best Practices of the Board

Discussion ensued between staff and Board Members regarding the need for the Board to practice mediating; working on items outside of the rent increase; rent control; lack of City Council direction on expanding the scope of the Board; the current workplan; impacts of COVID-19; upcoming items for the July meeting; updates to the City webpage; submission of the Work Plan to the City Council; July 31 as the end of the Commercial Eviction Moratorium; clarification regarding email distributed to Board Members from members of the public; new Board Members; online training; vacant positions; the need for those with expiring terms to reapply; complex situations; consensus; the number and type of emails received weekly; homeless issues; rent control; increased numbers of homeless for mediation; opportunities City; the individuals in communication; legal issues; those who do not want to go to Bet Tzedek; the number of actionable cases regarding landlords who violate tenant protections; resolution of issues with a letter from the Housing Department; property owners who had to reduce rents in order to attract tenants; ensuring that the brochure and information on the City website is distributed to tenants to ensure that tenants are aware of available services; and rent fluctuations with the Consumer Price Index.

Mona Kennedy, Housing Programs Supervisor, agreed to provide Board Members with a copy of the Work Plan for 2022 as well as the list of Prior Year Accomplishments.

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# Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Mona Kennedy, Housing Programs Supervisor, indicated that no public comment had been received.

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Items from Landlord Tenant Mediation Board Members/Staff

None.

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## Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:26 p.m., the Culver City Landlord Tenant Mediation Board adjourned its meeting to Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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SECRETARY of the Culver City Landlord Tenant Mediation Board Culver City, California

Justin Lescoulie

CHAIR of the Culver City Landlord Tenant Mediation Board

Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

CITY CLERK