

OTTAWA COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: July 9, 2026

PLACE: Ottawa County Fillmore Complex, Hickory Conference Room

PRESENT: Ken Brune, Pat Harmon, Jared Schuitema, Doug Zylstra

ABSENT: Klynt Marcusse

STAFF: Rich Lakeberg, Joe Pierce, Paul Sachs, Pam VanderMolen

PUBLIC: Steve Grose, Chris Marco

CALL TO ORDER

President Harmon called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll call was not conducted. Staff explained that they were under the impression there would not be a quorum with only 4 appointed members present since this is now an 11 member board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

There was no approval of the Agenda and Minutes due to no quorum.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Sachs informed the Board that there are roughly 20-30 applicants for the 5 vacant seats.

Chris Marco presented an overview of his efforts advocating for workforce housing and provided a target date of October for holding a local employer summit on housing.

Sachs informed the Board that staff is collaborating with IFF and Ryan Kilpatrick to hold a Developers Listening Session on the Revolving Loan Fund with a target date of July 31.

Sachs provided an update on recent efforts regarding leveraging a specific County-owned property into an affordable housing option. Sachs informed the Board of recent outreach/advocacy efforts regarding the Small Footprints Home Initiative. Sachs asked the Board if they had any questions on the recently approved Board of Commissioner's 2026-2028 Strategic Plan. The Board had none.

ACTION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments were made by the following:

1. Steve Grose

OTHER BUSINESS

President Harmon stated that the next Housing Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6. It was discussed and determined to reschedule the August meeting. VanderMolen will send a poll to the group to determine a new date.

ADJOURNMENT

President Harmon adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.