

**ECONOMIC SECURITY CORPORATION OF THE SOUHWEST AREA**

**AREA BOARD CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

**November 2, 2017**

Henry Lopez, President, asked John, Jeff Goldammer, and Terry Grooms to stay for the closed session. He then called the closed session into order at 8:40 p.m.

John said that he was compelled to make some changes in personnel in the Fiscal Department. These changes were NOT the result of mismanagement of funds. However, due to the issues in question, Kathy Flinn has chosen to resign. Terry Grooms agreed to come out of retirement and fill her position temporarily. He has also agreed to work under contract to do some training and special projects after that.

Tony Wright has also become an Interim Fiscal Director and will be doing some training in this position. Staci Bingham has been made the Interim Director of Housing to fill the position vacated by Tony. Former employee Casey VanStory will be returning to our Housing Division as a Housing Supervisor, to fill some of the duties that Staci did as the Assistant Director. Another person in housing has been terminated, and we have posted to fill that vacant position. Once the renovation phase for our Early Head Start centers has been completed, John has plans to ask Matt Daniel to take over the maintenance and repair and operation of our rental properties.

John has worked with Henry, Darieus, Janice, Jeff, and Terry as well as our attorney on these changes. He also conferenced with the Head Start Regional office on the changes. They felt he has done an excellent job handling this situation, and that was reflected in their opinion of our agency as a well-run, transparent agency. John has notified our funding sources of the changes in the Fiscal Department as well.

There was no action required of the Board in this meeting. It was for informational purposes, and to give the members a chance to ask any questions or make any statement they wished to regarding these changes.

Kevin Johnson made a motion to return to open session, which was seconded by Jeanna McGarrah. A roll call vote was taken and the result was as follows:

Henry Lopez – aye	Darieus Adams – aye	Janice Franklin – aye
Jim Jackson – aye	Jeanna McGarrah- aye	Chester Neel– aye
Doris Fast – aye	Karen Buckman – aye	Nikki Tappana – aye
Paula Carsel – aye	Kevin Johnson – aye	David Holloway – aye
Chelsea Talbott – aye	Chris Lee – aye	Cleo Crosby – aye
Becky Crane – aye	Yanet Pacheco – aye	Phillip Knott – aye
Mike Davis - aye		

There were no nay votes. Motion was passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 8:55 P.M.

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Henry Lopez, President

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Nikki Tappana, Secretary