

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WASHOE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**TO TRUSTEES:** Hilary Lopez, President  
Dave Aiazzi, Vice President  
Mayor Hillary Schieve, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mark Sullivan

**MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

**TIME: 12:00 p.m. (Approximately)**

**PLACE: Reno Housing Authority (RHA) Boardroom, 1525 East Ninth Street,  
Reno, Nevada**

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**A G E N D A**

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. First Period of Public Comment. The opportunity for public comment is reserved for any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action on such an item may be taken by the Board unless and until the matter has been noticed as an action item. Comment from the public is limited to three minutes per person, under these items.
3. Approval of agenda. (For Possible Action)
4. Approval of the minutes of the annual Board meeting held October 25, 2022. (For Possible Action)
5. Contract Administrator's update on the Performance Based Contract Administration (PBCA) contract with HUD for Nevada. (Discussion)
6. Updates to the personnel policy to revise the annual COLA policy and matters related thereto. (For Possible Action)

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7. Discussion and possible action regarding potential transfer of the Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) from Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation to the Housing Authority of the City of Reno, subject to acceptance thereof by the Housing Authority of the City of Reno (For Potential Action)
8. Additional items:
  - i) General matters of concern to Trustees regarding matters not appearing on the agenda. (Discussion)
  - ii) Old and New Business. (Discussion)
  - iii) Schedule of next meeting. The following date has been scheduled in advance but is subject to change at any time: October 22, 2024 (Annual Meeting). (For Possible Action)
9. First Period of Public Comment. The opportunity for public comment is reserved for any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action on such an item may be taken by the Board unless and until the matter has been noticed as an action item. Comment from the public is limited to three minutes per person, under these items.
10. Adjournment. (For Possible Action)

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*Dated October 19, 2023*



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Lindsay Dobson  
Executive Administrative Assistant

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY – October 24, 2023**

**ITEM NUMBER: 4**

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SUBJECT: Consider approval of the minutes of the annual meeting held October 25, 2022. (For Possible Action)

FROM: President

RECOMMENDATION: For Possible Action

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
**WASHOE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION**  
October 25, 2022

The SPECIAL meeting of the Board of Trustees of Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation (WAHC) was called to order by Vice President Sullivan at 12:51 pm on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

**Trustees Present**

Heidi McKendree, Interim President  
Mark Sullivan, Vice President  
Hillary Schieve, Secretary/Treasurer  
Dave Aiazzi

**Trustees Absent**

**Others Present**

Ryan Russell, Legal Counsel  
Darrell Playford, Director of Development  
Linda Long, Director of Administration  
Darren Squillante, Director of Human Resources  
Samantha Arellano, Director of Information Technology  
Kristin Scott, Director of Asset Management  
Cori Fisher, Director of Resident Services  
Jamie Newfelt, Director of Rental Assistance  
Kim Anhalt, Moving to Work Coordinator  
Brenda Freestone, Contract Administrator Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation (WAHC)  
April Conway, Public Information Officer  
Lindsay Dobson, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Others Present**

There being a quorum present, the order of business was as follows:

1. **Call to order and roll call.**
2. **Public Comment. (Public comment, if any, must be limited to any item on the agenda which is listed as an item for action by the Board. Comment from the public is limited to three minutes per person, under these items.)**

There was no public comment.

3. **Approval of the agenda. (For Possible Action)**

It was moved by Trustee Aiazzi and seconded by Secretary Schieve to approve the agenda posted October 19, 2022. Hearing no further discussion, Trustee Aiazzi called for the question. The vote was all ayes and no nays. Vice President Sullivan declared the motion carried and the agenda approved.

4. **Consider approval of the minutes of the special meeting held May 24, 2022. (For Possible Action)**

It was moved by Trustee Aiazzi and seconded by Secretary Schieve to approve the May 24, 2022, special meeting minutes. Hearing no further discussion, Vice President Sullivan called for the question. The vote was all ayes and no nays. Vice President Sullivan declared the motion carried and the minutes approved.

**5. Appointment of new trustee. (For Possible Action)**

Vice President Sullivan moved to remove Deputy Executive Director McKendree as Interim President, add Commissioner Johnson as a Trustee, and add Hilary Lopez as Trustee. Secretary Schieve seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, Vice President Sullivan called for the question. The vote was all ayes and no nays. Vice President Sullivan declared the motion carried.

**6. Nomination and election of vice president and secretary/treasurer. (For Possible Action)**

Vice President Sullivan nominated Trustee Lopez as President. Trustee Aiazzi seconded the nomination. Vice President Sullivan called for the question. The vote was all ayes, no nays. Vice President Sullivan declared nominee Trustee Lopez elected as President of the Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation Board of Trustees.

Vice President Sullivan nominated Trustee Aiazzi as Vice President and nominated Secretary Schieve as Secretary/Treasurer. Trustee Johnson seconded the nomination. Vice President Sullivan called for the question. The vote was all ayes, no nays. Vice President Sullivan declared nominee Trustee Aiazzi elected as Vice President and declared nominee Secretary Schieve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation Board of Trustees.

**7. Contract Administrator's update on the Performance Based Contract Administrator (PBCA) contract with HUD for Nevada.**

Contract Administrator Brenda Freestone reported the Washoe County Affordable Housing Corporation (WAHC) is still operating under amendment 10 of a Product Base Contract Administration (PBCAs). This amendment will expire on January 31, 2023. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not published a solicitation to rebid this contract however, HUD provided all PBCAs with a draft solicitation in August of 2022 and requested comment by September 2022. WAHC responded with questions and concerns related to the solicitation and HUD's determination to pursue a regional Contract Administration approach over the current state by state approach. Should HUD choose to publish the solicitation and accept only regional applications, WAHC has bolstered relationships with additional Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) in the region and will move forward with a joint application. Should HUD abandon a regional approach, WAHC will again pursue the contract for the state of Nevada.

Contract Administrator Brenda Freestone reported WAHC's limited Annual Compliance Review (ACR) has begun in October. WAHC's last ACR was completed November 2021. HUD noted no findings or deficiencies. WAHC continued to assist households through the homeless prevention program during the spring and summer of 2022. In fiscal year 2022 WAHC assisted 26 families with rental assistance. WAHC was awarded \$75,000 from the Nevada Housing Division for fiscal year 2023. The

Nevada Housing Division recently completed an audit of WAHC's Homeless Prevention Program and commended staff on the completeness of files. The audit results demonstrated no deficiencies or findings.

**8. Additional items:**

- i) General matters of concern to Trustee Members regarding matters not appearing on the agenda. (Discussion)

There were no other matters discussed.

- ii) Old and New Business. (Discussion)

There were no comments.

- iii) Schedule of next meeting. The following date has been scheduled in advance but is subject to change at any time: October 25, 2022 (Annual Meeting). (For Possible Action)

**9. Public Comment. (The opportunity for public comment is reserved for any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action on such an item may be taken by the Board unless and until the matter has been noticed as an action item. Comment from the public is limited to three minutes per person.)**

There was no public comment.

**10. Adjournment.**

Vice Chairman Aiazzi motioned to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Schieve seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Sullivan called for the question. The vote was all ayes and no nays. Chairman Sullivan declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY – October 24, 2023****ITEM NUMBER: 5**

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SUBJECT: Contract Administrator's update on the Performance Based Contract Administrator (PBCA) contract with HUD for Nevada. (Discussion)

FROM: President

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion

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**Background Summary:**

- Status of contract
  - WAHC has been operating under Amendment 10 to the PBCA contract which will expire January 31, 2024. HUD has not published the solicitation to rebid the contract. HUD has also decided not to continue with the draft solicitation that they were suggesting last year. WAHC anticipates HUD will make an extension to the current contract.
- ACR
  - Limited Annual Compliance Review with HUD has begun. It looks like it will conclude in late November. The FY2022 ACR was conducted in November 2022 and concluded in December 2022.
- Homeless Prevention Program
  - WAHC is continuing to serve households with the homeless prevention program. For the fiscal year of 2022 WAHC was able to assist 49 families with rental assistance. WAHC received additional funding from Nevada Housing Division of \$230,000 for FY 2024.

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY – October 24, 2023****ITEM NUMBER: 6**

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**SUBJECT:** Updates to the personnel policy to revise the annual COLA policy and matters related thereto. (For Possible Action)

**FROM:** President

**RECOMMENDATION:** Possible Action

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**Background Summary:**

Trustees previously approved Resolution 21-07-01 WA, attached as Exhibit 1, which provides for a 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase for Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation (WAHC) employees annually. COLA adjustments below or above this level need to be authorized by the Board of Trustees. Staff is requesting that the Board void Resolution 21-07-01 WA and refer annually to the language and process outlined in the Personnel Policies Manual. This provides the Board of Trustees with flexibility regarding implementation of an annual COLA and the level of COLA adjustment.

In addition, revisions were made to the annual and sick leave sections, Sections 8.2 and 8.3, respectively, to align with Reno Housing Authority policies.

**Staff Motion for Recommendation:**

The Trustees move to void Resolution 21-07-01 WA and implement the changes to the personnel policy as presented.



**WASHOE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION****RESOLUTION 21-07-01 WA**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO IMPLEMENT A THREE PERCENT (3%) COLA AND MERIT INCREASE TO ALL WAHC STAFF TO BE EFFECTIVE AND RETROACTIVE THE FIRST FULL PAY PERIOD FOLLOWING JULY 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the employees of WAHC receive a set hourly salary with no automatic cost of living or step increase, and

WHEREAS, the employees of WAHC have done an exceptional job providing affordable housing and maintaining the program up to high standards, and

WHEREAS, the President of WAHC wishes to keep WAHC salaries attractive to current employees and to potential new hires, and

WHEREAS, WAHC has sufficient funds to cover the fiscal impact that these COLA increases will have on the corporation, and


WHEREAS, the President of WAHC believes this is in the best interest of the Corporation and that WAHC has sufficient funds to cover the cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation as follows:

1. That the WAHC President is authorized to implement a three percent (3%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and merit wage increase to all WAHC staff to be effective and retroactive the first full pay period following July 1, 2021, specifically July 12, 2021 and continuing thereafter, subject to availability of funding.
2. The resolution is to be effective upon the date of adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2021.

ATTEST:

  
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PRESIDENT  
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VICE PRESIDENT

**WASHOE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION**

# **PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL**

Approved by Resolution 22-04-01 WA

Effective February 28, 2023

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## 1.0. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Manual is to acquaint you with WAHC's organization and provide you with information about our working environment, employee benefits and some of the policies affecting your employment. It is the responsibility of each employee to read and understand this Manual. If anything is not clear to you, please ask for an explanation.

The policies and guidelines contained in this Manual do not create any contract or employment rights. WAHC retains the sole discretion to modify, delete or add to this Manual, in writing, at any time. When such amendments are made, each employee will be provided with a written statement of the amendment and will be required to acknowledge they have received and read the amendment. **None of these policies or procedures can be amended, altered or modified in any way and may only be changed by written amendment adopted by the Board of Trustees of WAHC. No individual has authority to waive in any respect as to any employee of WAHC the at-will employment relationship set out in Section 2.0 of these policies.**

## 2.0. AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT POLICY

WAHC's employment policy is "at-will". Under the at-will policy, neither you nor WAHC is committed to continuing the employment relationship for any specific time. Rather, the employment relationship will continue at will. Either side may terminate the relationship at any time, with or without notice or cause. In deciding to work for WAHC, or continuing to work for WAHC, you must understand and accept these terms of employment.

## 3.0. HIRING / EMPLOYMENT / TERMINATION

- 3.1. **Nature of Employment.** This Manual is intended to provide employees with a general understanding of WAHC personnel policies. Employees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents of this Manual.

While this Manual will answer many common questions about employment, it is not possible to anticipate every situation or answer every question about employment. This manual is not an employment contract and is not intended to create contractual obligations of any kind. Neither the employee nor WAHC is bound to continue the employment relationship, if either chooses, at its will, to end the relationship at any time, as stated in Section 2.0, above, and other places within this Personnel Policies Manual.

In order to retain necessary flexibility in the administration of policies and procedures, WAHC reserves the right to change at any time, revise or eliminate any of the policies and/or benefits described in this Manual or to eliminate the manual in its entirety. None of these policies or procedures can be amended, altered or modified in any way by oral statements, but can only be changed by written amendment adopted by the Board of Trustees of WAHC. WAHC, through its Board of Trustees, reserves the right to be the sole judge of whether there has been any violation or deviation from the policies and procedures set forth in this manual.

- 3.2. Equal Employment Opportunity. WAHC seeks to develop and maintain a work environment that values the dignity of each individual, utilizes human resources to their fullest potential, and ensures a high-quality workforce that reflects the diversity of the community we service. It is the policy and the intent WAHC to provide equality of opportunity in employment for all persons; to prohibit discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, genetic information, military or veteran status or national origin, in all aspects of personnel policies, programs, practices, operations, and in all its working conditions and relationships with employees and applicants for employment. To that end, discriminatory conduct by any employee, client, vendor or service provider is strictly prohibited. WAHC will analyze its personnel actions rigorously to ensure compliance with this policy.
- 3.3. Employment Applications. WAHC relies on the accuracy and truthfulness of information contained in the employment application, as well as the accuracy of other data presented throughout the hiring process. If any information provided by the applicant on the employment application or during the hiring process is found to be false, untruthful or misleading, this information may result in WAHC's rejection of the individual for further consideration for employment or, if the person has been hired, termination of employment.
- 3.4. Overtime Employment Categories. Upon hiring, or thereafter, all employees are assigned to an Overtime Compensation category of exempt or non-exempt from overtime compensation. The classification of an employee as exempt or non-exempt from overtime compensation requirements is made in accordance with state and federal wage and hour laws.
- 3.5. Temporary/Regular Employees. Temporary employees fill positions that are budgeted for 12 months or less. Temporary employees are not eligible for WAHC benefit programs except as provided by applicable law.

Regular employees fill positions that are budgeted for more than 12 months. Regular employees are eligible to participate in WAHC's benefit programs.

- 3.6. Work Schedules. Work schedules for employees may vary throughout WAHC. Supervisors will advise employees of their individual work schedules. Staffing needs and operational demands may necessitate variations in starting and ending times, as well as variations in the total hours that may be scheduled each day and week.

In the sole discretion of WAHC management, flextime scheduling may be available in some cases for the purpose of allowing employees to vary their starting and ending times within established limits so long as the needs and requirements of WAHC are not adversely affected. For overtime purposes, the work week shall begin on Monday at 12:01 a.m. and end on Sunday at 12:00 midnight.

- 3.7. Outside Employment. Employees are required to notify the President of WAHC in writing of any secondary or concurrent employment outside the service of WAHC. Employees may hold outside jobs which do not constitute a conflict of interest and are not incompatible with WAHC employment as long as they meet the performance standards of their job with WAHC. Employees will be judged according to the same performance standards and subject to WAHC's scheduling demands, the employees' outside work requirements notwithstanding.

- 3.8. Employment Reference Checks. From time to time, WAHC will receive requests to verify employment, usually on behalf of those employees who are trying to obtain mortgage loans or other financing. It is WAHC's policy to respond to such inquiries only with the written permission of the employee.

When an employee terminates his/her employment with WAHC, the President or designated staff person will respond to reference check inquiries from other employers. Responses to such inquiries will confirm only dates of employment and position(s) held. No additional employment data will be released without a written authorization and release signed by the individual who is the subject of the inquiry.

- 3.9. Personnel Data Changes. It is the responsibility of each employee to promptly notify the Human Resources Specialist in writing of any changes in personnel data. Personnel mailing addresses, telephone numbers, individuals to be contacted in the event of emergency, and other such status reports should be accurate and current at all times.

- 3.10. Employment Terminations, Layoffs and Recalls. WAHC's employment policy is "at-will". WAHC and its employees are free to terminate the employment relationship at any time with or without cause.

When an employee leaves the employment of WAHC, generally the designated staff person will schedule an exit interview for the departing employee. The exit interview will afford an opportunity to discuss such issues as employee benefits and return of WAHC-owned property. In addition, the employee will receive an Exit Interview Questionnaire. Completing this form is voluntary and all comments will be kept confidential.

Employees will receive their final pay in accordance with applicable law.

Layoffs and recalls will be made at the discretion of WAHC management on the basis of numerous factors including, but not limited to, skills, knowledge, education, past disciplinary record, attendance, production, nature of the employee's work and the needs of WAHC. An employee who is laid off will not accrue benefits during the layoff period.

A "layoff" of personnel is where WAHC is unable to continue a full-time employee (who has rendered satisfactory services) in his/her current position because of budget cuts, reorganization or discontinuance or curtailment of a department, project, position or area of service, and is unable to offer some other mutually satisfactory assignment, the employee shall be released. Notification of release should be given to the employee, in writing, by the President or his/her designee 15 days in advance of the date of suspension.

- 3.11. Return of WAHC Property. Employees are responsible for the following items issued to them or in their possession or control:

- Credit cards
- Equipment
- Keys
- ID Badge
- Manuals
- Written Materials

All property must be returned by employees on or before their last day of work.

## **4.0. EMPLOYEE CONDUCT**

- 4.1. Employee Conduct and Work Rules. To assure orderly operations and provide the best possible work environment, WAHC expects all employees to follow rules of conduct that will protect the interests and safety of WAHC, its employees and guests.

It is not possible to list all the forms of behavior that are considered unacceptable in the workplace. Listed below are examples of infractions of rules of conduct that may result in disciplinary action, including



suspension or termination of employment. The listing of the following prohibited actions, improper actions and work standard rules does not in any way detract from or alter the right of WAHC or the employee to terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without cause.

- Inefficiency, lack of productive effort or other unsatisfactory work performance.
- Theft or inappropriate removal or possession of private or WAHC property.
- Willful destruction or defacement of private or WAHC property.
- Falsification or misrepresentation of information on any forms or records including, but not limited to, timekeeping records, employment applications, and WAHC personnel records.
- Working or being on WAHC premises or WAHC oversight properties while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Violation of traffic or parking regulations using employee or rental vehicles while on WAHC business. Also, failure to properly report any type of accident while on WAHC business.
- Fighting or engaging in any behavior which is physically assaultive, indicates a potential for violence (e.g. throwing objects, shaking fists, destroying property, etc.) or represents a threat to harm another individual or endanger the safety of others.
- Carrying, either concealed or unconcealed, firearms, weapons, or unauthorized knives on WAHC premises (including the WAHC parking lot), in the employee's vehicle or any other vehicle being used for WAHC business at any time, or on the premise of any oversight property.
- Insubordination.
- Violation of the privacy rights of others including, but not limited to, searching desks or stalking.
- Three consecutive days of unreported absence (which shall constitute job abandonment without any further notice to the absent employee).
- Excessive number of absences or tardiness (excluding absences required by federal or state law concerning employee leaves of absence).

- Smoking in prohibited or unauthorized areas.
- Sexual or other unlawful harassment or discrimination.
- Unauthorized use of WAHC time, materials or equipment for personal activities.
- Making defamatory or false statements detrimental to WAHC's operation or good standing.
- Participation in organized gambling, betting, a lottery, or any other game of chance at any time while on WAHC property or any WAHC oversight property.
- The sale, use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or controlled substances, or other intoxicants in any way that may interfere with work, on WAHC premises or any WAHC oversight properties, or coming to work under their influence.
- Failure to comply with safety rules set forth in applicable WAHC, state, and federal safety standards, or failure to otherwise recognize safety procedures in performing work for WAHC.
- Failure to report immediately to supervisory personnel any accident or injury suffered by the employee.
- Solicitation or distribution of electronic, written or printed matter in violation of WAHC policy.
- Dishonest, unprofessional or unethical conduct of any nature.
- Inability to maintain a satisfactory working relationship with owners, property management staff or WAHC employees.
- Altering, mutilating, abusing, or wasting property, facilities, records, or equipment belonging to WAHC or located on WAHC property, or any WAHC oversight property.
- Violation of any WAHC rule, policy or regulation.

In determining the degree of disciplinary action, full consideration will be given to the seriousness of the substandard performance or the offense, the intent and attitude of the employee, and the environment in which the offense took place. As previously stated, the WAHC reserves the right to be the sole judge of whether or not there has been a violation of these

policies and if so, the appropriate level of disciplinary action to be taken in response.

- 4.2. Conflict of Interest. All employees must avoid any action, whether or not specifically prohibited by this section, which might result in or create the appearance of using his/her employment or official title or capacity with WAHC for personal and/or private gain.

4.2.1. Accepting Gifts. Except as provided in paragraph 4.2.2, employees must not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, a gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment, loan, or any other thing of value, from a person, government employee or official, or business entity or a group of persons, who or which:

- Has, or is seeking, a contractual or other business or financial relationship with the WAHC;
- Conducts operations or activities that are monitored or reviewed by WAHC; or
- Has interest, or whose members or clients have interests, that may be substantially affected by actions of WAHC.

4.2.2. Exceptions to the provisions of section 4.2.1:

- When circumstances make it clear that family relationships are the motivating factor for a gift, entertainment or favor;
- Acceptance of food and refreshments of nominal value on occasions in the course of a business meeting in which the employee is properly in attendance;
- Acceptance by an employee of loans from banks or other financial institutions on customary terms;
- Acceptance by an employee of unsolicited advertising or promotional material, such as pens, pencils, plaques, note pads, calendars, and other items of nominal intrinsic value;
- Participation by an employee at a luncheon, dinner, conference or similar gathering sponsored by a trade, technical, professional or other association or similar group for discussion of matters related to the work of WAHC. Participation must be approved in advance by employee's supervisor as being in the interest of WAHC.

- 4.2.3. Employees must not solicit contributions for a gift to an official superior, make donations as a gift to an official superior or accept gifts from an employee receiving less pay than himself/herself. However, this paragraph does not prohibit voluntary gifts of nominal value or donations of modest value made because of special circumstances such as marriage, illness or retirement.
  - 4.2.4. Employees must not engage in outside employment or other outside activity not compatible with the full and proper discharge of the employee's official duties and responsibilities, nor engage in any outside activity that may establish relationships or property interests that may result in a conflict between private interests and the employee's official duties. Under no certain circumstances should employees accept employment, with or without compensation, with any person or business entity doing business with WAHC.
  - 4.2.5. Employees must not receive any salary or anything of monetary value from a private source as compensation for their services performed in the course of their duties with WAHC.
  - 4.2.6. In order to avoid any conflict of interest, perceived conflict of interest of later claims against WAHC or an employee, employees shall not date, cohabitate with, or become sexually involved with a manager, owner, employee, or tenant of a WAHC oversight property unless the employee has disclosed the circumstances in writing to the President and received a written determination that no conflict of interest exists.
  - 4.2.7. In order to avoid any perceived conflicts of interest or later claims against WAHC or a supervisor employed by the WAHC, a supervisor shall not date, cohabitate with, or become sexually involved with another employee of a person over whom he/she has a supervisory responsibility unless the supervisor has disclosed the circumstances in writing to the President. The President must provide a written determination that no conflict of interest exists and also that there is no potential for subsequent claims being filed against the WAHC.
  - 4.2.8. It is the responsibility of any employee, who has any questions about the propriety of any conduct or transaction that he/she is considering entering into which may be proscribed by these provisions, to obtain written approval of the President of the WAHC prior to taking any such action or entering into any such transaction.
- 4.3. Business Ethics. All employees are expected to conduct business with integrity and honesty. Each employee will be supported in doing so by all

levels of the organization. If at any time an employee believes they have observed deceitful or dishonest conduct, or been asked by a supervisor, fellow employee, owner or employee of a WAHC oversight property, or other individual or entity to conduct business in a deceitful or dishonest way, then the employee is to report such incident(s) to their immediate supervisor or to the next highest level of management. Failure to observe this policy (including obligations to report violations thereof) may be cause for termination and possible legal action.

- 4.4. Employee Safety. Establishment and maintenance of a safe work environment is the shared responsibility of WAHC and employees from all levels of the organization. WAHC will take all reasonable steps to assure a safe environment and compliance with federal, state and local safety regulations. Employees are expected to obey safety rules and to exercise caution in all their work activities. They are asked to immediately report any unsafe conditions to their supervisor. Employees at all levels are expected to correct unsafe conditions as promptly as possible, to refrain from using and to prevent the use of unsafe equipment they discover.

All accidents that result in injury must be reported to the appropriate supervisor, regardless of how insignificant the injury may appear. Such reports are necessary to comply with state and federal laws and to initiate insurance and workers' compensation procedures.

- 4.5. Smoking Policy. In keeping with WAHC's intent to provide a safe and healthful work environment, smoking is prohibited throughout the workplace. This policy applies equally to all employees, customers and visitors.

- 4.6. Controlled Substance and Alcohol Abuse Policy.

4.6.1. Drug and Alcohol Use Prohibited. Drug and alcohol use is highly detrimental to the safety and productivity of employees in the workplace. No employee may be under the influence or impairment of any alcohol, legal or illegal drugs while in the workplace, while on duty or while operating a vehicle or equipment owned or leased by WAHC. The unlawful manufacture, possession, distribution, transfer, purchase, sale, use or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on WAHC's property, while on duty, or while operating a vehicle or machine leased by WAHC is strictly prohibited and may lead to disciplinary action up to, and including, termination.

Employees should discuss with their physician whether taking prescription drugs may affect their work performance. Employees should also discuss any limitations on their performance with the

Contract Administrator and obtain permission before beginning or continuing work.

Any employee who feels that he/she has developed an addiction or dependence on alcohol or drugs, or has any other problem concerning alcohol or drugs, is encouraged to seek assistance before it affects work performance or other important aspects of their life. WAHC will make reasonable efforts, without undue hardship, to accommodate employees with a substance abuse problem who voluntarily seek help. Accommodation may include providing a leave of absence in order for the employee to complete rehabilitation or to seek other professional help.

- 4.6.2. Drug-Free Workplace. WAHC is committed to maintaining a drug-free workplace to protect its employees, clients, vendors and the general public from the serious risks posed by the illegal manufacture, distribution, possession or use of controlled substances. Drug activity threatens and impairs employee health, safety, security, morale and job performance. WAHC will take all reasonable steps to prevent and eliminate it in the workplace.

Employees must notify the Contract Administrator or President, if they are arrested or convicted of an alcohol or criminal drug statute violation occurring in the workplace, no later than five days after such action.

Disciplinary action, including termination, will be taken against any employee who violates the Drug-Free Workplace Act policy.

- 4.6.3. Drug and Alcohol Testing. WAHC will test for the illegal use of drugs or alcohol as follows:

- **Placement Testing.** Any offer of employment at WAHC is contingent upon passing a drug test at an authorized facility.
- **Reasonable Cause Testing.** Drug and alcohol testing will be required when there is reasonable cause to believe that the employee is using or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- **Post-Accident Testing.** Drug and alcohol testing may be required when an employee is involved in an accident that results in loss of life, bodily injury requiring medical treatment away from the scene, or damage to property during the work day.

## 5.0. SEXUAL AND OTHER UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT

The WAHC opposes sexual harassment and inappropriate sexual conduct. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when:

- Submission to such conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment.
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for decisions affecting an individual's employment.
- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

All employees are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and businesslike manner at all times. Conduct which may violate this policy includes, but is not limited to, sexually implicit or explicit communications whether in:

- Written form, such as cartoons, posters, calendars, notes, letters, e-mails.
- Verbal form, such as comments, jokes, foul or obscene language of a sexual nature, gossiping or questions about another's sex life, or repeated unwanted requests for dates.
- Physical gestures and other nonverbal behavior, such as unwelcome touching, grabbing, fondling, kissing, massaging, and brushing up against another's body.

If you experience or witness sexual or other unlawful harassment or discrimination in the workplace, such conduct is to be reported immediately to your supervisor. If your supervisor is perceived by you to be a part of or a contributing factor to the problem, then to the RHA Equal Employment Officer. If you cannot report the conduct to your supervisor and the Equal Employment Officer is unavailable, you may also report the conduct to any other supervisor or the President of WAHC. The identity of the Equal Employment Officer will be posted in convenient places throughout the WAHC offices.

You may raise concerns and make reports regarding this kind of prohibited conduct without fear of reprisal or retaliation. You will not be terminated for reporting harassment or participating in an investigation of a claim of harassment. Furthermore, should you experience retaliation or reprisal for bringing such a complaint or should you experience retaliation or reprisal for being a witness or otherwise participating in an investigation of a claim of unlawful harassment, you may also report the reprisal or retaliation, experienced

or witnessed, in the same manner as you would report a claim of unlawful discrimination.

All allegations of sexual or other unlawful harassment, reprisal, or retaliation will be quickly and discretely investigated. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent an effective investigation into the complaint will allow. When the investigation is completed, you will be informed of the outcome of the investigation which you have initiated by your complaint. Any employee, supervisor or manager who becomes aware of possible sexual or unlawful harassment, retaliation or reprisal must immediately advise the Equal Employment Officer or any other member of management, so that the conduct in question may be investigated in a timely, effective and confidential manner and prompt, effective remedial action taken whenever appropriate. Anyone engaging in sexual or other unlawful harassment, discrimination, reprisal activity or retaliatory conduct prohibited within this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

## **6.0. USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

6.1. Business and Personal Use of Technology. It is expected that technology will be used solely for the purpose of conducting business and will not be used for personal, commercial or political purposes. Such technology includes e-mail, voicemail, computers, internet connections, PDA's, pagers and cellular phones. Reasonable use for personal reasons incidental to conducting business will be permitted where:

- Such use facilitates and enhances the performance by the employee of their job (i.e., use of cellular phone for limited personal phone calls while traveling on company business).
- The employee exercises discretion in the amount of such use and does not impair the use of such technology for business purposes.

6.2. E-Mail Use. WAHC reserves and may exercise the right to monitor, access, and retrieve and delete any matter stored in, created on, received or sent over the e-mail system, for any reason and without permission of the employee. Employees should be aware that deletion of any e-mail messages or files may not truly eliminate the messages from the system. Employees are responsible for deleting electronic mail messages that have been read. Any electronic mail messages that are older than 90 days that need to be saved should be archived or they may be automatically deleted.

Employees are not authorized to retrieve or read any e-mail messages that are not sent to them. Persons authorized to monitor and/or review the electronic mail and accounts of WAHC employees are the following:



- President, WAHC
- Contract Administrator

The Contract Administrator may approve an exception to this policy when an employee is on vacation or is unable to check their e-mail.

The e-mail system may not be used to solicit for religious or political causes, commercial enterprises, outside organizations or other non-job-related projects. It also shall not be used to send or receive copyrighted materials, trade secrets, proprietary financial information, customer lists, or other similar materials without prior authorization.

All communications and information transmitted by, received from, and/or stored in this system are company records and property of WAHC. Employees have no right of personal privacy in any matter stored in, created on, received or sent over WAHC's system.

Employees should write e-mail communications with the same care, judgment, professionalism and responsibility that would be used for letters or other memoranda written on company letterhead. E-mails are sometimes misdirected or forwarded, and may be viewed by persons other than the intended recipient. The conduct of WAHC's employees directly reflects on WAHC. It is of the utmost importance for WAHC to preserve its reputation for professionalism in all its business dealings. Every employee is responsible for using the computer system, including e-mail, in accordance with this policy.

6.3. Internet Use. Most employees will be provided with access to the Internet (World Wide Web) to assist them in performance of their job. The Internet can be a valuable source of information and research. It is expected that technology will be used solely for the purpose of conducting business and will not be used for personal, commercial or political purposes. Reasonable use for personal reasons incidental to conducting business will be permitted where:

- Such use facilitates and enhances the performance by the employee of their job.
- The employee exercises discretion in the amount of such use and does not impair the use of such technology for business purposes.

6.4. General Computer Use. All computer hardware, software, programs, networks and files, including e-mail, are the property of WAHC. Computers and related programs or networks may not be used for personal business use. No software or files, personal or otherwise, may

be loaded onto the company computers without the prior approval of the President.

Wasting computer resources by, among other things, sending mass mailings or chain letters, spending excessive amounts of time on the Internet, engaging in online chat groups, instant messaging, playing games, sending, receiving, downloading, displaying, printing or otherwise disseminating material that is sexually explicit, obscene, harassing, fraudulent, racially offensive, defamatory or otherwise unlawful, disseminating or storing commercial or personal advertisements, solicitations, promotions, destructive programs (i.e., viruses or self-replicating code), political information or any other unauthorized material is prohibited.

Other inappropriate use includes:

- Deleting, examining, copying, or modifying files and/or data belonging to other users without prior consent.
- Making unauthorized copies of licensed software products or of any data belonging to WAHC.
- Modifying, relocating, or exchanging hardware and software configurations without written authorization from WAHC's President as well as the Reno Housing Authority's Information Systems Analyst.
- Loading or installing programs from the Internet, computer disks or CDs coming in from an outside source without checking for viruses.
- Intentionally impeding other users and/or cause bottlenecks in system processing time through mass consumption of system resources. Examples include: running a large number of reports at the same time for the purpose of slowing down the system.
- Taking any unauthorized, deliberate action which damages or disrupts a computing system, alters its normal performance, or causes it to malfunction. This is an inappropriate use, regardless of system location or time duration.

- 6.5. Password and User IDs. Once an employee receives a user ID to access the network and computer systems on the network, he/she is solely responsible for all actions taken while using that user ID.

Employees must keep their user ID(s) and password(s) confidential. All IDs and passwords must be filed in a secure place, not on a desk or bulletin board. Sharing his/her user ID(s) and/or password(s) with another

person is prohibited. In the event that an employee does share his/her user ID(s) and password(s) with another person, the employee will be solely responsible for the actions of that person conducted with his/her user ID(s) and/or password(s).

All employees who use password protection must provide their personal computer file passwords to the Information Systems Analyst or his/her designated representative upon request. All such passwords used in conjunction with WAHC's information network resources are the proprietary information of WAHC. Any expenses incurred by WAHC as a result of a violation of this policy shall be the financial responsibility of the offending employee. Passwords will be changed as directed by the Information Systems Analyst.

It is the employee's responsibility to shutdown open applications, e.g. Project Portfolio, and logout or lock the desktop when they leave the office after work.

## **7.0. PRIVACY POLICY**

All offices, desks, computers, e-mail, files (electronic and paper), and lockers or other storage facilities are property of WAHC, and the privacy or confidentiality of any personal or confidential information contained therein is not the responsibility of WAHC. Employees are not permitted to password or protect documents or directories without the knowledge and permission of the Information Systems Analyst.

Although WAHC may undertake reasonable efforts to respect the privacy of its employees and the confidentiality of any personal information which may be stored by the employee on the premises or on electronic media (most commonly e-mail), WAHC cannot guarantee that such information will be kept private (such as, for example, if it is discovered during the normal course of conducting business). This means that employees' desks, computers and offices may be accessed by authorized personnel if dictated by business needs while an employee is out of the office, on vacation or during routine maintenance, re-arranging of offices and/or computer systems, etc.

## **8.0. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POLICY**

8.1. Holidays. WAHC will grant time off to all employees on the twelve holidays listed below.

New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King Day  
Presidents Day

January 1  
3rd Monday in January  
3rd Monday in February

Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth Day	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Nevada Day	Last Friday in October
Veterans' Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Family Day	Day after Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day	December 25

In addition, for all employees who have been employed for at least six months, their birthday (or other day of their choosing with the supervisor's consent) as an annual Floating Holiday. The Floating Holiday must be used within the current fiscal year it was earned.

A recognized holiday that falls on a Saturday will be observed on the preceding Friday. A recognized holiday that falls on a Sunday will be observed on the following Monday.

Employees shall be paid for designated holidays as specified for part-time or full-time employees except that their pay shall be in proportion to the amount of time, they are regularly scheduled to work on each such holiday.

- 8.2. Annual Leave. Each full-time regular employee will be entitled to and accrue annual leave on a biweekly basis with a maximum accumulation at a rate based on years of service with WAHC as detailed below. However, New employees will commence to accrue annual leave at the start of the first pay period occurring after 30 days of employment. ~~not receive any such leave until they have been employed for six months at which time they will begin accruing leave~~ based on the table below:

Years of Service	Annual Leave Hours Accrued Biweekly	Annual Leave Hours Accrued Biweekly	Annual Leave Hours Accrued Biweekly
	21 Hour Work Week	30 Hour Work Week	40 Hour Work Week
0-4	2.00	3.00	4.00
5-9	3.00	4.25	5.50
10-14	3.50	5.00	6.50
15-19	4.50	6.25	8.00
20 or more	5.00	7.00	9.00

Part-time regular employees will be entitled to accumulate annual leave on a pro-rated basis.

Each employee will be allowed vacation credits at the established rate while absent on paid annual or sick leave.

Terminating employees who have been employed for over six months will be paid for all accrued annual leave. The maximum number of hours to be paid for terminating employees will be no more than two years of annual leave to be calculated as 52 pay periods times the biweekly accrual rate.

Accumulation of Annual Leave: Annual leave credits of full-time and part-time regular employees may accumulate from calendar year to calendar year, but a uniform ceiling will be established on annual leave accruals as follows:

- All employees may accrue no more than two years of annual leave (52 pay periods X biweekly accrual rate).
- After the ceiling is reached, no further accrual will occur.

- 8.3. **Sick Leave.** Each full-time regular employee will be entitled to accrue sick leave on a biweekly basis at the rate of four hours per pay period with a maximum accumulation of 400 hours. Terminating employees will be paid ~~for a maximum of 400 hours of accrued sick leave.~~ at the rate of one hour's pay for every two hours of sick leave accrued.

Part-time regular employees will be entitled to accumulate sick leave on a pro-rated basis.

The maximum number of hours to be paid for terminating employees will be no more than one-half of 400 hours (200 hours) of sick leave, and no more than 40 hours of accrued compensatory time.

- 8.4. **Family and Medical Leave Act.** Notwithstanding any provision contained in the preceding paragraph, commencing August 1, 1993, a regular employee who has at least 12 months' continuous service with the employer (and 1,250 hours or more of service during the prior year) is eligible for unpaid family or medical care leave for up to 12 weeks during a 12-month period measuring backward. The employee will be eligible to return to employment in the same position or an equivalent position with equivalent benefits and pay after his/her return from unpaid family care leave.

An employee may apply for family care leave in connection with:

- The birth or adoption of a child of an employee (including the placement of a child with an employee for foster care);
- To care for a son or daughter who has a serious health condition;
- To care for a parent or spouse of an employee who has a serious health condition, the term “spouse” means the spouse in a marriage recognized at common law and spouse in a same sex marriage.
- To permit the employee to recover from a serious health condition which makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his/her position.
- To care for a covered family member’s active duty or call to duty in the armed forces.
- To care for an injured or ill service member.
- A serious health condition is defined as an illness, impairment or physical or mental condition which involves inpatient care in a care in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care facility or continuing treatment or continuing supervision by a health care provider. The employee will be required to provide a certification from the health care provider of the person requiring care, stating that the serious health condition meets the specific requirements as defined above.
- To the extent that the employee's need for leave is foreseeable, the employee must provide a 30-day advance notice to the Authority and, when practical, should make reasonable efforts to schedule the leave to avoid disruption of the Authority's operations, subject to the advice and approval of the health care provider of the individual requiring the treatment or supervision.
- Prior to being eligible for unpaid family care leave the employee must first utilize and expend any accrued sick leave and annual leave. During unpaid family care leave the employee does not earn vacation or sick leave credits, and neither gains nor loses seniority.
- In those exceptional cases where an employee has exhausted all unpaid leave due to illness, and is not eligible to receive pay, the Executive Director, at his/her discretion, may grant an additional medical leave of absence for a period not to exceed 90 days and in accordance with insurance requirements under which the Authority receives coverage for basic medical, major medical, life insurance, dental insurance, accidental death and dismemberment. During the time medical leave of absence is in effect, the Authority continues to pay premiums on insurance benefits just as if the employee remained on the payroll. The employee, however, is responsible for payroll deductions such as credit union and others. During this time, the employee does not earn vacation or sick leave credits and neither gains nor

loses seniority. Authorized unpaid leaves of absences of more than 10 consecutive work days will be deducted from continuous service. The employee's anniversary and/or probationary date will be adjusted accordingly.

- 8.5. Bereavement Leave. In the event of a death in the immediate family (spouse, parent, child, brother/sister, grandparent, grandchild, niece/nephew, mother/father-in-law) an employee will be granted up to three days off with pay, if requested. Where long distance travel (greater than 400 miles from Reno) is involved in attending memorial services, five days may be provided with the approval of the President.
- 8.6. Military Leave. A military leave of absence will be granted to employees to attend scheduled drills or training or if called to active duty with the U.S. armed services. Unless required by applicable state or federal laws, the leave will be unpaid. However, if the leave, or any part thereof, is unpaid, employees may use any available vacation leave for that part of the leave which is unpaid.
- 8.7. Jury Duty. WAHC encourages employees to fulfill their civic responsibilities by serving jury duty when required. Employees will be paid their usual salary for the length of absence. Employees are required to remit to WAHC any compensation received from the court, except mileage reimbursement, in order to qualify for this paid jury duty.
- 8.8. Qualified Individuals With a Disability – Reasonable Accommodation. WAHC will make every reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals with known disabilities and employees whose work requirements interfere with a religious belief, unless doing so would result in an undue hardship to WAHC or cause direct threat to health or safety. When an employee is not able to properly perform his/her essential job functions, with or without reasonable accommodation, termination may be necessary. If an employee becomes unable to perform the essential functions of his/her position due to a disability, the employee should advise his/her supervisor or the President in writing of the circumstances and any request for accommodation. WAHC will then conduct an investigation to determine whether a reasonable accommodation can be made, without undue hardship, that will enable the employee to perform his/her essential job functions. If the accommodation is reasonable and will not impose undue hardship on WAHC, the accommodation will be made.

WAHC may rely on one or more doctor's opinions, if there is any question whether an employee's continued work may pose a safety or health risk to

others or if there is reason to believe the employee may not be able to meet the demands of his/her job.

8.9. On-the-job Injury Benefits – Worker’s Compensation. All employees are covered for Worker’s Compensation and WAHC pays 100 percent of the contribution.

- When an employee is eligible for industrial injury compensation, that employee may use accumulated sick leave to bring total biweekly compensation up to full wage. To be entitled to this benefit, the employee must return all industrial injury payments to WAHC. In no event will an employee be allowed to receive industrial injury compensation and sick leave compensation from the WAHC. This benefit does not apply to temporary employees.
- Whenever medically and administratively feasible, WAHC will provide light duty work. WAHC may send, at its expense, an injured worker to a physician to ascertain whether light duty work would be physically harmful to the employee.
- When an employee is hurt on the job, it is his/her responsibility to report the injury immediately to his/her supervisor. Failure to report a job-related injury/disease promptly could forfeit the right to industrial injury benefits. Failure to report a job-related accident/disease, no matter how minor, may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

8.10. 401k Retirement Plan. WAHC will provide each regular employee with a pension plan contribution of 5% of wages after six months of continuous employment. Wages will consist of the employee’s base wage. Payments will be calculated and deposited with the retirement plan trustee each pay period. Employees may choose to contribute to the retirement plan as permitted by law.

8.11. Insurance Plans. WAHC will pay 100% of the employee only cost for each full-time employee and for each qualified part-time employee on a prorated basis for the insurance plans available through the City of Reno. The plans consist of health, dental, vision and life insurance. If the employee elects employee and spouse coverage, or employee and dependent coverage or employee and family coverage, WAHC will pay the following percent share of health costs for the coverage category selected by the employee:

- Employee only coverage – 100%
- Employee and dependent coverage – 75% of the total combined cost
- Employee and spouse coverage – 75% of the total combined cost



- Employee and family coverage - 75% of the total combined cost

Vision Plan. WAHC will pay 100% for each full-time regular employee and for each qualified part-time regular employee on a pro-rata basis for the vision plan provided. Each employee may elect to have dependent coverage on the vision plan at their own expense. WAHC will not contribute any funds toward dependent coverage.

Life Insurance. WAHC will provide as part of the insurance package life insurance equal to employee's base annual salary rounded to the nearest \$1,000 to each full-time employee and each qualified part-time employee.

New employees shall begin coverage on the first of the month following the employee's 30 days of continuous employment. Premiums are paid in advance and will be deducted from the employee's bi-weekly pay checks.

Specific medical insurance and plan benefits are not set forth in this policy. It is understood that the plans themselves do, from time to time change and these changes may affect the plan costs. WAHC assumes no responsibility for replacement of benefits which may be changed by the plan. It is understood that Major Medical Plans can only be changed during open enrollment periods as announced by WAHC. Open enrollment will occur annually. Employees will be notified prior to the start of Open Enrollment which generally starts the last week of November. Benefit changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective starting the upcoming calendar year in January.

- 8.12. Social Security. WAHC will match the employee's contributions to the Federal Social Security retirement system and Medicare system as required by law.

## **9.0. COMPENSATION POLICY**

- 9.1. Timekeeping. Accurate timekeeping is the responsibility of every employee. Federal and state laws require the employer to keep accurate time records in order to calculate employee pay and benefits. Employees must accurately record the total number of hours worked each day. Overtime or compensatory work must always be approved before it is performed.

It is the employee's responsibility to sign his/her time record to certify the accuracy of all time recorded. The supervisor will review and then initial the time record before submitting it to payroll for processing.

- 9.2. Paydays. All employees are paid bi-weekly on every other Wednesday. Each bi-weekly pay will include earnings for all work performed through the end of the previous payroll period.
- 9.3. Meal/Rest Periods. All employees shall be granted a non-paid lunch period of one hour during each full work shift. Whenever possible, such meal periods shall be scheduled in the middle of the workday. A rest period of 15 minutes shall be permitted for all employees for each four-hour work period.
- 9.4. Overtime. When operating requirements or other needs cannot be met during regular working hours, employees may be scheduled to work overtime hours. When possible, advance notification of these mandatory assignments will be provided. All overtime work must receive prior written authorization.

Overtime compensation is paid to all non-exempt employees in accordance with federal and state laws at the following rate(s):

- One and one-half times straight-time rate for all hours over 40 in a given workweek.
- Time worked on official holidays will be computed at double time. No employee shall work on an official holiday without prior written authorization from their supervisor.

As required by law, overtime pay is based on actual hours worked. Any leave of absence will not be considered hours worked for purposes of performing overtime calculations. Employees who work overtime without receiving prior authorization from the supervisor may be subject to disciplinary action.

- 9.5. Annual Bonus. The President of WAHC has been authorized by the Board of Trustees to make an annual payment of up to 15% of each employee's base salary each October to employees directly involved in Section 8 Contract Administration. If all IBPS goals are met throughout the year, then the full 15% bonus will be paid to all employees who worked throughout the full year. If an employee worked for a shorter period, or if all IBPS goals are not met by WAHC, then the amount, if any, will be determined by the President at his/her discretion.
- 9.6. Airline Mileage Awards. Employees traveling on business for WAHC are permitted to retain as part of their compensation the mileage credit awarded by the airline(s) on which they travel, and any "vouchers" or "coupons" for free flights received in exchange for being "bumped" from a flight. Employees may not delay their business travel, fly other than by the

most direct route possible, or purchase tickets that are of greater cost to WAHC than are otherwise readily available in order to insure the receipt of mileage credit or other airline inducements.

Employees may also retain as part of their compensation any airline mileage credits awarded in connection with the use of the employee's personal airline "affinity" credit card when the employee uses the card for business travel, regardless of whether the travel expense is reimbursed by WAHC.

- 9.7 **Salary Grades.** Salary grades are established to provide a scale or "yardstick" to use in measuring differences among jobs. The scale consists of a series of grades which have been defined in terms of the range of jobs to be rated. The grade definitions will be written in such a manner that they define differences in levels of duties, responsibilities, and requirements. (Attachment A)

All WAHC employees will receive an annual performance review. An adjustment to the step within the Salary Grade may be provided to employees who receive a positive annual performance review, as determined by their immediate supervisor. Step increases will follow the table in Attachment A and will cease with step 8.

- 9.8 **Cost of Living Increases.** The Board of Trustees may consider a cost of living adjustment on an annual basis. The cost of living increase, if adopted, will take effect the first full pay period following the Board of Trustees approving the increase.
- 9.9 **Reclassification.** Positions may be reclassified based on requests by the Contract Administrator and approval of the President. Reclassification resulting in an increase of 5% or greater will change the employees annual increase date to 12 months after the effective date of the reclassification.

## **10.0. IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE**

WAHC is committed to employing only United States citizens and aliens who are authorized to work in the United States and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of citizenship or national origin.

In compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, each new employee, as a condition of employment, must complete the Employment Eligibility Verification for I-9 and present documentation establishing their identity and that they are authorized to work in the United States. Former employees

who are rehired must also complete the form if they have not completed an I-9 with WAHC within the past three years, or if their previous I-9 is no longer retained or valid.

Employees with questions or seeking more information on immigration law issues are encouraged to contact the Human Resources Specialist. Employees may raise questions or complaints about immigration law compliance without fear of reprisal.

**11.0 ATTACHMENT A – 8 Step Wage Scale**

Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation  
Effective 5/9/2022

Pay	8 Step Hourly								
Grade	FY22 Entry	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	48.42	50.84	53.38	56.05	58.85	61.79	64.88	68.12	71.53
1	44.02	46.22	48.53	50.96	53.51	56.19	59.00	61.95	65.05
2	41.92	44.02	46.22	48.53	50.96	53.51	56.19	59.00	61.95
3	38.05	39.95	41.95	44.05	46.25	48.56	50.99	53.54	56.22
4	32.95	34.60	36.33	38.15	40.06	42.06	44.16	46.37	48.69
5	31.38	32.95	34.60	36.33	38.15	40.06	42.06	44.16	46.37
6	29.89	31.38	32.95	34.60	36.33	38.15	40.06	42.06	44.16
7	28.47	29.89	31.38	32.95	34.60	36.33	38.15	40.06	42.06
8	27.11	28.47	29.89	31.38	32.95	34.60	36.33	38.15	40.06
9	25.82	27.11	28.47	29.89	31.38	32.95	34.60	36.33	38.15
10	24.59	25.82	27.11	28.47	29.89	31.38	32.95	34.60	36.33
11	23.42	24.59	25.82	27.11	28.47	29.89	31.38	32.95	34.60
12	22.30	23.42	24.59	25.82	27.11	28.47	29.89	31.38	32.95
13	21.24	22.30	23.42	24.59	25.82	27.11	28.47	29.89	31.38
14	20.23	21.24	22.30	23.42	24.59	25.82	27.11	28.47	29.89
15	19.27	20.23	21.24	22.30	23.42	24.59	25.82	27.11	28.47
16	18.35	19.27	20.23	21.24	22.30	23.42	24.59	25.82	27.11
17	17.48	18.35	19.27	20.23	21.24	22.30	23.42	24.59	25.82
18	16.65	17.48	18.35	19.27	20.23	21.24	22.30	23.42	24.59

Contract Administrator – Grade 7

Compliance Auditor – Grade 10

Program Assistant – Grade 16

## **AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF WAHC POLICY MANUAL AND AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT**

Employer and Employee acknowledge that this Policy Manual sets forth WAHC's employment policies and procedures regarding employment. Employer and Employee further agree that none of these policies and procedures can be amended, modified or altered in any way by oral statements or in any other way, except by written amendment formally adopted by the Board of Trustees of WAHC.

I understand that the WAHC Personnel Policy Manual does not create any contract rights between WAHC and myself. I understand and agree that my employment with WAHC is at will and that my employment with WAHC may be terminated at any time, with or without cause, at the option of either WAHC or myself.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Policy Manual from WAHC. I have thoroughly read and understand WAHC policies and rules set forth in the Policy Manual and agree to abide by them.

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Employee's Signature

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Date

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Employee's Name (Typed or Printed)

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY – October 24, 2023****ITEM NUMBER: 7**

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**SUBJECT:** Discussion and possible action regarding potential transfer of the Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) from Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation to the Housing Authority of the City of Reno, subject to acceptance thereof by the Housing Authority of the City of Reno (For Potential Action)

**FROM:** President

**RECOMMENDATION:** Possible Action

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**Background Summary:**

The Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) has been run by Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation for the last six (6) years. Staff have effectively administered the program and received favorable audits from the Nevada Housing Division (NHD). As a result of past performance, WAHC requested, and received, a higher amount of funds from NHD for the program. In addition, WAHC was granted the ability to broaden the scope of assistance it provides through the HPP to include motel assistance on a limited basis. For FY 2024, WAHC received \$230,000 for the HPP. This includes direct assistance and overhead.

While WAHC is able to successfully administer these funds, due to staffing constraints, WAHC can only currently accept applications once per month. In an effort to increase the ability to accept applications on a more frequent basis and, thereby, distribute funding and assist households more quickly, WAHC has been speaking with the Reno Housing Authority (RHA) about potentially moving the program to RHA, subject to NHD approval. Reno Housing Authority has significant experience with administering emergency rental assistance programs and is now partnering with the City of Sparks to administer its rental assistance program.

Housing the HPP at RHA provides a one-stop shop for applicants seeking rental assistance. Additionally, given its staffing, RHA can receive applications on a more frequent basis and can easily accommodate meetings with clients within required timeframes and processing assistance payments in a timely manner. Given these efficiencies, staff believe it will be beneficial to transfer the program if the RHA Board agrees and subject to NHD approval.

Based on this, staff seeks approval from the Trustees to transfer the HPP to RHA subject to NHD approval.

**Staff Motion for Recommendation:**

The Trustees move to approve transfer of the HPP to RHA subject to NHD approval.

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY – October 24, 2023

**ITEM NUMBER: 8**

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SUBJECT: Additional items:

- i) General matters of concern to Board Members regarding matters not appearing on the agenda. (Discussion)
  - ii) Old and New Business. (Discussion)
  - iii) Schedule of next meeting. The following date has been scheduled in advance but is subject to change at any time: October 22, 2024 (Annual Meeting). (For Possible Action)
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