



From the Board of Commissioners

Thank you for expressing an interest in serving on the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda.

This presentation is designed to answer your questions about the duties, roles and expectations for AHA Commissioners.



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Mission Statement

The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda, in partnership with the entire community, advocates and provides quality, affordable, safe housing; encourages self sufficiency; and strengthens community inclusiveness and diversity in housing.



Current Board of Commissioners

Chair	Vadim Sidelnikov
Vice Chair	Kenji Tamaoki
Commissioner	Eric Husby
Commissioner	Carly Grob
Commissioner	Alex Kaufman
Commissioner	Thelma Decoy
Commissioner	Gerald Johnson



The Board is made up of 7 members; two of whom participate in AHA housing programs and one of which one must be a senior.

Role of the Board

The Board of Commissioners develops broad policies of governance for the Housing Authority of the City Alameda. In this role, the Board acts as the steward of the agency's mission and ensures the mission remains relevant to the community's needs. The Board approves AHA's investments in real estate projects and community programs/services that serve AHA's mission.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) does not carry out day-to-day programs and operations for AHA. The Executive Director is responsible for day to day operations plus staff hiring and terminations.



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Commissioner Responsibilities

- Be an active participant in the affairs of AHA.
- Be involved at board meetings, read board packets and other documents in advance, ask questions, discuss, participate in decision making, and exercise initiative.
- Be regular and punctual at all board meetings, if unable to attend, give early notice when possible.
- Stay informed about the background of issues/subject matter in order to discuss them responsibly.
- Acquire and maintain a clear understanding of AHA's financial position.
- Be willing to take an active role on one or more board committee's or task groups.
- Maintain confidentiality of sensitive data.
- Also serves as Director of Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation

Mandatory Requirements

Commissioners are required to complete the mandatory forms and trainings:

- **Annual:** Complete Form 700 (Report any Conflict of Interests)
- **Annual:** Fair Housing Training (Two-hour online session)
- **Bi-annual:** Ethics Training (Two-hour online session)
- **Bi-annual:** IT Training only required if assigned AHA phone or laptop (One-hour online session)
- **One Time:** Public Records Act and Brown (Two-hour, in-person)

What additional information should potential applicants to the AHA Board of Commissioners consider?

It is important that AHA Board members avoid any perception of bias or impropriety related to their role on the Commission, especially regarding potential conflicts of interest. Conflicts of interest can occur when Board members have personal or financial interests that may potentially compromise the Board member's independence of judgment in exercising their responsibilities to AHA and its participants.



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Attend a Meeting

The Board of Commissioners meets every third Wednesday of the month for both closed and public sessions. To best familiarize yourself with the Board of Commissioners, we encourage interested parties to attend a meeting.

You can find Board of Commissioner meeting information on the Housing Authority website at [AHA website](#)

You can also review past meeting information on [AHA website](#)