



**nsw Federation of
Housing Associations inc**

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Minutes

Board of Directors Teleconference

Held 5th April 2007

Meeting opened: 10 am.

Welcome

Present: Coral Garrat, Nick Sabel, Stephanie Cunningham, Ern Phang, David Matthews, Mohamed Ibrahim

Apologies: Judith Beveridge, Beverly Wiggins (Patrick Yeung – leave of absence)

In Attendance: Adam Farrar, Wendy Rockwell

1. Business Plan summary 07/08

The board is required to approve the 07/08 Business Plan summary to submit to OCH. Adam Farrar indicated that he had expected to get a description of OCH's business plan priorities, however they didn't release that. OCH did put together a table of "Planning for the future" outcomes, which wasn't as helpful.

Adam reviewed the major directions in the Business Plan, for the board, in relation to the review of the Strategic Plan priorities.

Motion: That the Board approves the draft Business Plan overview, to be submitted to OCH for discussion.

Moved: Mohamed Ibrahim **Seconded:** Stephanie Cunningham **Approved**

Adam noted the budget shows a slight deficit of \$1,200 – however the budget will be revised and presented to the board for ratification.

2. C grade appeal support

This was agreed in principle by the board at the teleconference on 2 April. Adam asked that this be recorded as a formal motion.

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Motion: That the board agrees to support the identified association in preparing an appeal against a second “C” grade Registration.

Moved: David Matthews

Seconded: Nick Sabel

Approved

Noted that the Federation is to develop a policy around this issue, and how it will be handled in future.

3. Request from ARCH/Churches CH to meet jointly with new Minister

Adam reported that ARCH had suggested that all three CH peak bodies meet jointly with the new Minister. Adam recommended to the board that the Federation does not agree to meet collectively, as this could create confusion, and undercut the establishment of a relationship with the Minister.

The Board agreed that the Federation should meet with the new Minister alone.

4. Patrick Yeung – request for leave of absence from board

Patrick Yeung, former CEO of St George community housing, is currently working for OCH on a short term contract. He has requested a leave of absence from the Federation’s Board. Alternatively he is willing to resign, but would like to be available for appointment in a casual capacity.

Board members discussed a range of views included:

- It is a conflict of interest while working for OCH, therefore should resign
- If his contract with OCH was extended, the Federation would have to wait longer to fill the vacancy
- Conflict of interest can arise with any director and it is up to them to disclose. It is OK as long as he is aware, and discloses any conflicts of interest.

ACTION: To discuss further at next meeting.

It was suggested that it may be a good idea to revise the Federation’s Rules of Incorporation to clarify what would make a director ineligible.

Meeting closed: 10:55 am

