

Board Matters

October 10, 2024

Establishing an FCRHA Committee of the Whole

Chairman Stanton explained to her colleagues that tonight's conversation was intended to serve as a template going forward for "work sessions" of the FCRHA, in advance of the formal meetings to vote on FCRHA items. Chairman Stanton further explained the FCRHA will need to formalize the creation of an FCRHA Committee of the Whole to conduct such work sessions. She stated it is likely a set of meeting operational procedures will be presented for approval, potentially as an amendment to the bylaws, as part of the actions associated with establishing the Committee of the Whole. The procedures would include items such as public hearing procedures, adapted from what is already used by the Board of Supervisors, and would memorialize them for the FCRHA.

Chairman Stanton noted that, subject to FCRHA approval, starting in December the Committee of the Whole will hear non-routine issues requiring subsequent action at the "full" FCRHA meeting. The FCRHA would receive briefings on non-routine items such as financing plans for projects, land purchases, etc. Informational briefings for Commissioners could also be included as needed and appropriate.

Chairman Stanton stated that she anticipates that a substantial number of the Committee of Whole meetings would be virtual, subject to the limitations under Virginia Law, and would generally be held the Wednesday before the full FCRHA meeting. Chairman Stanton concluded stating that the "work session" prior to the November FCRHA meeting will be called as a "special meeting," in a manner similar to tonight's meeting, as the FCRHA would not yet have acted to establish the Committee of the Whole.