

# MINUTES

## HOUSTON FIRST CORPORATION

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**October 21, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.**

**Partnership Tower, 701 Avenida de las Americas, Suite 200**

**Houston, Texas 77010**

**HOUSTON FIRST BOARD ROOM**

*The Board of Directors (“Board”) of Houston First Corporation (the “Corporation” or “HFC”), a Texas local corporation created and organized by the City of Houston as a local government corporation pursuant to TEX. TRANSP. CODE ANN. §431.101 et seq. and TEX LOC. GOV’T. CODE ANN. §394.001 et seq., held a meeting at Partnership Tower, 701 Avenida de las Americas, Suite 200, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77010, on Thursday, October 21, 2021, commencing at 3:30 p.m.*

*Written notice of the meeting including the date, hour, place and agenda for the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.*

*The following Board Members participated in the meeting: David Mincberg (Chair), Desrye Morgan (Vice-Chair), Sofia Adrogué, Elizabeth Brock, Nicki Keenan, Alex Brennan-Martin, Reginald Martin, Paul Puente, Tom Segesta, Gerald Womack, Jay Zeidman, and Council Member David Robinson, Ex Officio.*

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and a quorum was established.

1. **Public Comments.** Stephon Davis of EDH Media addressed the Board to ask for support with securing funding and location assistance for a television series titled “O’shea, Words or Bullets?” The project will be filmed in the City of Houston and is centered around issues dealing with social justice. The project has already attracted a lot of attention with nearly 30,000 views within one week of the release of the show’s trailer. Mr. Davis explained that the series creator is a survivor of the Aurora, Colorado shooting whose life was forever changed after that tragic incident. Mr. Davis stated that he serves as both an actor and associate producer on the series and as a Houston native has a vested interest in giving back to the community by creating job opportunities and helping to build the film industry in Houston. Mr. Davis stated that the series will put Houston on the map like the Wire did for Baltimore.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation and discussed the process for submitting a request to HFC staff before the item is vetted and presented to the Board for further review.

Mr. Davis acknowledged the Chairman’s instruction and further discussed his intentions with the project to better serve the under privileged youth. He also stated that a number

of A-list actors and musicians have signed on to be a part of the project and the project team is in discussions with a number of networks and streaming services.

Gerald Womack thanked Mr. Davis for coming before the Board to request HFC's support to complete the television series and stated that it is important to provide him with the resources that he needs.

2. **Review and approval of minutes from prior meeting.** Following a motion duly seconded, the meeting minutes of September 23, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Prior to entering Executive Session, the Chairman made several brief remarks. First, he recognized Sofia Adrogué for being named a 2021 Global Leader of Influence by the World Affairs Council of Greater Houston. He then discussed the success of the State of the City event hosted by HFC and congratulated Board Member and event Co-Chair, Elizabeth Brock, on a job well done. The Chairman stated that the Board should be extremely proud of the phenomenal job done by all.

3. **Executive Session.**

- A. Executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 for the purpose of deliberations regarding the 2020-2021 performance evaluation of the President & CEO of Houston First Corporation.

The Board entered executive session at 3:47 p.m. and returned at 4:57p.m. No action was taken.

5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.