



MFA Housing New Mexico  
Special Board of Directors Meeting  
July 26, 2024  
9:00 am-10:00 am Mountain Time

**Chair Convenes Meeting**

- Roll Call (Izzy Hernandez)
- Approval of Agenda – Board Action

**Board Action Items (Action Required)**

- 1 Approval of the Northern Regional Housing Authority Interim Executive Director YES

**Adjournment**



**NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**344 4th St. SW, Albuquerque, NM**  
**Friday, July 26, 2024- 9:00 a.m.**

**Proposed Agenda**

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# MEMO

**TO:** MFA Board of Directors

**FROM:** John Garcia, Assistant Director of Community Development

**DATE:** July 26, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Northern Regional Housing Authority Interim Executive Director

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval for the Northern Regional Housing Authority (NRHA) board to hire Chris Herbert as the interim Executive Director.

## **Background:**

The Regional Housing Law 11-3A-29 NMSA 1978, mandates that MFA provide oversight of certain RHA activities, to include MFA's Board of Directors to approve Executive Directors for the Regional Housing Authorities.

## **Discussion:**

On March 8, 2024, the NRHA Executive Director resigned his position. The NRHA board has been struggling to recruit and hire a new director and on July 15, 2024, a special NRHA Board meeting was held to appoint Chis Herbert as the interim Director.

Chris Herbert is currently the Executive Director of the Eastern Regional Housing Authority and has been in this position for the past 18 years. Chris has extensive experience in Housing Authority administration and policy development, and he was instrumental in overseeing the Raton Housing Authority and Northern Regional Housing Authority merger. Chris has a successful working relationship with HUD and received a high-performance rating on ERHA's most recent Section 8 management assessment. His resume is attached.

Chris' term as interim Director will be limited to 150 days (extensions, if required must be approved by MFA's Policy Committee) During this time, he will focus on recruiting a permanent Executive Director, develop a plan to bring NRHA's external audits up to date, including a corrective action plan for the resolution of any findings, and develop a plan to bring NRHA out of troubled status with HUD.

## **Summary:**

Staff recommends approval of Chris Herbert as the interim Executive Director for Northern Regional Housing Authority.

# Chris Herbert

## Contact

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## Education

University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Masters of Social Work  
1999

Briar Cliff College  
Bachelors Degree  
Sociology 1986

## Key Skills

Housing Authority Expert  
Professionalism  
Public Entity Management

## Experience

*June 2006 – present*  
Executive Director, Eastern Regional Housing Authority, Roswell NM

*Sept 2002 – May 2006*  
Deputy Director, Kansas City Housing Authority, Kansas City MO

*Sept 2000 – Aug2002*  
Deputy Director, ACD inc. Chicago IL

1986 – 2000 Mental Health Provider and Administrator for the Boys and Girls Home, Sioux City IA

## Communication

Outstanding communication and coordination with HUD headquarters and local field office staff. Excellent communication with state and local officials needed for successful Regional Housing Authority operations.

## Leadership

20 years + of Housing Authority leadership at a Board, Staff, and Elected Officials Levels. Works successful in administration, Development, and cooperation efforts through the state of New Mexico.

## References

Available upon request