



# City of Albuquerque

## Department of Health, Housing and Homelessness

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Gilbert A. Ramirez, Director

### HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

ZOOM: <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/89640329667>

- Frances Armijo
- Jennifer Facio Maddox, Chair
- Kelle Senyé
- Catherine Mexal
- Onastine Nunez Jaramillo
- Orlando Alvidrez, Guest
- Juan Garcia, Guest
- Aaron Nieto
- Eddie Garcia
- Crystal Avila, Sr. Admin. Assistant
- Vanessa Laguna, Program Specialist
- Patricia Padrino, City Attorney
- Stacy Ruiz, Community Development Project Manager
- Monica Montoya, Acting Deputy Director
- Cristina Rogers, Guest

### MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

2:00 P.M.

- I. Call to order
  - Chair Jennifer Facio Maddox called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.
- II. Review and approval of agenda for Tuesday, March 31, 2026
  - A motion was made by Kelle Senyé to approve the agenda, seconded by Aaron Nieto. All in favor and approved unanimously 6-0.
- III. Review and approval of minutes from Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Catherine Mexal, seconded by Eddie Garcia. All in favor and approved unanimously 6-0.
- IV. Public Comment
  - Stacy Ruiz provided public comment regarding questions that Catherine Mexal wanted to address about lending requirements from administered grants for potential home buyers. Catherine Mexal mentioned that preference should be given to area median income residents at 50% or lower income. Stacy Ruiz addressed Catherine's questions that were sent via email on how the process works to ensure that businesses and the rehab are utilizing the mapping tool to ensure businesses are in the pocket of poverty and also that Businesses are not income qualified they just need to be in the pocket of poverty.
- V. Housing Rehabilitation Program Update and Economic Development Update
  - **Housing Rehabilitation Program Update:**  
Staff reported that the City met with Homewise to review contractual terms, including their marketing plan for nature of the contract moving forward. requirements. City staff's goal is to write the legislation for this contract by April 6<sup>th</sup>, then it will get introduced to City Council on April 20<sup>th</sup>, then after that it will go to FGO which takes about a month, then it will get reported out at Council and then final action gets approved by council, hopefully in June. Contract to hopefully be executed by mid-June early July. Catherine Mexal had questions on the lending requirements. Stacy Ruiz shared the questions on the zoom meeting with the committee to review. City clarified that this program is a grant and the homeowner will have a City Mortgage and Note (M&N) placed on property and it is forgiven once the affordability period is met and that it is

needed due to the Anti-donation issue.

- **Economic Development Update:**

Staff discussed requesting a meeting with the Economic Development Department to discuss the possibility of requiring business grant recipients to remain in the pocket of poverty for a specified period, and explore relevant clauses or requirements for different economic developmental programs. Staff discussed term limits, applications and reappointment. A majority of the committee members terms are ending next month. Frances and Onestine are the only committee members not expiring in the next month. Anyone who is still interested in being a committee member will still have to reapply so that they can get reappointed and serve for their second term. Staff also discussed once committee members apply to let Stacy Ruiz know so she can follow up with the City of Albuquerque Volunteer Coordinator's Office.