

Seeing no one else in the audience, Chairman McCall asked if anyone had contacted the office. Mrs. Tulloch stated there had been no contact to the office. There being no further discussion, Chairman McCall called for a motion. Vice-Chairman Strickland made a motion to approve as presented, citing criteria "d." Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. The motion was called and carried unanimously with a vote of 6 to 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item # 3: Approval of Minutes: August 6, 2019

Chairman McCall asked if any changes needed to be made to the draft minutes. There being none, Chairman McCall called for a motion regarding the July 2, 2019 meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Quarterman seconded the motion. The motion was called and carried with a vote of 5-0-1, with Mr. Holt abstaining.

Chairman McCall stated that the Board had an attendance record for 2019 in front of them. Ms. Tolley stated that if the Board did not like the format, then it could be edited as needed. Chairman McCall stated that there was an attendance policy also in front of them. Mr. Hogan asked if other Boards had similar policies. Ms. Tolley stated that other City Boards did have similar attendance policies. Mr. Hogan stated he thought it might be wise to look at other Boards' policies. Mr. Holt stated that he was a court lawyer, rather than an office lawyer, and sometimes it conflicted with ZBOA meetings. Ms. Tolley stated that she would refer that to the Board for further discussion. Vice-Chairman Strickland stated that there were several different committees City-wide, and ZBOA did not typically have a problem getting a quorum, but that the attendance policy was encouraged because of issues with other Boards getting quorums. Mr. Hogan stated that he was not sure that the policy was reasonable for this particular board because of gray areas in the interpretation of what was excused and what was not excused in terms of absences. Mr. Hogan stated he was concerned about opening a Pandora's box, and ZBOA seemed to be a professional Board that understood the necessity of attendance and a quorum. Ms. Tolley stated that she understood Mr. Hogan's point of view, but the attendance policy was encouraged by the City due to an occasion in which a Board did not have a quorum and could not do business because of lack of a quorum. Ms. Tolley stated she understood that sometimes Board members had issues such as car trouble or sick children, but that if a Board member missed several meetings a year, then maybe sitting on a Board was not a good option for them.

Mr. Hogan asked if ZBOA had a problem in years past in obtaining a quorum. Ms. Tolley stated that during her tenure, ZBOA did not have a problem with obtaining a quorum, but that if ZBOA had a member who was regularly missing meetings, then the attendance policy could help address that issue. Mr. Hogan stated that an issue with a member who was missing meetings could be addressed by the governmental body that appointed them when they were up for reappointment. Ms. Tolley stated that the attendance policy was adopted to assist with that. Vice-Chairman Strickland stated that the attendance policy was adopted in part due to direction from governmental authority and is patterned after other Boards' policies. Chairman McCall stated that ZBOA's policy was similar to the policies of the CVDA, the GLPC, and the HPC, and that ZBOA was asked to adopt an attendance policy, and while it has not been an issue with ZBOA before, there was no way of knowing if attendance might be an issue in the future. Chairman McCall stated he had asked staff to put together an attendance record purely because no attendance record had been kept, except through the monthly adopted meeting minutes, and it was simply a matter of record-keeping. Mrs. Hobby stated that ZBOA has not had a problem with ZBOA and attendance, potentially because ZBOA had rules and checks, and that ZBOA's duty was to serve the citizens. Mrs. Hobby stated that for each case, citizens came to learn ZBOA's decision on their case, and in some cases, there were crowds of those in support or those in opposition, and if there was no quorum, there was no decision when people had paid money for public hearing costs and had taken time out of their schedules. Mrs. Quarterman reiterated Mrs. Hobby's comment, that ZBOA's duty and obligation is to serve the citizens. Mrs. Quarterman stated that obligation is to visit the sites as well, because sometimes seeing adds other information that paper does not always portray. Mrs. Quarterman stated that ZBOA does not have a problem with attendance because Board members rarely miss a meeting. Mr. Holt