

**Housing and Redevelopment Authority**  
**October 7, 2025**  
**Approved Special Meeting Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Monge called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair John Monge, Commission Members Dave McKenzie, Troy Woods, Cassidy Schweer and Executive Director Brian Frandle.

Absent: Commission Member Jason Nordby

Staff: Assistant to City Manager Jennie Kloos

**III. HRA Action Items & Recommendations**

A. Saint Paul College Introduction and Approval of the Residential Construction Contract

Executive Director Brian Frandle introduced the new partnership between the City of North St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Saint Paul College, highlighting the continuation of the Student Built Housing Program. Dean of Trades and Technical Education, V.A. Barber, introduced herself and the program, along with instructors Tom Leiskau (Carpentry) and Tom Hillstad (Cabinetmaking), expressing their excitement about the partnership.

Mr. Leiskau shared some background about himself and emphasized his enthusiasm for providing students with real-world, hands-on training. He noted that the fieldwork offers students a valuable head start with future employers upon graduation. He also provided an overview of a typical day in the program, which includes approximately 21 students, and expressed his excitement to get started.

Mr. Hillstad has been involved in the project for the past 15 years alongside the previous instructor, Tom Spehn. He looks forward to beginning the student project, working with the North St. Paul staff and witnessing the pride and enjoyment students gain from their work.

City Council members thanked Saint Paul College for their partnership and expressed strong support for the program.

***On motion by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, with all present voting aye (4-0), motion carried to approve the Residential Construction Contract.***

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Commission Member Schweer moved and Commission Member McKenzie seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.***

Next regular meeting: To be scheduled as needed.

/s/ John Monge, Chair

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, Executive Director