Meeting Minutes: This document states the minutes before the Omaha Municipal Land Bank Board at the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

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Members Present: Jamie Berglund, Chair  
Cathy Lang, Vice Chair  
Scott Semrad  
Ken Johnson  
Randy Lenhoff  
John Heine  
Julie Stavneak (arrived at 10:01)  
Mike Riedmann (arrived at 10:01)  
Diane Battiato (arrived at 10:02)

Members Not Present: Tom McLeay  
Antonio Zarazua  
Julia Plucker  
James Thele, Planning Director

Director Present: Brittany Jefferson

Staff Present: Jennifer Taylor, City Law Department  
Alan Thelen, City Law Department  
Debbie Hightower, Recording Secretary
PUBLIC MEETING:

Jamie Berglund, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Berglund stated that the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is in effect and a copy is located in the room for review. She informed the public that a notice of the meeting was published. Berglund further stated that copies of the agenda are located in the corner of the room.

Roll call was taken with 9 board members present (Tom McLeay, Antonio Zarazua, Julia Plucker and James Thele were absent). Mike Riedmann and Julie Stavneak arrived at 10:01am and Diane Battiato arrived at 10:02am.

Ben Gray, 4942 Nebraska Avenue, President of the Omaha City Council, appeared before the board. Gray encouraged the board to be just and fair with whatever they had to do.

Mary Jane Truemper, 5306 Izard Street, appeared before the board. Truemper stated that when the Land Bank was originally created by the State Legislature there was a provision for a non-voting citizen review board but the City Council chose not to have a citizen review board. She stated that without a citizen review board it leaves a cloud over what the land bank does because citizens do not feel they are being represented. Truemper requested that the Land Bank waive any non-disclosure related to employment for the current Executive Director so she has the opportunity to clear herself or to speak up in her favor when she looks for another job. She further added that the legislature is now looking at making changes regarding the make-up of the board and this would be a good opportunity to request that it be a requirement to have a citizen review board thus removing the cloud over the board.

Motion by Cathy Lang to go into Executive Session at 10:04am for the purpose of evaluating the job performance of Brittany Jefferson, the Executive Director and noting that there has been no request for a public hearing. Randy Lenhoff seconded the motion.

AYES: Johnson, Lenhoff, Semrad, Lang, Berglund
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Motion by Cathy Lang to end the Executive Session at 10:36am. Randy Lenhoff seconded the motion.

AYES: Johnson, Lenhoff, Semrad, Lang, Berglund
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:36am.

Debbie Hightower, Planning Department
Recording Secretary