



**Special Members Meeting  
Vote for Houselink to Join with Mainstay  
Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 5:30 pm  
Minutes**

**Member Attendance:**

Andy Ip, Carole King, Charles Finlay, Christopher L. Kelso, Colette Snyder, Deborah Lukenda, Donovan O’Neil Allen, Douglas G. Jordan, Edward Anthony Russell, Elizabeth Kelly, Eric Sigurdson, Gail Woolnough, Janet H.L. Hicks, Jennifer J. Clarke, Joann Sochor, Juliet Blake, Kedisha Archer, Linda McNeil, Mark Berman, Mark Shapiro, Muralee Balasubramaniam, Natalie Ochrym, Pamela Colleen Chynn, Phillip Dufresne, Richa Jagota, Samatar Abdullahi Sheikh, Stephen Rogers, Balazs Imre Csaszar, Claudine Hill, Donnabelle Cabanas, Martin Coutu, Mary Calabro, Susan J. McLaren, Tamara Kydd, Alexandra Teptis-Asbury, Gordon Smith, Hortense Beharie, Jeffrey Bruce Kinsella, Robert Thompson, Sandra Schwartz, Tim Garry

**Staff Attendance:**

Brian Davis, Helen Cheung, Colleen Vandeyck, Desmond Rowley, Candice Stoute, Florence Akol , Steve Hubel, Marsha Ferguson, Michael Antoine., Monica Vaus

**Staff Regrets:** Caitlin Turkiewicz, Ben Younesi, Hani Siyad

**1. Welcome, Confirming Quorum and Opening Remarks**

Phillip Dufresne, Chair, welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting. He explained that we are taking attendance so that we can confirm a quorum. Quorum means the minimum number of people needed to conduct the meeting. For Houselink, it is 25% of our membership and in this case it is 35 people.

<b>Number of Members in attendance of the meeting</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Percentage of # of Attendants/# of Members i.e. 137 (25% quorum)</b>	<b>30%</b>

With 41 members in attendance, enough members joined the meeting to reach a quorum. 10 non-voting staff were in also in attendance to virtually support the meeting.

## 2. Vote

Linda McNeil, Vice Chair, began by reminding everyone that differences of opinion are to be respected, and the main goal up until this point has been to make certain members were fully informed prior to making a decision.

Houselink members were voting on the following Special Resolution which Linda read out loud for all to hear:

**Be it RESOLVED** as a Special Resolution that:

1. Houselink Community Homes merge and amalgamate with Mainstay Housing.
2. The Amalgamation Agreement between Houselink Community Homes and Mainstay Housing substantially in the form submitted to the meeting is approved.
3. Any two directors of Houselink Community Homes are authorized to sign the Amalgamation Agreement, Letters Patent of Amalgamation and all other documents that they consider necessary or appropriate to complete the amalgamation.

Moved by: Steve Rogers

Seconded by: Edward Anthony Russell

Carried

Members who voted in advance were reminded that they could not vote again. The meeting monitors cross referenced a list of those voting during the meeting with those who voted in advance.

3 counts were conducted:

1. First all those who were visible on zoom were asked to keep their hands raised if they were voting yes. Those votes were counted. Then all those who were voting no to keep their hand raised. Those votes were counted.
2. All those who phoned into the meeting had their name read out loud, they were unmuted and they voted yes or no. Those votes were counted.
3. Finally Linda and Phillip opened up the ballot box and counted all those who voted in advance.

### 3. Tally and Announcement of the Results

#### Results:

Number of Members Voted	"yes" vote	"no" vote	Total
In advance by ballot	24	6	30
In advance over the phone	32	4	36
In the meeting	27	6	33
<b>Total Number of Members</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Phillip announced that the Membership have chosen overwhelmingly to join together with Mainstay based on the vote.

#### 4. Next Steps

The next important step is for Mainstay to conduct their vote on January 12, 2021. Members of Houselink will be kept informed as to those results.

Assuming Mainstay votes yes as well, we will begin applying to our funder and various regulatory bodies to become a legal entity.

All member were thanked for being a part of this historic decision.

#### 5. Motion to Adjourn

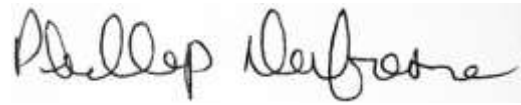
Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Natalie Ochrym

Seconded by: Carole King

Carried.

Minutes Approved as Presented

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Phillip Dufresne", is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Phillip Dufresne, Chair

December 15, 2020