



Housing Authority of Thurston County
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Description: The Housing Authority of Thurston County (HATC) is the local administrator of the federal (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program (aka Section 8) that provides a rental subsidy for participating tenant-based-voucher households for as long as they are eligible. HATC also operates supportive services programs for participants. HATC owns 581 below-market-rate rental units and is in the process of building more units. Several non-profit housing providers receive housing operating subsidies from HATC that are tied to specific apartment communities owned by those non-profits. Public Housing Authorities, such as HATC, are authorized, empowered by state law (RCW 35.82), created by local resolution (Thurston County for HATC), and operate as stand-alone, public corporations with board members appointed by creating local government (Thurston County for HATC). HATC has no taxing power and does not receive any local funds for operations. HATC is audited annually by the State Auditor's Office. Day-to-day responsibilities are carried out by professional staff who are guided, supported by the HATC Board of Commissioners.

Chair: Jay Goldstein

Vice Chair: Joelene Gioulis

Commissioners: Brittany Ferguson, Jim Cooper, Lisa Vatske, one position vacant

Positions/Terms: Six total. Five appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one is appointed by HATC Board and must be a recipient of HATC rental assistance. Five-year terms, one matures each year, no term limits

Compensation: None

Responsibilities: Provide strategic direction; approve budgets and major transactions; monitor, oversee operations and financial controls and performance; champions of decent, affordable housing.

Meetings: Generally, regular board meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at Noon; with the typical exceptions of August (no meeting), and December (no meeting)

- Prior to meeting, the date, time, agenda, and digital connection details are posted at www.hatc.org/about-us/announcements
- Location is HATC Physical Address: 1206 12th Avenue SE, Olympia WA 98501. There is an option to join digitally.

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