

**RESOLUTION
of the
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF LINDEN**

Resolution No. 2020-12

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE SELECTION OF EXPERT
WITNESS SAMER EZELDIN PH.D. IN THE MATTER OF LINDEN HOUSING
CORPORATION v. ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ET AL., DOCKET
NO. UNN-L-003725-15, IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S CAPACITY AS
MANAGEMENT AGENT FOR THE LINDEN HOUSING CORPORATION**

Date Introduced: April 15, 2020

Date Adopted: April 15, 2020

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Linden (“Housing Authority”), a public entity organized and existing pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), and the laws of the State of New Jersey, has determined that it is in need of selecting an expert witness in ongoing litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority is the management agent for the Linden Housing Corporation (“Corporation”); and

WHEREAS, the Corporation is involved in ongoing litigation against its insurance carriers as referenced above; and

WHEREAS, the litigation requires the services of an expert witness in the field of construction engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority has determined that Samer Ezeldin Ph.D. has extensive credentials in the field of construction engineering and is duly qualified to serve as an expert witness in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has found that it is in the best interest of the Housing Authority and its overall goal of providing quality affordable housing to low-income seniors to approve and authorize the selection of expert witness Samer Ezeldin Ph.D. in the matter

of Linden Housing Corporation v. Zurich American Insurance Company, et al., Docket No. UNN-L-003725-15, in the Housing Authority's capacity as management agent for the Linden Housing Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Linden hereby approves and authorizes the selection of expert witness Samer Ezeldin Ph.D. in the matter of Linden Housing Corporation v. Zurich American Insurance Company, et al., Docket No. UNN-L-003725-15, in the Housing Authority's capacity as management agent for the Linden Housing Corporation; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Samer Ezeldin Ph.D. shall submit detailed monthly invoices to the Linden Housing Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Linden Housing Corporation shall furnish Samer Ezeldin Ph.D. with a retainer of \$5,000.00, who shall bill against said retainer at a rate of \$200.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon exhaustion of the retainer, no additional funds may be expended without further action of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Samer Ezeldin Ph.D. will continue to bill at a rate of \$200.00 per hour should the Board authorize expenditures beyond the retainer amount; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, with the assistance of counsel, to take any and all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.



Ann J. Ferguson, Secretary
Housing Authority of the City of Linden