

FY 18 PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT ANSWERS
Board for the Condemnation of Insanitary Buildings

1. Please provide a list of the Board’s current members. For each member, please provide the following:

- **The member’s Listed below**
- **The Ward, agency or organization the member represents**
- **Attendance record**

Board Members	Agency	Attendance
Gilbert Davidson (Acting Chairman)	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)	23
Timothy Dennee	DC Office of Planning/Historic Preservation Office (DOPH)	22
Vonda Orders	Department of Housing Community Development (DHCD)	16
Amar Singh	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)	18
Jatinder Khokhar (no longer on board)	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)	1
No Member	Department of Public Works (DPW)	
No Member	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED)	

2. Please provide a complete list of meeting dates the Board held along with the time, and locations, whether a quorum was reached, for FY17 and FY18 to date.

A quorum was met at all of the meetings conducted.

Location: DCRA, 1100 4th ST SW, Washington DC 20024, Suite E4302

FY17 & FY18		
Dates	Times	Location
1/24/2018	10:15 am – 11:00 am	E4302
1/10/2018	10:12 am – 10:40 am	E4302
12/13/2017	10:20 am – 11:10 am	E4302
11/8/2017	10:20 am - 11:30 am	E4302
10/25/2017	10:25 am – 12:00pm	E4302
9/27/2017	10:13am – 11:40 am	E4302
9/13/2017	10:10am – 11:10 am	E4302
8/9/2017	10:15 am – 11:45 am	E4302

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7/26/2017	10:21 am – 11:07 am	E4302
7/21/2017	10:15 am – 12:00 pm	E4302
6/28/2017	10:25 am – 11:00 am	E4302
6/14/2017	10:17 am – 10:47 am	E4302
5/24/2017	10:14 am – 10:45 am	E4302
4/26/2017	10:15 am – 10:50 am	E4302
4/12/2017	Meeting Cancelled	E4302
3/22/2017	10:10 am – 11:30 am	E4302
1/25/2017	10:15 am – 11:09 am	E4302
1/11/2017	10:15 am – 10:45 am	E4302
12/14/2016	10:10 am – 11:00 am	E4302
11/9/2016	10:20 am – 11:25 am	E4302
10/12/2016	10:27 am – 11:40 am	E4302

3. Did the Board receive funds in FY17? If so, please provide the following:

- **The amount of the funding**
- **The source of the funding**
- **A list of all expenditures**
- **A description of how these funds furthered the Board's mission**

The Board for the Condemnation of Insanitary Buildings does not receive funding to perform its duties.

4. Please describe the Board's activities in FY17 and FY18, to date.

To date, the Board has conducted 23 hearings, issued 11 notices to show cause, removed 28 condemnation orders, witnessed 22 properties come into compliance, ordered 242 properties inspected and/or re-inspected, ordered six properties to be razed, ordered five properties to be abated, and met with numerous owners and representatives for status updates.

5. Please describe the Board's goals in FY18 and the plan/timeline for completion.

In FY18, the Board will continue to communicate with owners and representatives to aggressively provide guidance and assistance to have properties come back into compliance or be removed or razed.

6. What new challenges does the Board face?

The biggest challenge that the Board faces is being unable to identify owners. In situations such as insanitary buildings, the homeowner is often deceased or has failed to notify the Office of Tax and Revenue of any changes, therefore it is difficult to locate a contact representative for the property.

7. Has the Board posted meeting notes and agendas online?

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Yes, the board posts meeting agendas online. They are located at <https://open-dc.gov>.

8. How does the Board represent and solicit feedback from residents? Please describe:

- **The process for soliciting feedback and number of submissions**
- **What has the Board learned from this feedback?**
- **How has the Board changed its practices because of such feedback?**

The Board has a page on DCRA's website where we strongly encourage residents and visitors to contact us by landline or email when they identify a potential property that may conform to the BCIB standards. Having direct contact numbers for individuals to call has reduced frustration and increased compliance.

9. How many open cases does the Board currently have? What is the Board's goal for closing cases in FY18?

There are currently 41 active cases total. The Board will continue to aggressively make sure that owners bring their properties into compliance and continue to refer properties to DCRA's Enforcement Division for those owners who do not bring their properties into compliance.

10. What is the Board's schedule to ensure it accomplishes its responsibility of examining the sanitary condition of all buildings in the District?

The Board operates through complaints from members of the community. The Board will continue to inspect all properties identified through social media, agency surveyors, and anonymous callers.

11. Has the Board begun tracking the origin of complaints or referrals about insanitary buildings that come from other agencies, citizens, or inspectors, respectively?

There is a system in place to track these complaints; however, over 95 percent of these properties are referred to the Board via DCRA's Vacant Property building surveyors. The other 5 percent come from anonymous callers or referrals from agencies, visitors and citizens.

12. In FY17, how many buildings were determined to be so insanitary that they endangered the health or lives of occupants or residents in the vicinity?

In FY 17, Seven (7) buildings were determined to be so insanitary that they endangered the health or lives of occupants or residents in the vicinity.

13. In FY17, how many building owners were served with Notices to Show Cause why their buildings should not be condemned?

In FY 11, Eleven (11) buildings owners were served with Notices to Show Cause.

14. In FY17, how many Show Cause hearings were held?

There were eleven (11) Show Cause hearings held in FY17.

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15. In FY17, how many Orders of Condemnation to owners to correct insanitary conditions were issued?

Nineteen (19) Orders of Condemnation were issued to owners to correct insanitary conditions in FY17.

16. In FY17, how many buildings were made safe and sanitary, or alternatively razed and removed, after owners fail to correct conditions? In which wards did these actions take place?

In FY17 there were a total of seven (7) properties that were made safe and sanitary or razed and removed. The following addresses are listed below:

Address	Ward
7409 12 th St NW	4
1229 E St SE	6
1251 Holbrook Terrace NE	5
4968-4972 Benning Rd NE	7
4321 Minnesota Ave NE	7
2105 -2107 10 th ST NW	1
4316 Fessenden St NW	3

17. Did any tenants need to relocate from condemned buildings in FY17 and FY18 to date? If so, were any tenants referred to District government agencies and non-profit organizations that help with emergency housing?

No tenants were relocated as a result of any buildings accepted by the Board. The Board, when needed, shall enforce the building closure protocol which was established by multiple agencies to provide tenants with assistance until they can be relocated or the property returns to compliance.