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Duane Hopkins joined the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) in February 2021, as Chief of Program and Finance Administration. Reporting to the CEO, Hopkins will lead the agency's finance, procurement, information technology, risk management and Federally funded project-based contract and CAHI-HCV (Section 8) program functions.

Most recently, Hopkins served as Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Executive Director for Housing Catalyst (HC) in Fort Collins, CO, the public housing authority for the City of Fort Collins. During his tenure, he has helped drive the development of over 650 units of new construction and acquisition/rehabilitation projects for the organization utilizing mixed-finance Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and conventional financing. Housing Catalyst completed three Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversions during his time with HC and also moved two Section 18 disposition transactions forward.

Hopkins is a recognized national leader in the affordable housing industry through his work within NAHRO having served as the chair of the national Professional Development committee (2015-17) where he was instrumental in the birth and development of a broad-based financial manager training curriculum. He was also elected the President of the Mountain Plains Region (2017-19). He has been influential as a member of the national NAHRO Board of Governors, national Strategic Planning Advisory Committee and the national Budget and Administration Committee.

He is a national board member of the Housing Authority Insurance Group (HAI Group) and also serves as a member of the Audit Committee and the Investment Sub-committee for the organization. In addition, he is currently the Chair of the Strategic Capital Solutions Committee for HAI Group which developed a complex credit enhancement product for use by public housing authorities and non-profit developers of affordable housing using the LIHTC product in addition to providing development consulting services.

Duane holds a bachelor degree in finance from Fort Hays State University. He is also a graduate of the Program on Negotiation for Senior Executives at Harvard Law School and the Senior Executive Fellows program at the Harvard Kennedy School and is a Certified Management Executive (CME) in affordable housing.



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