



Mel King Institute
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Resident Leadership
Academy

Holiday / Tenant Participation Regulation Trivia Questions

Correct answers are in bold

1. What tradition do Kwanzaa and Hanukkah share?
 - a. The annual Airing of Grievances
 - b. A saintly figure in the middle of it all
 - c. **Nightly lighting of candles throughout the holiday**
 - d. Insufferable family members you can't please no matter how hard you try
2. True or false: Hanukkah is the most celebrated Jewish holiday.
 - a. False (Passover is the most celebrated)
3. How many days of Kwanzaa are there?
 - a. 3
 - b. **7**
 - c. 10
 - d. 5
4. What is the famous Christmas beverage that is also known as the "milk punch" with cinnamon?
 - a. **Eggnog**
 - b. Sugar milk

- c. Spiced egg milk
 - d. Christmas cream
- 5. Which star is also known as the Christmas Star?
 - a. **The Star of Bethlehem**
 - b. The North Star
 - c. Sirius
 - d. Canopus
- 6. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas Tree?
 - a. United States of America
 - b. **Germany**
 - c. Italy
 - d. Brazil
- 7. Which TV-inspired holiday includes the annual Airing of Grievances?
 - a. Holidaze
 - b. Candle-fest
 - c. **Festivus**

Tenant Participation Questions

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- 1. True or False: DHCD regulations state that Housing Authorities shall “encourage and assist” residents to form Local Tenant Organizations.
 - a. True

Source: 760 CMR 6.09(1)a

2. When an LTO requests recognition from the Housing Authority, how long does the Authority have to recognize the group?
 - a. 7 days
 - b. 90 days**
 - c. 180 days
 - d. None of the above, there is no time limit

3. How long does LTO recognition last in state housing?
 - a. Five years**
 - b. Seven years
 - c. Ten years

4. Who can revoke an LTO's recognition in state housing?
 - a. The Local Housing Authority
 - b. The town or city
 - c. DHCD**
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above

5. Who decides how much money the state government spends on its public housing operating subsidy?
 - a. Each Local Housing Authority

- b. DHCD
- c. **The State Legislature and Governor**

6. What is the operating subsidy for state public housing in Massachusetts this year (FY23)?

- a. **\$92 million**
- b. \$102 million
- c. \$122 million

7. According to DHCD, how large is the backlog of capital needs in state public housing?

- a. \$500 million
- b. \$1 billion
- c. \$2 billion
- d. **\$3 billion**

8. Who supervises who?

- a. **The LHA Board supervises the Executive Director**
- b. The Executive Director supervises the LHA Board

9. Who is “in charge” of the Local Housing Authority Board?

- a) DHCD and/or HUD
- b) The city or town
- c) All of the above

d) **None of the above**

10. The selectboard can fill a vacancy in a HA's state appointee seat. For how long must the seat be vacant to do this?

- a. 30 days
- b. 60 days
- c. **120 days**
- d. 180 days

See paragraph 6 in MGL c.121B §5 at link below.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVII/Chapter121B/Section5>

11. How many people sit on the board of most Local Housing Authorities?

- a. **5**
- b. 7
- c. 9
- d. 11

12. How far in advance must an agenda be posted for an Open Meeting, according to the Open Meeting Law?

- a. 12 hours
- b. 24 hours
- c. **48 hours**
- d. 72 hours

13. True or False: Local Tenant Organization meetings are subject to Open Meeting Law.

- False

14. True or False: Local Housing Authority Board of Director meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law.

a. True

15. In the context of public housing, what does RAB stand for?

- a. Really Athletic Boy
- b. Radish Appreciation Bureau
- c. Rick Arthur Boyle
- d. **Resident Advisory Board**

16. How often must the Executive Director meet with each officially recognized LTO, according to DHCD regulations?

- a. Every month
- b. **Every quarter**
- c. Every six months
- d. Every year

17. True or false: Whenever an LHA proposes to amend a rule or policy which will affect the residents, the LHA must first seek the LTO's advice.

a. True

Source: 760 CMR 6.09(3)e

18. What must be included in an LTO's by laws, according to DHCD regulations?

- a. People Represented
- b. LTO Board and Officers
- c. LTO Board Vacancies
- d. **All of the above**

Here is the full list of what the by-laws must include: People Represented, Participation by Residents, Purpose of Representation, Notices to Residents, Quorum, Meetings, LTO Board and Officers, LTO Board Elections, LTO Recall Elections, LTO Board Vacancies, LTO Budgets. For sample state by-laws, contact us or Mass Union.

19. How often must an LTO hold elections in state housing?

- a. Every year
- b. Every two years
- c. **Every three years**
- d. Every five years

20. How many meetings must an LTO hold per year for the full community?

- a. One
- b. **Two**
- c. Three

- d. Four

21. How many days' notice must an LTO give its members about community meetings?

- a. Two
- b. Five
- c. **Seven**
- d. Fourteen

22. The LTO must submit a financial statement about ALL of its income to the LHA at the end of the fiscal year.

- a. False

23. The LTO must submit a statement about its Tenant Participation Funds to the LHA at the end of the fiscal year.

- a. True

24. True or false: The LTO should report on ALL of its income to the residents.

- a. True

25. Who is the Director of DHCD's Public Housing Division?

- a. Amy Stitely
- b. Laura Taylor
- c. Shirronda Almeida
- d. **Ben Stone**

26. About how many units of state-funded public housing are there in Massachusetts?

- a. **46,000**
- b. 95,000
- c. 120,000

27. About how many people are on the waiting list for public housing in Massachusetts?

- a. 46,000
- b. 95,000
- c. **120,000**