

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 27, 2015 12:00 PM  
675 WEST MAIN STREET  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



**MEMBERS PRESENT**

George Moses, Chair  
John Page, Vice-Chair  
Willie E. Otis, Commissioner  
Hershel Patterson, Commissioner  
Calvin Lee, Jr., Commissioner  
Sara Valencia, Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rosemary Rivera, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Shawn Burr  
Mark Hill  
Sandra Whitney  
John Mooney  
Jackie Milne  
Linda Stango  
Mike Gallo  
Dan Sturgis  
Maria Dewhirst

**OTHERS PRESENT**

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel  
Heather Amidon, AP Safety and Security  
Dot Tucker, president of HRT Resident Council  
Noella Wainwright, president of DTE Resident Council  
Catherine Ures, Nan McKay representative

Chair Moses called the May 2015 RHA Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:00pm. He noted for the record that notice of this meeting was posted as required by law.

1. **Open Forum – Public Comments**

Ms. Dot Tucker, resident council president of Hudson Ridge Tower, had several concerns which related to Resident Council Stipends, lighting and parking. Ms. Noella Wainwright, resident council president of Danforth Tower East also had concerns relating to the resident council stipends. Chairman George Moses thanked Ms. Tucker and Ms. Wainwright for their comments and promised to address their areas of concern.

Commissioner Lee entered the meeting at 12:02pm during the public comment period.

2. **Approval of Minutes: April 22, 2015**

Commissioner Patterson moved and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April Board Meeting, as amended. Commissioners Otis, and Page concurred; Commissioner Valencia abstained as she did not attend the meeting. The motion was passed.

3. **Director's Report**

Interim Executive Director Shawn Burr presented his Director's Report regarding the following topics:

- a. Resignation of Mark Hill, Director of Finance
- b. FIS Projects

- c. RAD
- d. Section 3
- e. Section 8 Landlord/Tenant Forums
- f. RHA Newsletter
- g. RHA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic with staff
- h. Staff Training/Staff Training Assessment

Copies of the complete Director's report were sent to Board Members and Senior Staff in advance of the meeting and are available upon request.

#### **5. Finance Reports - FY 2015 Second Quarterly Finance Report**

Finance Director Hill presented the second quarter financial reports for the Housing Authority. Despite some funding anomalies with the HUD funding stream, the Housing Authority is doing well in each of the core businesses: the COCC (Central Office Cost Center), Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs are all doing well financially. Full detail is available on the financial reports sent to Board members and Senior Staff in advance of the meeting.

#### **Board Approval Requests**

Board Chair Moses noted that all items have been cleared through subcommittees and have been fully vetted. After discussion, it was decided that a separate motion be made for each approval request.

- a. 5a. Public Housing Legal Services Renewal, not to exceed \$40,000 awarded to Ernest D. Santoro, Esq., P.C.

Commissioner Valencia moved and Commissioner Page seconded the motion to approve this request. Commissioners Patterson, Lee, and Otis all concurred. The motion was passed.

- b. 7a. Danforth Tower Paving and Site Work project, in the amount of \$440,000 with a contingency amount of \$44,000 awarded to Gonyo Construction.

Commissioner Valencia moved and Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion to approve this request. Commissioners Page, Lee, and Otis all concurred. The motion was passed.

- c. 8a. Labor Relations Legal Contract Renewal, not to exceed \$65,000 awarded to Harris Beach (Ed Trevett)

Commissioner Valencia moved and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion to approve this request. Commissioners Page, Patterson, and Otis all concurred. The motion was passed.