

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 23, 2016 12:00 PM
675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Burr
Paul Foti
Sandra Whitney
John Mooney
Linda Stango
Mike Gallo
Melissa Berrien
Ashley Traynum
Janis M. White
Becky Maslowski

OTHERS PRESENT

H Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel
Heather Amidon, AP Safety and Security
Mike Kinnerknecht, Tipping Point

OTHERS

Chair Moses called the March 2016 RHA Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM. He noted for the record that notice of this meeting was posted as required by law and there was a quorum present.

1. **Open Forum - Public Comments**

Ron Thomas the Executive Director for Baden Street Settlement (BSS) will like to build ties with Rochester Housing (RHA). Baden Street would like to increase their relationship with RHA as stakeholders to collaborate and to create a MOU.

2. **Approval of Minutes: February Regular Board Meeting**

Commissioner Valencia moved and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion to approve the minutes for February 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Otis, Commissioner Page, and Commissioner Patterson concurred. Commissioner Rivera Abstain. The motion was passed.

3. **Director's Report and Board Approval Requests**

- a. Interim Executive Director Shawn Burr presented his director's report on the following topics:
1. Welcoming of staff members attending the Board Meeting.
 2. The Bronner Group, our strategic plan consultant is very close to finalizing the Strategic Plan. We anticipate one more meeting before the Final Draft is done. This will then go before the Board for approval.
 3. There were four candidates interviewed for the Director of Leasing Operations position. One candidate will be called for a second interview.
 4. Leasing Operations and the inspection staff are winding down from our intake push. We housed over 400 additional participants. We are working on goals and developing processes to keep our utilization percentage more consist in an effort to serve as many participants as we can each month.
 5. We received confirmation of the Tier 1 approvals for the Continuum of Care (CoC) grants. RHA partnered with other agencies for these grants. We are approved for 17 Tier 1 grants and 3 grants for Tier 2. The Tier 2 awards will not be available until April or May. Funding is down slightly due to the decrease in FMR's
 6. RHA will participate in the City's Celebrate City Living Expo at City Hall on April 16, 2016. We will provide information on our programs, inspections and Public Housing.
 7. On Wednesday March 16, 2016, Shawn Burr went to Albany with the NYSPHADA Legislative Committee to meet with NYS Assemblyman Keith Wright, Chair of the Housing Committee, and HCR Commissioner Jamie Rubin and his staff. Assemblyman Wright was not available; however, they met with one of his interns. The group was able to leave some material for Assemblyman Wright review. They were able to meet with Assemblywoman Crystal People-Stokes and Deputy Chief of Staff Leah Halton-Pope to discuss the seriousness of the impact that Federal funding cuts are having on the people we serve.
 8. Two inspectors were sent to training for the new Section 8 criteria, including the UPCS-V. One of the inspectors Reynaldo Acevedo indicated that RHA is ahead of most Housing Authorities and thought the classes were very informative.