

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY  
JANUARY 25, 2017, 12:00 PM  
675 WEST MAIN STREET  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

John Hill  
Melissa Berrien  
Shawn Burr  
Regina Bailey  
Diana Colon  
Paul Foti  
Michael Gallo  
Jacquetta Harris  
Cynthia Herriott  
Rashondra Martin  
Melissa Santiago  
Linda Stango  
Janis White  
Sandra Whitney

**OTHERS PRESENT**

H Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel  
Heather Amidon  
Jamie Frumusa  
Jennifer Leonard  
Todd Baxter  
Jean Carroll  
Mariam Moore-Bert

Chair Moses called the January's RHA Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:00 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**

Jennifer Leonard, President, and CEO, of the Rochester Area Community Foundation. She presented their leadership in the effort to close educational opportunity gaps, address poverty, promote racial equality, and to support the arts.

Todd Baxter is the Executive Director of the Veterans Outreach Center. He presented the outreach efforts of his organization to a large number of transitioning veterans. With the military, down-sizing, there is a large demand for housing. His vision is in line with Michelle Obama's Veterans initiative.

Jean Carroll, President, and CEO, and Mariam Moore-Burt, Vice President of Racial Equity Initiative, present on the resource in our community that assists women and girls who are faced with personal crises including homelessness and teen pregnancy. They work hard to dispel stereotypes and promote racial justice. Their goal is to empower women to regain control of their lives and to get on the path to a healthy successful future.

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

Commissioner Rivera moved, and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the December 2016, Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Page, and Commissioner Otis, Commissioner Rivera, voted yes. Commissioner Valencia abstained. The motion was passed.

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

a. Executive Director John Hill presented his director's report on the following topics:

1. John Hill updated the Board on the rollout of the Strategic Plan Goal Tracker. The Crisis Communication Plan will include himself and the Executive Team. Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) is still waiting on the HAP contract Waiver update from HUD. The Moving to Work (MTW); Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) has not posted. The Housing Choice Voucher Administrative fee is at an all-time low. The Ross for Education Grants, RHA received the notification from HUD in January.

b. Board Approvals of Requests as follows:

i. Fairfield Village Roofs – Capital Projects

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

ii. Lexington Court Sanitary Drain Line Replacement – Sanitary Drain – Capital Projects

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

iii. DTW Domestic Hot Water Tank Replacement – Capital Projects

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