

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



MEMBERS PRESENT

Tynise Edwards, Acting Chair
Calvin Lee, Commissioner
Joanne Larson, Commissioner
Rosalie Remarais, Commissioner
Florine Cummings, Commissioner
Hershel Patterson, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Burr
Melissa Berrien
Danielle Buczek
Sinclair Carrington
Mike Gallo
Jacquetta Harris
Sara Jaouen
Rashondra Martin
Willie Pass
Linda Stango
Evhen Tupis
James Waters
Christal Webb
Janis White
Marisha Wilder

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel
Jamie Frumusa, Tipping Point

Acting Board Chair Tynise Edwards called the April Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. She noted for the record that notice of this meeting was posted as required by law and there is a quorum present.

1. Open Forum – Public Comments

No Report

2. Approval of Minutes: March Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Lee moved, and Commissioner Larson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Larson, and Commissioner Edwards voted yes. Commissioner Remarais Abstained. The motion was passed.

3. Director's Report and Board Approval Requests

a. Acting Executive Director, Shawn Burr presented his Director's report on the following topics: Mr. Burr reported on his participation with the City of Rochester (CoR) in presenting at their Landlord and Small Development Summit that was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at the Riverside Convention Center. There were over 400 people that attended this event. The City's annual Celebrate City Living Expo was held April 13, 2019, at the Sibley Building. RHA sponsored a table and staff were there and provided information on programs and services. He thanked Melissa Berrien, Shanna Cranmer, Ruth Brooks-Ward, and Paul Lindsay for their efforts and participation. The Agency Annual Plan is out for the 45-day public comment period ending on May 14, 2019. A public hearing will be scheduled on May 15, 2019, at 675 West Main Street. He then commented on the President's proposed budget which, cuts a lot of funding to HUD and eliminates some HUD programs. NAHRO strongly opposes the President's proposed budget cuts; this can be viewed in the NAHRO Monitor.

b. Board Action Requests

- i. State Contract for Cell Phones – The Contract was awarded to Verizon for \$50,000.00 – Finance

Commissioner Larson moved, and Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion to approve this request. Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Remarais, and Commissioner Edwards voted yes. The motion was passed.

- ii. Vote to Amend April Board Action Requests with Shawn Burr's Title as Interim Executive Director to Acting Executive Director – Legal

Commissioner Lee moved, and Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion to approve this request. Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Remarais, and Commissioner Edwards voted yes. The motion was passed.

- iii. Vacated Arrears – The amount is for \$72,705.48 – Finance

Commissioner Larson moved, and Commissioner Remarais seconded the motion to approve this request. Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Remarais, and Commissioner Edwards voted yes. The motion was passed.