

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joanne Larson, Commissioner
Calvin Lee, Commissioner
Florine Cummings, Resident Commissioner
Hershel Patterson, Resident Commissioner
Rosalie Remarais, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Burr
Melissa Berrien
Sinclair Carrington
Mike Gallo
Jacquetta Harris
Sara Jaouen
Shawanna Lawrence
Linda Stango
Evhen Tupis
Janis White

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel
Jamie Frumusa, Tipping Point, Communication
Joyce Ramirez, Tipping Point, Communication
Hank Rubin, Appointed RHA Commissioner

Board Commissioner Rosalie Remarais, called the August Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. It was noted for the record that notice of this meeting was posted as required by law and that there was a quorum present.

1. Open Forum – Public Comments

Ms. Letesha Sesler resides at Luther Circle; she stated that she is under-housed and would like to know the status of the request of her transfer. She stated that there is a rodent issue in her unit, and her child is allergic to them. She believes that trees near her unit are the cause of the rodents. Ms. Sesler suggests that RHA send out a notice to the entire site to ensure that the children are not playing with the bait stations. Sara Jaouen will follow up with Ms. Sesler.

2. Recognition of Successful Family Sufficiency Completion

Ms. Lawrence is a successful graduate of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. She started the program in 2015 and completed all her goals. Ms. Lawrence will be receiving an escrow check. She was also able to obtain her Real Estate License in April

of 2016. Ms. Lawrence is very thankful for the help she received from FSS.

3. Approval of Minutes: July Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

4. Director's Report and Board Approval Requests

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a. Acting Executive Director, Shawn Burr, presented his Director's report as follows:

Mr. Burr introduced RHA's new Board Member, Dr. Hank Rubin who brings a lot of expertise to RHA. On Thursday, August 1, 2019, RHA held the annual Summer BBQ Celebration for staff at the Ontario Beach Park. It was a big success, and he thanked the staff who helped organize and facilitate this event. He also thanked the Board Members that attended.

On Friday, August 8, 2019, RHA held the Annual Senior Picnic at the Ontario Beach Park. This event was very successful, and he thanked the RHA staff that helped organize and facilitate this event and the Commissioners who attended. The residents had a great time; they enjoyed this event and were very appreciative.

On August 12, 2019, RHA has a conference call with Rochester Educational Opportunity Center (REOC) to discuss opportunities for them to help with getting the Rcafe' up and running. REOC will be visiting the Rcafe', and they will assist Commissioner Patterson with ironing out the details to get a business started. He thanked Commissioner Lee for organizing this meeting.

b. Board Action Requests

- i. Development Services– Authorize the Acting Executive Director to enter into negotiations to produce a Master Development Agreement with Michaels Organization & Cornerstone Group – Capital Projects

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

- ii. Development Services – Authorize the Acting Executive Director to enter into negotiations to produce a Master Development Agreement Edgemere Development Inc./Home Leasing – Capital Projects

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