

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



MEMBERS PRESENT

Tynise Edwards, Chairperson
Calvin Lee, Commissioner
Florine Cummings, Resident Commissioner
Hershel Patterson, Resident Commissioner
Rosalie Remarais, Vice Chair
Hank Rubin, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Shawn Burr
Melissa Berrien
Sinclair Carrington
Diana Colon
Jacquetta Harris
Cynthia Herriott
Shawanna Lawrence
Linda Stango

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel
Jeff Halik, APR, Tipping Point, Communications

Board Chairperson Tynise Edwards called the September Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:03 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

There were five residents of Conifer Properties that spoke. Their concerns regarding the presence of mold and little to no heat in their units were expressed. During the ongoing rehabilitation project at 10 Manhattan Square, their exposure to asbestos-containing material during the abatement process was also a concern and some had experienced health issues. They expressed their fear of retaliation from Conifer for speaking out about their living conditions. Ryan Acuff of City-Wide Tenant Union of Rochester, NY, attested to all the above-stated conditions and concerns of retaliation. Jacquetta Harris, Director of Leasing Operations will be following up and reporting back to the Board of Commissioners her findings.

2. Approval of Minutes: October Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

3. Director's Report and Board Approval Requests

Director's Report and Board Approval Requests:

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

Mr. Burr reported on the follow-up from October's Board Meeting; RHA's staff continues to go above and beyond to ensure our service levels to our residents and participants remains at the highest level possible.

In October, we had three different events; Landlord Appreciation and Education, Housing Specialist Recognition Day and Homeownership Recognition. Which our staff did an excellent job planning and organizing all three events.

Mr. Burr gave an update on what's going on in Washington with the Senate approval to extend the continuing resolution to 12/20/19. He also reported that it was just announced that Congress approved and a government shutdown was avoided.

b. Board Action Requests

- i. Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Submission – Authorized the Acting Director to submit SEMAP data for HUD Certification – Leasing Operations

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

- ii. Bulk Bid Developer Partner – Authorized the Acting Director to enter into MDA with Edgemere Development, Inc. & Home Leasing – Capital Projects

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