

**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
Joanne Larson, Commissioner
Hank Rubin, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Calvin Lee, Jr called the December 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

There were no Public Comments.

2. Approval of Minutes: October Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

3. Recognition of Successful Family Sufficiency Completion

Ms. Oloniju is a successful graduate of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. She started the program in 2015 and has completed all her goals. She will also receive an escrow check.

Ms. Campbell is a successful graduate of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. She started the program in 2019 and has completed all her goal of homeownership, and she closed on her home in September of 2019 with a zero-interest loan.

Ms. Thomas is a successful graduate of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. She started the program in 2015 and has completed all her goals of credit restoration, gaining employment, and pre-homeownership. She will also receive an escrow check.

Ms. Martinez is a successful graduate of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. She started the program in 2015 and has completed all her goals of gaining employment and homeownership. She closed on her home in November of 2019. She will also receive an escrow check.

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 reported on the follow-up from November's Board Meeting; RHA's staff has stepped up to the plate to ensure that the application process for the HCV continues to run smoothly, there were 11,509 applications as of December 16, 2019, we continue to receive applications. From all of the submittals, there will be 4,000 selected at random to start the process for the HCV. We will open the waitlist again in three years. We made a note to open the waitlist at noon vs. midnight to ensure we have staff available to assist applicants with any issues or questions that they may have.

Mr. Burr has personally followed up with Kurt Martin, Director of Buildings and Zoning; he attends regular meetings with the residents, owners, and contractors to create a forum for the residents' issues and compliant. Mrs. Harris will report more regarding the matter during the Leasing Operations report.

Mr. Burr gave an update on activities in Washington HUD awarded \$131.3 million in Mainstream vouchers (HCV). RHA applied and was approved for 11 vouchers.

Mr. Burr updated everyone on what is happening in Washington, DC, and will continue to provide updates as they become available.