

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
May 20, 2020
675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



MEMBERS PRESENT

Tynise Edwards, Chairperson
Rosalie Remarais, Vice-Chairperson
Florine Cummings, Resident Commissioner
Joanne Larson, Commissioner
Hershel Patterson, Resident Commissioner
Hank Rubin, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Melissa Berrien
Shawn Burr
Sinclair Carrington
Diana Colon
Jacquetta Harris
Cynthia Herriott
Shawanna Lawrence
Bryan Little
Mark Plantholt
Linda Stango
Evhen Tupis
Harold Zink

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel
Josh Jensen, Tipping Point, Communications

Commissioner Tynise Edwards called the May 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 no Public Comments.

2. Approval of Minutes: April 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Remarais moved, and Commissioner Rubin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Remarais, Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Edwards, and Commissioner Rubin voted yes. The motion passed.

3. Director's Report and Board Approval Requests

Director's Report and Board Approval Requests:

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

Mr. Burr recognized the Staff across the Authority who continued to go above and beyond to ensure our high quality of services are maintained and that our residents and participants needs are taken care of during this crisis. They have been doing a remarkable job!

Mr. Burr shared the PIH Notices that HUD has issued. HUD has listened, as a result the funding eligibility period begins on 3/27/2020 now. NYSPHADA and others are still working to get the pre-3/27 COVID related cost covered using these funds.

Mr. Burr thanked the Board for taking the time to review and approve the HUD Waivers that we recommend applying for at this time. We will continue to monitor all costs: trainings, procedure changes, and resident and participant notifications. These are all eligible expenses under the CARES funding.

Mr. Burr shared the FAQ's on HUD's Eviction Moratorium published on April 21, 2020, found in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The Eviction Moratorium applies to all Public Housing residents, HVC holders (including tenant and project-based vouchers), HVC and Public Housing homeownership programs for federally back mortgages. Mr. Burr also shared the website that the latest HUD COVID related FAQ's could be found.

Mr. Burr reported that RHA is very fortunate in having a minimal positive case in our developments. Due to the proactive approach, RHA has shared information with our residents, participants, and staff.

Mr. Burr informed that he has been elected to the NYSPHADA Board of Directors. As a member of the NYSPHADA's elected board, he will help guide policy choices and strategic decisions on organizational, State, and Federal matters. The board has twelve directors that represent PHA's of all sizes and locations in New York State. Four of the Directors are elected and serve a four-year term, Mr. Burr's term will start in June 2020.

b. Board Action Requests

- i. R-16 Scattered Sites Roof Replacement – Authorized the Deputy Executive Director to award the contract to Ontario Exteriors for \$89,770.00 – Capital Projects

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