

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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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
Mark Plantholt
Mariam Rodriguez-Machuca
James Senger
Shelby Simpson
Linda Stango
Evhen Tupis

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Tynise Edwards called the August Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:02 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: July 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

3. Director's Report and Board Approval Requests

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

Mr. Burr **CONTINUES** to recognize Staff across the Authority who continue 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 Pandemic. They have been doing a remarkable job! As we are “re-opening,” great efforts are being made in the planning and execution. Procurement and Maintenance have been extremely helpful.

Mr. Burr shared that we are moving forward with the NYS POP grant we were awarded and have selected a consultant to work with. A scope of work has been created and submitted to Enterprise for approval, and we are still waiting on the go-ahead.

Mr. Burr shared that Trillium’s COVID testing for our residents continues and has been very successful. We had our debriefing to discuss process, next steps and are working on a schedule and plan for mobile primary care services, which we hope to begin by September.

Mr. Burr reported our “Reopening Committee” has been very busy developing plans for RHA to “reopen” in phases, and PHASE II is underway. We are evaluating the processes on a weekly basis with the current phase. The next phase will implement temperature checks as part of our daily screening process, and some “doors” will be open to the public. Continued kudos to Shawanna for taking the lead on this and the countless hours she has put in.

Mr. Burr reported that discussions continue on the PIH Notices that HUD has issued and eligible expenses we are focusing monies on. The next meeting was scheduled for 8/18/20. This is a great opportunity to get creative with this funding in providing much-needed resources for our residents and participants. Many other groups are also discussing ways to meet the needs of our residents, participants, and community. A lot of positive ideas are being worked on.

Mr. Burr reported that we met with RTS on 7/23 to continue our discussion on transportation issues and opportunities for our residents. It was a very productive meeting and the start of a continued partnership between our organizations. We have some good information to get out to our residents and will post at our sites on services currently available with RTS and what we learned of other resources that we are looking into.