

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY  
June 23, 2021  
675 WEST MAIN STREET  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tynise Edwards, Chairperson  
Florine Cummings, Resident Commissioner  
Rosalie Remarais, Commissioner  
Hershel Patterson, Commissioner  
Henry Rubin, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Melissa Berrien  
Shawn Burr  
Sinclair Carrington  
Diana Colon  
Pierre Dorancy  
Shawanna Lawrence  
Mark Plantholt  
Mariam Rodriguez-  
Machuca  
Shelby Simpson  
Evhen Tupis  
Harold Zink

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joshua D. Steele, RHA Legal Counsel  
Julie Panna, Tipping Point Communications

Commissioner Tynise Edwards called the May Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:01 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 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Remarais moved, and Commissioner Rubin seconded the motion to approve the May 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Remarais, Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Rubin, and Commissioner Edwards voted yes. The motion passed five to zero

3. **Director's Report and Board Approval Requests**

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

Mr. Burr would like to

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recognize Staff across the Authority who continue to go above and beyond to ensure our quality services are performed and resident and participant needs are taken care of especially during the pandemic and now with us reopening! They are doing a remarkable job! Procurement and Maintenance have helped greatly. The teamwork displayed before, during, and after the vaccination clinics is a true testament of the great staff we have.

Mr. Burr shared that we are not out of the woods yet with COVID all need to remain diligent in maintaining each other's safety. RHA continues to monitor and adhere to new regulations, recommendations and Executive Orders as we receive them. Mark and staff have implemented the new sanitizing system and setting up trainings at our other sites. Visitor restrictions have been relaxed, but COVID questionnaires, and temperature checks continue for all visitors. Temperature kiosks for staff and visitors are in place with handheld thermometers as back-ups. The Executive Team monitors current conditions daily and meets weekly to discuss our processes. The reopen committee has also prepared plans to reopen and modify them as conditions change. We are targeting June 1st as our re-open date for offices.

Mr. Burr shared that we were awarded 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers by HUD as a result of the RESCUE Plan. We are working with the Continuum of Care and other community partners to strategize on the requirements associated with the program. Details and updates will continue to be presented at the Section 8 Committee meeting.

Mr. Burr shared that our application for the HUD Choice Mobility Demonstration was approved and our Team is moving forward with webinars and program meetings. We will continue to update at the Section 8 Committee meeting.

Mr. Burr shared that Trillium's COVID testing/Primary Care services for our residents continues with June's schedule moving along. We will be scheduling a "lessened learned" meeting with Trillium to discuss strategies and opportunities moving forward.

Mr. Burr reported staff continue to be involved in several community projects and report on them in their Board reports. RMAPI Housing Committee which will now be a Housing Working Group which will focus on our community's full housing system, City FEC Program Initiative, Connected Communities Housing Committee, Private Sector Rental Market Study, and Benefits Project are a few that are in the works. I really appreciate their efforts in representing RHA on critical projects in our community and their extra efforts are commendable.