

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
August 25, 2021
675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



MEMBERS PRESENT

Tynise Edwards, Chairperson
Florine Cummings, Resident Commissioner
Rosalie Remarais, Commissioner
Duwaine Bascoe, Commissioner
Henry Rubin, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Nicole Allen
Melissa Berrien
Shawn Burr
Sinclair Carrington
Diana Colon
Jaquanda Jones
Shawanna Lawrence
Mark Plantholt
Mariam Rodriguez-
Machuca
Evhen Tupis

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel
Allyssa Birth, Tipping Point Communications

Commissioner Tynise Edwards called the August Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:05 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

We had Public comments from Mr. Edwin Barbosa regarding parking at Kennedy Tower. Mr. Jose Durruthy Avila regarding having lost of food due to his refrigerator breaking. The Board will be replying to them the week after the Board Meeting

2. Approval of Minutes: July 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Remarais moved, and Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion to approve the July 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Remarais, Commissioner Bascoe, Commissioner Rubin, and Commissioner Edwards voted yes. The motion passed five to zero, with changes to the Action Item for Renovations to 596 Glenwood Gardens Project, the action item did pass during the July meeting.

3. Director's Report and Board Approval Requests

a. 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!

Mr. Burr shared We were awarded 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers by HUD as a result of the RESCUE Plan. We continue to work with the Continuum of Care and other community partners to strategize on the requirements associated with the program. We went "Live" on 7/19 with a posting on our website that includes information and a link to apply. Details and updates will continue to be presented at the Section 8 Committee meeting. The HA Team is doing a remarkable job and we've issued our first voucher!

Mr. Burr shared that we were our application for the HUD Choice Mobility Demonstration was approved as one of nine in the country and our Team is moving forward with webinars and program meetings. We are in the data/information gathering phase currently. We will continue to update at the Section 8 Committee meeting. The RHA Team is awesome and working with HUD and partners to move the project forward.

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

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