

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
September 22, 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
Harolda Wilcox

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 12:03 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: August 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

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 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 establishing a schedule for our sites. Visitor restrictions have been relaxed somewhat, masks are now required to be worn indoors when in any common space for all staff, residents and visitor's period. The Executive Team monitors current conditions daily and meets weekly to review discuss our processes.

Mr. Burr shared that our 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers by HUD as a result of the RESCUE Plan are being issued in accordance with the process we developed with the Continuum of Care. We continue to work with the Continuum of Care and other community partners to strategize on the requirements associated with the program. The HA Team is doing a remarkable job and we've issued our first voucher!

Mr. Burr shared that HUD Choice Mobility Demonstration RHA Team is working very hard on this. We are in the data/information gathering phase currently. We will continue to update at the Section 8 Committee meeting. The RHA Team is working with HUD and partners to move the project forward currently working on and RFP for a community partner for the demonstration.

Mr. Burr reported 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.

Mr. Burr reported that 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, RUBI 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.