

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
December 15, 2021
675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



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MEMBERS PRESENT

Tynise Edwards, Chairperson
Duwaine Bascoe, Commissioner
Florine Cummings, Resident Commissioner
Willie Otis, Resident Commissioner
Henry Rubin, Commissioner
Rosalie Remarais, Vice-Chairperson

STAFF PRESENT

Melissa Berrien
Shawn Burr
Sinclair Carrington
Diana Colon
Robert Croston
Pierre Dorancy
Cynthia Herriott
Joyce Kinsey
Shawanna Lawrence
Mark Plantholt
Mariam Rodriguez-
Machuca
Shelby Simpson
Evhen Tupis
Harolda Wilcox

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel
Erin Foster, Tipping Point Communications

Commissioner Tynise Edwards called the December 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 not a quorum present.

1. Open Forum – Public Comments

There was Public Comments, during the Public Comment period. During the meeting a Public Comment was received from Christopher Hennelly; it was delivered in person to the Rochester Housing Authority Board of Commissioners at 675 West Main Street, Room McHugh on December 15, 2021.

2. **Approval of Minutes: November 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

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



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! They really are doing a remarkable job!

Mr. Burr shared we all still need to remain diligent in maintaining each other's safety. RHA continues to monitor and adhere to new Federal, State, and Local regulations, recommendations, and Executive Orders as we receive them. Mark and Staff continue to use the new sanitizing system following a schedule for our sites. Visitor restrictions have been relaxed somewhat; masks are required to be worn indoors when in any common space for all Staff, residents, and visitors. The Executive Team monitors current conditions daily and meets weekly to review discuss our processes.

Mr. Burr shared that RHA was awarded a mold remediation grant and has been selected to receive funding under the Housing-Related Hazards Capital Fund Program as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94, enacted December 20, 2019), in the amount of **\$896,649**, under grant **NY06H04150120**, to evaluate and reduce health hazards in Public Housing. You are to be commended for your efforts to reduce hazards in Public Housing to ensure your residents' access to decent, safe, and sanitary housing. The funds will enable your agency to conduct activities to identify and eliminate housing-related hazards in Public Housing. You are approved to address the following hazard(s) at the corresponding AMP(s) as described in your application: Mold – NY041000112, NY041000334, NY041000442, and NY041000554

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 are on a good schedule and are at the same pace as other PHA's. Updates will be presented in the Section 8 Director's report. The HA Team is doing a remarkable job!

Mr. Burr reported that the HUD Choice Mobility Demonstration RHA Team is working very hard on this with the HUD team. The RHA Team has posted an RFP for a