

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
January 26, 2022
675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



January 26th, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Florine Cummings, Resident Commissioner
Willie Otis, Resident Commissioner
Henry Rubin, Commissioner
Rosalie Remarais, Acting Chairperson

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel
Jeff Halik, Tipping Point Communications

Commissioner Rosalie Remarais called the January 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: December 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Cummings moved, and Commissioner Rubin seconded the motion to approve the December 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Remarais, Commissioner Rubin, and Commissioner Otis, 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! They really are doing a remarkable job!

Mr. Burr shared 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. We are moving this forward and identifying priority sites.

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. Searching for quality, affordable, and suitable housing remains a struggle for most. The RHA team has done a great job implementing and continues to assist those looking for units.

Mr. Burr shared that 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 community partner for the demonstration which was extended and now is due 1/24/24. We will continue to update at the Section 8 Committee meeting.

Mr. Burr reported that Trillium's COVID testing/Primary Care services for our residents continues with January's schedule moving along. Todd and I are meeting with Trillium on 1/21/22 to discuss strategies and opportunities moving forward.

Mr. Burr reported that Staff continue to be involved in 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.