

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



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MEMBERS PRESENT

Duwayne Bascoe, Commissioner
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
Shawanna Lawrence
Shelby Simpson
Evhen Tupis
Harolda Wilcox

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Rosalie Remarais called the February Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:04 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: January 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Cummings moved, and Commissioner Otis seconded the motion to approve the January 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Remarais, Commissioner Bascoe, Commissioner Rubin, and Commissioner Otis 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:

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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! Kudos to the maintenance staff who came in to remove snow and salt walkways during our last storm, especially since we were closed.

Mr. Burr shared RHA continues to monitor and adhere to new Federal, State, and Local regulations, recommendations, and Executive Orders related to the pandemic as we receive them. Bob and staff continue to use the new sanitizing PURUS system following a schedule for our sites. Visitor restrictions have been relaxed somewhat, but masks are required to be worn indoors when in any common space for all staff, residents, and visitors. Community rooms have been closed, locked, and residents notified. The Executive Team monitors current conditions daily and meets weekly to review discuss our processes.

Mr. Burr shared RHA mold remediation grant under the Housing-Related Hazards Capital Fund Program in the amount of **\$896,649** is moving forward, and the priority sites are Holland Townhouses and Bay-Zimmer to start.

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. All EHV's have been issued, and we have housed 26 people so far. The RHA team has done a great job implementing and continues to assist those looking for units.

Mr. Burr shared that our Community Choice Demonstration RHA Team is working very hard on this with the HUD team. The RHA Team issued an RFP for a community partner for the demonstration and will make a selection very soon. 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 continued with January's schedule moving along. Todd and I are meeting with Trillium on 1/21/22 to discuss strategies and opportunities moving forward. We will be continuing our partnership and expanding services where we can.

Mr. Burr reported that Staff continues 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