

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Melissa Berrien
Shawn Burr
Sinclair Carrington
Diana Colon
Robert Croston, Jr.
Cynthia Herriott
Shawanna Lawrence
Shelby Simpson
Evhen Tupis
Harolda Wilcox

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel

Commissioner Rosalie Remarais called the February 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: February 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rubin moved, and Commissioner Otis seconded the motion to approve the February 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Commissioner Remarais, Commissioner Rubin, and Commissioner Otis voted yes. The motion passed three 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 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 On Thursday, 3/17/22, he had the distinct pleasure of meeting with the new Director of our HUD Field Office in Buffalo and the office in Pittsburgh, Jacqueline Molinaro-Thompson. She is visiting NY PHAs and their ED's to get a better understanding of who and what she is overseeing. he applauds her efforts as he couldn't recall a time when the director has done this. We discussed many different topics, and she is our direct link to HUD "Headquarters". She has worked at Headquarters previously in her career and has been involved in policy making and able to provide great insight to the "process". She is genuinely concerned with the challenges PHA's are facing and dealing with and I gave her a lot of information on RHA. We talked about our strategic planning efforts and the goals of expanding resources and community partnerships which she was very impressed with. We discussed our funding and staffing challenges, and she is more aware of our efforts now. he was able to take her on a tour of some of our sites which the maintenance and management teams have looking very good! KUDOS!! She was able to see finished units at Kennedy Tower and Bronson Court (Thanks Julie!) and was very impressed with the quality of the renovation work. She took a lot of pictures to share, and he told her that if HUD would raise the Total Development Cost (TDC) limits, PHA's would be better equipped to increase the quality of their public housing stock. Her visit was very beneficial to both of us and I'm grateful we have her expertise at our disposal

Mr. Burr shared that our 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers by HUD as a result of the RESCUE Plan have all been issued in accordance with the process we developed with the Continuum of Care. We have housed 26 people so far. The RHA team has done a great job implementing and continues to assist those looking for units. HUD will be reallocating unused EHV's in the near future.