

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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675 WEST MAIN STREET  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Commissioner Florine Cummings called the April 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: March 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Otis moved, and Commissioner Bascoe seconded the motion to approve the March 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Commissioner Bascoe, Commissioner Rubin, Commissioner Cummings 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 this long-lasting 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 that our 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers by HUD as a result of the RESCUE Plan, 109 have been issued in accordance with the process we developed with the Continuum of Care. We have housed 42 applicants so far and 57 are searching for housing. 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.

Mr. Burr shared that our Community Choice Demonstration RHA Team is working very hard on this with the HUD team. The RHA Team continues to move the project forward meeting regularly with HUD and its consultants.

Mr. Burr reported that Trillium's COVID testing/Primary Care services for our residents continues with April's schedule moving along. We will be continuing our partnership and expanding services where we can.

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.