

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
May 25, 2022
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
Duwaine Bascoe, Commissioner
Rosalie Remarais, Acting Chairperson

STAFF PRESENT

Melissa Berrien
Shawn Burr
Sinclair Carrington
Diana Colon
Philip D'Alessandro
Cynthia Herriott
Shawanna Lawrence
Mariam Rodriguez - Machuca
Shelby Simpson
Evhen Tupis
Harolda Wilcox

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel

Commissioner Rosalie Remarais called the May 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: April 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Otis moved, and Commissioner Bascoe seconded the motion to approve the April 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



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 this long-lasting pandemic! They continue to do a remarkable job day in and day out!

Mr. Burr 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 and mask-wearing have been relaxed somewhat, and masks are optional, but required to be worn when social distancing cannot be adhered to. Staff who prefer to wear a mask have been provided a notice template to put on their door and all staff has been reminded to respect the choice of others. Community rooms are now open with defined hours and residents must follow our safety protocols. The Executive Team monitors current conditions daily and meets weekly to review and discuss our processes.

Mr. Burr shared that our 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers by HUD as a result of the RESCUE Plan, 112 have been issued in accordance with the process we developed with the Continuum of Care. We have housed 70 applicants so far and 42 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 continue with April's schedule moving along. We will be continuing our partnership and expanding services where we can. Melissa and Harolda are also working together to facilitate COVID Booster clinics at our sites in partnership with the Health Dept.

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 that 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 Cliff 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.