

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
*June 21, 2022*  
**675 WEST MAIN STREET  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel  
Amy Blum, Tipping Point Communications

Commissioner Rosalie Remarais called the June Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:10 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 Cummings moved, and Commissioner Otis seconded the motion to approve the May 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Commissioner Remarais, 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 continue to do a remarkable job day in and day out!

RHA continues to monitor the pandemic conditions. The Executive Team monitors current conditions daily and meets weekly to review and discuss our processes.

Mr. Burr stated that our 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers by HUD as a result of the RESCUE Plan, 114 have been issued in accordance with the process we developed with the Continuum of Care. We have housed 72 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, but no word yet.

Mr. Burr gave an update on 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. We have a contract under review with legal that will be one of the next steps.

Mr. Burr shared that Trillium's COVID testing/Primary Care services for our residents continue with May'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 and will update in their reports.

Mr. Burr stated that the 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 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.

Mr. Burr shared that our Strategic Planning Team will be meeting again to finalize the Goal Tracker. We will roll out the Plan at our Town Hall meeting in July.