



**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
July 27, 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
Sinclair Carrington
Diana Colon
Robert Croston
Pierre Dorancy
Kimberly Huffman
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 Rosalie Remarais called the July Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:06 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

Elana Ros came to express her concerns regarding being discriminated by her current landlord with her request for resendable accommodations. Elana was informed that we would investigate her concerns and get back to her.

Jose Duruthy Avila came to ask why some of the residents from Kennedy Tower were receiving checks for \$100.00 after they had move already. He stated that he has not been able to get an answer to that question. Jose was told that we would investigate him with an answer to his concerns by someone that spoke Spanish.

2. **Approval of Minutes: June 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Cummings moved, and Commissioner Otis seconded the motion to approve the June 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

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 really continue to do a remarkable job day in and day out!

Mr. Burr thank all the Commissioners who participated in our Town Hall meeting! It was a great success and we have received many positive comments. We will be conducting two Town Hall meetings per year, with the next being in late October and then the following May. We will add an hour to the event time and ensure that all departments have an opportunity to present to staff.

Mr. Burr gave kudos to all who planned and participated in our "Ice Cream Social" on 7/21! The weather sure cooperated with sun and warmth which made the ice cream most enjoyable!

Reminder: our RHA Summer Picnic will be held at Ontario Beach Park on Friday, 8/12 from noon to 4:00. We hope you all can attend

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

7. 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 76 applicants so far and 37 are searching for housing. The RHA team has done a great job implementing and continues to assist those looking for units.

8. 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 approved by legal that has been signed and we are moving forward with the next steps.