

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
August 24, 2022
675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Melissa Berrien
Shawn Burr
Sinclair Carrington
Diana Colon
Robert Croston
Pierre Dorancy
Julie Fox
Kimberly Huffman
Shawanna Lawrence
James Senger
Shelby Simpson
Evhen Tupis
Harolda Wilcox

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Rosalie Remarais called the August Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:15 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. New Commissioner Swearing-In -

Chairperson Rosalie Remarais had the new Commissioner Kabutey Ocansey to Rochester Housing Authority take the Oath of Office. Commissioner Ocansey was welcome to the RHA and the Board of Commissioners.

3. **Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Cummings moved, and Commissioner Rubin seconded the motion to approve the July 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Commissioner Remarais, Commissioner Rubin, Commissioner Ocansey, Commissioner Cummings, and Commissioner Otis voted yes. The motion passed five to zero.

4. **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 continue to do a remarkable job day in and day out!

Mr. Burr thank all the Commissioners who participated in our employee picnic! It was a great success and we have received many positive comments. Everyone had a good time and the weather and food were awesome! Many thanks to Diana, Shawanna, Natasha, Michael, and all the maintenance staff who helped organize and facilitate the event! Great job!!!

RHA continues to monitor the pandemic conditions. The Executive Team monitors current conditions daily and meets weekly to review and discuss our processes. Currently, we are maintaining our existing protocols.

Mr. Burr was happy to report that RHA received 25 Mainstream vouchers from HUD and the lease-up process will begin on 11/1/22. Pierre will be updating the Section 8 committee.

Mr. Burr stated that our 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers by HUD as a result of the RESCUE Plan, 132 have been issued in accordance with the process we developed with the Continuum of Care. We have housed 80 applicants so far and 25 are searching for housing. The RHA team has done a great job implementing and continues to assist those looking for units. Still, no word on HUD reallocating unused vouchers.

Mr. Burr stated 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. We hope to launch soon and kudos to our team for all their hard work. Hoping to get a news article published on this.

8. Trillium's COVID testing/Primary Care services for our residents continue with August's schedule moving along. We will be continuing our partnership and expanding