

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
August 23, 2023
675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



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MEMBERS PRESENT

Rosalie Remarais, Chairperson
Florine Cummings, Resident Commissioner, Vice Chair
Shanai T. Lee, Commissioner
Kabutey Ocansey, Commissioner
Henry Rubin, Commissioner
Willie Otis, Resident Commissioner
James Water, Jr. Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Melissa Berrien
Shawn Burr
Diana Colon
Robert Croston
Pierre Dorancy
Julie Fox
Cynthia Herriott
Kimberly Huffman
Joyce Kinsey
Celeste Langston
Shawanna Lawrence
Daniel Long
Mariam Rodriguez –
Machuca
James Senger
Evhen Tupis
Harolda Wilcox

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Rosalie Remarais called the August 2023 Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:01 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 was a resident that present to share his concerns regarding safety and security, laundry room hours and the repair of the pool table in the community room at Kennedy Tower. They were told that Board will investigate an that Executive Director Burr would get back to them.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**
July 26, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Waters moved, and Commissioner Ocansey seconded the motion to approve the July 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Commissioner Remarais, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Rubin, Commissioner Waters, and Commissioner Ocansey, voted yes. The motion passed six to zero.

3. **Director's Report and Board Approval Requests**

a. Executive Director, Shawn Burr, presented his director's report as follows:

Mr. Burr congratulate the Board on their new appointments.

Mr. Burr gave highlights follow up items. We followed up on the last public comments and executive session after the planning committee meeting, but I will have a further update after maybe an executive session and everything else is in progress.

Mr. Burr wanted to Continue to recognize staff for continuing to do a great job at RHA.

Mr. Burr wanted to cover a couple of things. He wanted to say thank you to those that attended the groundbreaking, it was a great event. There was a lot of excitement by those that attended especially those from HUD those from HCR and OTADA. It's just it's like he said at the at the groundbreaking it does take a village to get these projects to floriation.

Mr. Burr stated we are on our way. We've got pipelines setup and it's coming. So hopefully there'll be another groundbreaking coming up later this year and have had several meetings recently.

Mr. Burr share that the morning of August 23, 2023, he met with Senator Gillibrand's office. They reached out to RHA and sent some of her folks meet with Mr. Burr, Cynthia, Harolda, Melissa and Pierre to talking housing. Of course, we brag about RHA. They said that it sounds great things we're doing, but also talk about some of the issues that participants our residents are having in the community and offer a further conversation to that via teams remote to two people from Washington and one locally. We are looking forward to the continue conversation.

Mr. Burr share that August 24, 2023, he will be meeting with Congressman Morelle, that is hosting a housing roundtable 12:45 pm. He would be leaving the town hall right after he kicked the townhall. He was leaving the Townhall in the capable by hats that our senior team they have been rehearsing and practicing and he was sure that they will pull it off without any issues.