

**CITY OF BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
901 CITY HALL**

MEETING DATE: June 28, 2018

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT: Brendan R. Mehaffy, Vice Chairman BURA
Timothy Ball, Corporation Counsel
Commissioner Donna Estrich
Mr. Domenic Bonifacio
Council Member Joseph Golombek, Jr.
Council Member Christopher Scanlon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Byron Brown, City of Buffalo Business
Council President Darius Pridgen, City of Buffalo Business

SECRETARY: Scott C. Billman

OTHERS PRESENT: Nona Watson, BURA Executive Director,
Yvonne McCray, BURA Director of Housing
Leslie Vishwanth, Brenda Durfee, BURA, Jermaine Jackson, BURA,
Theresa Farrell, BURA, Eliza Frank, BURA, Usman Haq, Hostel Buffalo
Niagara

Mr. Mehaffy called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Commissioner Estrich made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 24, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. Ball and carried unanimously.

OTHER and DIVISION REPORTS

Agenda Item 3a - New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (“AHC”) Contract 2018 for HOME GROWN Homeownership Program Grant

BURA Board Members approved a request to have BURA administer and manage the AHC Grant Funds on behalf of the City of Buffalo and enter into an Administrative Agreement with the City of Buffalo. This Neighborhood Revitalization Homeownership Program will help qualified low-income residents purchase and renovate properties from the City of Buffalo, Division of Real Estate. The program will build upon BURA’s other programs by increasing affordable homeownership and housing rehabilitation opportunities throughout the City.


Council Member Scanlon made the motion to approve Item 3a, seconded by Mr. Bonifacio and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 a,b,c - BURA Housing, FCA & Community Planning Updates (Informational Only)

The Division of Housing, Financial Control of Agencies and Planning provided general updates of their division activities to the BURA Board Members. Presentations were made by Director Yvonne McCray, Division of Housing, Jermaine Jackson for Tracy Cooley, Deputy Director for Financial Control of Agencies (“FCA”), and Keith Lucas, Director of Planning.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ball made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Estrich and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Scott C. Billman, Secretary

Reported by: Risë Geller