

**CITY OF BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**  
**Board Of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes of Thursday, November 21, 2024**  
**Meeting was held in Room 902 City Hall and was available via Microsoft Teams**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher Scanlon BURA Chairman  
Council President Bryan Bollman  
Brendan R. Mehaffy BURA Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Delano Dowell  
Corporation Counsel Cavette Chambers  
Council Member Joseph Golombek  
Council Member Zeneta Everhart  
Ms. Rashida Dowell

**EXCUSED:** Council Member Joseph Golombek

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Hope Young-Watkins, BURA Senior Director, Yvonne McCray, BURA Director of Housing, Tracy Cooley, BURA Director of Finance, Evelyn Rodriguez, Ronald Dixon, Tashene Eubanks, Brandon Baxter, Anthony Chestnut, Jessica Jowrey

**1.0** Mayor Scanlon called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

**2.0** Mr. Mehaffy-made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 24, 2024 meeting, seconded by Council President Bollman and carried unanimously.

**3.0** **MONTHLY REPORT**

**3.1** **DRESCHER & MALECKI AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Erica Hadley, Director at Drescher & Malecki provided a summary of the BURA Financial Audit report for Year Ending June 30, 2024.

**3.2** **FINANCIAL CONTROL OF AGENCIES UPDATE**

Ms. Cooley, Director of FCA (Financial Control of Agencies), provided an update to the Board.

**3.3** **HOUSING DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Ms. Yvonne McCray, Director of Housing, provided a status report.

**4.0** **ACTION ITEMS - TABLED**

**4.1** BURA Infill Project (tabled 08292024)  
(City of Buffalo Vacant Lot Strategy)

**5.0** **INFORMATIONAL UPDATES AS NEEDED**

**5.1** City Hall 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Reconfiguration *(Informational) Hope Young-Watkins and Brandon Baxter*

**5.2** Community Center Improvements *(Informational) Hope Young-Watkin and Brandon Baxter*

**5.3** 725 Humboldt Parkway *(Informational) Hope Young-Watkins and Brandon Baxter*

**5.4** 667 Main/664 Washington *(Informational) Hope Young-Watkins and Brandon Baxter*

**5.5** Overall on BURA Real Estate *(Informational) Brandon Baxter*

**Ms. Hope Young Watkins, BURA Senior Director and Mr. Brandon Baxter, Special Project Manager, Provided an Update.**

**6.0 Executive Session**

**7.0 Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Delano Dowell made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rashida Dowell and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

*Scott C. Billman*

Scott C. Billman, BURA Secretary

Reported by: Risë Geller