

CITY OF BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
Board Of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, January 22, 2026, 9:30 a.m., Room 901 City Hall  
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Chairman Thomas E. Baines  
Commissioner Jessica Brown  
Corporation Counsel Rosa Pizzi  
Council President Joel Feroletto  
Council Woman Zeneta Everhart  
Ms. Rashida Dowell

**ABSENT:** Chairman Sean Ryan  
Council Member Joe Golombek

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hope Young-Watkins, BURA Senior Director, Scott C. Billman, Senior Director, Yvonne McCray, BURA Director of Housing, Tracy Cooley, BURA Director of Finance, Angelica Baxter, Anthony Chestnut, Brandon Baxter, Gabrielle Gannon, Jessica Jowrey, Lauren Jednak, Gerffred Ngayot, David Judson, So Nia, LaTonya Wilson, Jayla Williams, Gina Notaro, Andrew Dearing, Robert Quinn, Holly McNamara, Lindsay Frazier.

**1.0** Vice Chairman Thomas E. Baines, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

**2.0** Ms. Rashida Dowell made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 18, 2025, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Brown and carried unanimously.

**3.0 MONTHLY REPORTS/ INFORMATIONAL UPDATES:**

**3.1** Senior Director Hope Young - Watkins gave an update on BURA's Housing Programs.

**3.2** Director of Finance Tracy Cooley gave an update on BURA's financial status.

**4.0 ACTION ITEMS:**

**4.1 Approval of Pedestrian Bridge Easement Agreement**

Agency members approved the Agreement between Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, BURA and the City of Buffalo to grant an easement to Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) to facilitate the construction of a Pedestrian Bridge by the NFTA that will connect the NFTA DL&W Terminal to the arena complex known as KeyBank Center.

**Motion made by Corporation Counsel Rosa Pizzi to approve Item 4.1, seconded by Council President Joel Feroletto and carried unanimously.**

**5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Jessica Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Rashida Dowell and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 am.

Scott C. Billman, BURA Secretary  
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