

CITY OF BUFFALO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Board Of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2026
9:30 a.m., Room 912 City Hall
And was available via Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 277 630 418 208 039
Passcode: H6w 792K

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Vice Chair Thomas E. Baines** **Corporation Council Pizzi**
 Council President Feroletto **Councilmember Golombek**
 Commissioner Bryce Link **Councilmember Everhart**
 Ms. Rashida Dowell

ABSENT: **Chairman Sean Ryan**

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott C. Billman, General Counsel, Yvonne McCray, Director of Housing, Tracy Cooley, Director of FCA, Brandon Baxter, Gabrielle Gannon, Maria Chudy, Holly McNamara, Francisco Guzmán, Rachel Murray, Dalia Szarowicz, Delano Dowell, Claire Corbett, Robert Mootry.

1.0 Vice Chairman Thomas E. Baines called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

2.0 Councilmember Everhart made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of June 25, 2026, meeting, seconded by Corporation Counsel Pizzi and carried unanimously.

3.0 MONTHLY REPORT

3.1 A financial update was provided to Board members.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Increase & Extension of Deputy Director of FCA Services by cFoSOLUTIONSplus.
Board members approved the Increase and Extension of Deputy Director of FCA serviced by cFoSOLUTIONSplus through November 30, 2026, to increase the contract to an additional amount not to exceed \$46,800.00 with an option to extend the agreement an additional thirty (30) days if necessary.

Motion made by Corporation Counsel Pizzi to approve Item 4.1, seconded by Commissioner Bryce Link and carried unanimously.

4.2 Approval of Funding for Clearance and Removal of Structures.
Agency Board members approved the following structures to be removed and cleared:

81 Deshler – \$38,000.00 – Hannah Demolition
183 Ashley - \$35,000.00 – Hannah Demolition
61 Grote - \$45,000.00 – Geiter Done of WNY

Motion made by Councilmember Golombek to approve Item 4.2, seconded by Commissioner Bryce Link and carried unanimously.

4.3 Approval to enter into an Agreement with Lamparelli Construction for City Hall 9th Floor Workspace Expansion.
Board members approved the 9th Floor Workspace Agreement with Lamparelli Construction in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Bryce Link to approve Item 4.3, seconded by Council President Feroletto and carried unanimously.

4.4 Approval of Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Increase for Homelessness Prevention Contracts

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Board members approved the Increase of Grant Funds to support the administration of direct assistance to homelessness prevention applicants in the City of Buffalo.

At the May 22, 2025, meeting, the BURA Board accepted expired and expiring ESG funds allocated by the City for homelessness prevention activities, and the Subrecipient Agreement between BURA and the City was amended to reflect that allocation from funding Year 47 (2021), Year 48 (2022), and Year 49 (2023). In addition to the budget increase described above, funds currently allocated to the Year 51 (2025) contract with Gerard Place will be disencumbered and replaced with expired Year 48 (2022) funds previously allocated to BURA. This movement of funds does not constitute a budget revision nor a change in contract funding amount for Gerard Place.

Motion made by Councilmember Everhart to approve Item 4.4, seconded by Corporation Counsel Pizzi and carried unanimously.

4.5 Approval of Contractor Agreement for VRP Program- 117 Garner St. Final Touch Home Renovation, LLC.

Board members approved the Contract Agreement between BURA and FTH Renovations, LLC with a total cost of construction not to exceed \$80,000.00. The project will utilize \$75,000.00 of the VRP Grant, with the property owner providing the remaining \$5,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Bryce Link to approve Item 4.5, seconded by Councilmember Everhart and carried unanimously.

4.6 Approval of Contractor Agreement for VRP Program- 343 Austin St. Westside Ministries dba 716 Ministries, Inc.

Board members approved the Contract Agreement between BURA and Westside Ministries dba 716 Ministries, with a total cost of construction not to exceed \$109,400. The project will utilize \$75,000.00 of the VRP Grant, with the property owner providing the remaining \$34,400.

Motion made by Corporation Counsel Pizzi to approve Item 4.6, seconded by Councilmember Everhart and carried unanimously.

4.7 Approval of Contractor Agreement for VRP Program- 32 10th Street (3) Residential Units Peterson Heating & Cooling, Inc.

Board members approved the Contract Agreement between BURA and Peterson Heating & Cooling, Inc., with a total cost of construction not to exceed \$279,100. The project will utilize \$225,000 (\$75,000 per unit) of the VRP Grant, with the property owner providing the remaining \$54,392.

Motion made by Commissioner Bryce Link to approve Item 4.7, seconded by Councilmember Everhart and carried unanimously.

4.8 Approval of Contractor Agreement for VRP Program- 268 Potomac (2) Residential Units Legacy Signature Homes, LLC.

Board members approved the Contract Agreement between BURA and Legacy Signature Homes, LLC, with a total cost of construction not to exceed \$279,100. The project will utilize \$150,000.00 (\$75,000 per unit) of the VRP Grant, with the property owner providing the remaining \$129,100.

Motion made by Corporation Council Pizzi to approve Item 4.8, seconded by Commissioner Bryce Link and carried unanimously.

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**4.9 Approval of Contractor Agreement for VRP Program- 148 Jersey (2) Residential Units
Legacy Signature Homes, LLC.**

Board members approved the Contract Agreement between BURA and Legacy Signature Homes, LLC, with a total cost of construction not to exceed \$150,000. The project will utilize \$75,000.00 (per unit) of the VRP Grant.

Motion made by Commissioner Bryce Link to approve Item 4.9, seconded by Corporation Council Pizzi and carried unanimously.

**4.10 Approval of Contractor Agreement for ADU Program- 29 Blaine Ave.
Lee's Environmental Services, Inc.**

Board members approved the Contract Agreement between BURA and Lee's Environmental Services, Inc. with a total cost of construction not to exceed \$107,000.

Motion made by Corporation Counsel Pizzi to approve Item 4.10, seconded by Commissioner Bryce Link and carried unanimously.

**4.11 Approval of Contractor Agreement for ADU Program- 78 Killhoffer Basement Conversion
Reno Titan Remodeling**

Board members approved the Contract Agreement between BURA and Reno Titan Remodeling with a total cost of construction not to exceed \$100,500.

Motion made by Commissioner Bryce Link to approve Item 4.11, seconded by Councilmember Everhart and carried unanimously.

5.0 INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

Vice Chairman Thomas E. Baines provided an update to Board members regarding BURA organizational changes.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Everhart made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bryce Link and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.

Scott C. Billman, BURA Secretary

Reported by: Veola D. Wingo- Bryant