ROCKFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2026

Present: Jeff DiBenedetto, Chairman
Anisha Grimmett, Vice Chair
Jaime Sanchez, Commissioner
Keyana Coleman, Commissioner

Staff: Laura Snyder, CEO
Odessa Walker, COO
Tim Horning, RHA Legal Counsel
Sheri Glover, Executive Asst.

Absent: Simone Cameron, Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

MINUTES

Vice Chair Grimmett moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners **approve** the minutes from the Regular August meeting held on August 20, 2026. Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners DiBenedetto, Grimmett, Sanchez, Coleman
Nays: None
MOTION APPROVED

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. John Tac Brantley presented financial results for the Renewal Turning Point Youth Program and expounded on the Camp Grant Initiative.

CHECKS

Commissioner Sanchez moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners **approve** the August checks. Commissioner Grimmett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners DiBenedetto, Grimmett, Sanchez, Coleman
Nays: None
MOTION APPROVED

Resolution# 2026-023

Commissioner Sanchez moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the Draft FY2027 Operating Budgets of the Authority. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners DiBenedetto, Grimmett, Sanchez, Coleman
Nays: None
MOTION APPROVED

Resolution# 2026-024

Vice Chair Grimmett moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the General Asbestos Services Contracts to four firms: Tiles in Style; CMM Environmental; Franto Environmental; and CEC Environmental in the amount of $60,000 each for a total of $240,000. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners DiBenedetto, Grimmett, Sanchez, Coleman
Nays: None
MOTION APPROVED

Resolution# 2026-025

Vice Chair Grimmett moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the General Lead-Based Paint Removal/Mitigation Abatement Services Contracts to two firms: CMM Environmental and Franto Environmental in the amount of $100,000 each for a total of $200,000. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners DiBenedetto, Grimmett, Sanchez, Coleman
Nays: None
MOTION APPROVED

DISCUSSION

R.A.B. – RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD

Odessa Walker, COO, shared that the RAB Board has been established and will meet on Monday, September 21st. They will also receive binders and training from Human Services. Rosie Simmons was identified as the new RAB Board President.

RHA Commissioners

The board discussed that a quorum will not be present for the next RHA Board meeting scheduled for October 15th, 2026 due to Commissioners attending NAHRO training in Denver, CO. The next meeting date of Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. was proposed. This date is pending confirmation from Commissioner Cameron. Once confirmed, all commissioners will be notified accordingly.

At 11:35 a.m., with no further business, Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Grimmett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners DiBenedetto. Grimmett, Sanchez, Coleman
Nays: None
MOTION APPROVED

Jeff DiBenedetto, Chairman — 10/29/2026 Date

Laura Snyder, Board Secretary — 10/29/2026 Date