



## **Housing Opportunities Foundation Meeting Minutes**

September 18, 2024 Virtual Zoom Meeting Starting Time: 10:30 am

The meeting was called to order by President, Lanie Bittner.

A motion was carried to approve the minutes of the February 2024 board meetings.

The directors received a report on the financial statement ending August 31, 2024.

The directors reviewed the proposed 2025 budget, and a motion was carried to adopt the budget as proposed.

The Nominating Committee's recommendations for 2025 Officers and Directors was presented as follows:

President: Kalen Raynor, Long Island

Vice President: Kimberly Bullard, Southern Adirondack

Secretary: Bridget Kelly, Buffalo Niagara Treasurer: Roseann La Fata, Staten Island

Directors (2025-2027):
Barrington Richards, Brooklyn
Loretta Wolff, Sullivan County
Melvin Taylor, Buffalo Niagara
Tiffany Douglas, Greater Rochester
Rick Rielly, Dutchess County

A motion was carried to approve the slate of Directors and Officers as presented.

An update was given on the first-time homebuyer grant program outlining applicant's purchase county and a breakdown by region.

Under fundraising efforts, the board discussed soliciting funds from their local boards, talking about the foundation at the General Session, and other fundraising ideas.

The board was encouraged to bring attendees to the luncheon panel onsite.

Under unfinished business, NYSAR's investment policy was reviewed and staff will come back to the foundation with a proposed policy for the foundation.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.