

**Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**March 27, 2025, at 2:00 PM**

Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Ste 600, Confluence Conference Room, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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The Regular Meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 2:00 pm. in the Koppers Building, Confluence Conference Room, 436 Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

Board Members participating were: Chairman Kyle Chintalapalli, Councilman DeWitt Walton, Jason Markovich and Dora Walmsley.

Attendees: Lauren Connelly, Director; Jim Johnston, Assistant Director, Operations; Steve Papernick, Authorities Solicitor; Beth O'Donnell, Authorities Coordinator; Dave Siford, Auditor; Ann Ogoreuc, Assistant Director, Mobility and Transportation; Erin Deasey, Development Manager; Ray Englert, VPRP Project Manager; Elissa DiNello, Manager, Business Development; Chizoma Ihedoro, Business Development Coordinator; Brandon Biter, Noveome; Dr. Ronald Poropatich, Noveome; Taris Vreck, Executive Director, McKees Rocks CDC

Chairman Chintalapalli called the meeting to order, the roll was called, and a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 27, 2025 MINUTES:**

On a motion made by Director Walmsley and seconded by Director Markovich, the minutes of the February 27th, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT / BILLS PAYABLE:**

Dr. Walker reviewed the Ratification of Bills payable for February, 2025 along with the February, 2025 balance sheet and the statement of revenue and expenses, and found them to be in good and proper order.

On a motion by Councilman Walton and seconded by Director Walmsley, the board unanimously approved the payment of the bills.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)**

Request authorization to re-approve a resolution related to the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program for six (6) properties located in the City of Duquesne, Borough of Sharpsburg, and Township of Shaler.

On a motion made by Director Markovich and seconded by Councilman Walton, the above request was approved as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. ALLEGHENY COUNTY CAPITAL FUNDS: HOUSING AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

Request authorization to enter into a cooperation agreement with the County to accept \$10,000,000 of local capital funds to capitalize housing stabilization and development programs and business and economic development programs.

On a motion made by Director Walmsley and seconded by Director Markovich, the above request was approved as presented.

B. RFQ – REAL ESTATE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND UNDERWRITING SERVICES

Request authorization to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for experienced consultants to provide real estate financial analysis and underwriting services, and allow the Director and/or Deputy Director to select and engage a consultant.

On a motion made by Director Markovich and seconded by Councilman Walton, the above request was approved as presented.

C. LIVE WELL ALLEGHENY RACIAL AND ETHNIC APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY HEALTH (REACH) GRANT EXTENSION

Request authorization to extend the termination date of the grant agreement with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) to September 30, 2029, and accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

On a motion made by Director Walmsley and seconded by Councilman Walton, the above request was approved as presented. Chairman Chintalapalli abstained.

D. EDF LOAN EXTENSION FOR NOVEOME BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.

Request authorization to modify & extend the loan agreement with the EDF loan to Noveome Biotherapeutics.

*Dr. Ronald Poropatich and Brandon Biter, both from Noveome, explained that they are an early-stage biotech company based in Pittsburgh. Noveome is asking to extend the 2017 loan 2 years to finance a move to a new building at RIDC Park and for the purchase of equipment being used for a clinical trial involving premature babies. They have made consistent payments to the loan and will continue to do so.*

On a motion made by Director Markovich and seconded by Councilman Walton, the above request was approved as presented.

E. MCKEES ROCKS OPPORTUNITY CAMPUS WORKFORCE HUB

Request authorization to enter into an agreement with McKees Rocks Community Development Corporation not to exceed \$100,000 from the RAAC general fund to secure an option on parcel 43-F-280 (Intermodal Way McKees Rocks, PA 15136) with Trinity Development.

On a motion made by Director Walmsley and seconded by Chairman Chintalapalli, the above request was approved as presented.

F. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)

Request authorization to approve various resolutions related to the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program for twenty (20) properties located in the Boroughs of Crafton, East McKeesport, Glassport, Millvale, North Braddock, Plum, Swissvale, Wilkinsburg, Townships of O'Hara and Stowe, and the City of Duquesne.

On a motion made by Director Walmsley and seconded by Councilman Walton, the above request was approved as presented.

G. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Request authorization to approve a Certificate of Completion for four (4) properties in the Townships of Harrison and Ross, and the City of Clairton, which were transferred through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program

On a motion made by Director Walmsley and seconded by Director Markovich, the above request was approved as presented.

H. THE REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP)

Request authorization to submit 24 applications to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for assistance under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program for an amount not to exceed \$32,973,756.

On a motion made by Chairman Chintalapalli and seconded by Councilman Walton, the above request was approved as presented. Director Markovich opposed the motion for Century III Mall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Director Markovich and seconded by Director Walmsley, the board unanimously approved the request to adjourn the regular meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County.

  
Lauren Connelly, Director