

Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2025, at 2:00 PM

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

The Regular Meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County was held on Thursday, June 26, 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, Dr. Diamonte Walker, Councilman DeWitt Walton, and Director Dora Walmsley.

Attendees: Lauren Connelly, Director; Jim Johnston, Assistant Director, Operations; Mike Pisarcik, Authorities Solicitor; Beth O'Donnell, Authorities Coordinator; Ray Englert, VPRP Project Manager; Chizoma Ihedoro, Project Manager.

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 2025, MINUTES:

On a motion made by Director Walmsley and seconded by Dr. Walker, the minutes of the May 22nd, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ BILLS PAYABLE:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION FOR THE MCKEES ROCKS OPPORTUNITY CAMPUS WORKFORCE HUB**

Request authorization to amend the language in the previously approved resolution and enter into an agreement with McKees Rocks Community Development Corporation not to exceed \$100,000 from the RAAC general fund to purchase parcel 43-F-280 (Intermodal Way McKees Rocks, PA 15136) from Trinity Development.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT (LSA) – SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Request authorization to sponsor an application for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as part of the Local Share Account State-wide grant program which did not apply through ACED's application Portal; administer the project if awarded and enter into a cooperation agreement with the non-profit in the event that it receives an award of funds.

Director Walmsley noted that 32 projects is a lot of projects to manage for LSA and said that often many projects are awarded for far less than the original request and asked if there was any sense of if these projects will move forward? Director Connelly commented that we do not and that with previous LSA applications we did not see a high volume of projects awarded vs the number of applications received. It was noted that we also receive only a 2% administration fee to receive the applications versus the state receiving them so we are talking to the state to identify solutions.

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

B. HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND LAND BANK/ LAND RECYCLING FEASIBILITY REPORT - RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF GRANT FROM HEINZ ENDOWMENTS

Request ratification of a grant application submitted to The Heinz Endowments in the amount of \$190,000 to fund the Housing Needs Assessment and the Land Bank Feasibility Report and enter into contract with The Heinz Endowments for a grant in the amount of \$190,000.

Chairman Chintalapalli commented that he is happy to see this moving forward and is grateful to the Heinz endowments because he knows how impactful the housing assessment has been for the City in helping to guide policy and he imagines it will do the same for the County and RAAC.

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

C. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP) – PARTICIPATION BY THE BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS

Request authorization to allow the Borough of Jefferson Hills to participate in the County's Vacant Property Recovery Program and allow RAAC to receive funds from the Borough or entities authorized by the Borough for the purpose of paying for all costs associated with acquiring properties through the Vacant Property Recovery Program.

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

D. ALLEGHENY VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM (AVPRP)

Request authorization to approve various resolutions related to the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program for one (1) property located in the Township of West Deer.

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

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

COMPLETION

Request authorization to approve Certificates of Completion for three (3) properties in the Borough of Wilkinsburg and the Township of Frazer which were transferred through the Allegheny Vacant Property Recovery Program.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Dr. Walker and seconded by Councilman Walton, the board unanimously approved the request to adjourn the regular meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County.


Lauren Connelly, Director