



Responsible Employer Ordinance Monitoring Committee

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01108

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Regular Meeting

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Maureen Vear

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order on August 17, 2021 at Via Zoom, Virtual Meeting

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melvin A. Edwards	Chairperson	Present	
Lindsay B. Hackett	Management Analyst	Present	
Fiore Grasseti		Present	

II. Public Portion

1. Accept minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting

Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Grasseti and seconded by Lindsay Hackett.

III. Discussion of REO Policies

1. Continued review of the REO Utilization form for the month of July 2021 - Brightwood-Lincoln Elementary School Project

The Committee discussed the REO Utilization numbers for Brightwood/Lincoln School. They reviewed the numbers and majority were pleased with the project. The final numbers will be available at the next meeting. They don't foresee much change. Mr. Edwards mentioned that the media incorreccted stated that the contractor made 3.5 million dollars from the project. Based on the total hours for resident approximately **3.5 million** dollars went into **resident's pockets**.

Mr. Edwards stated that people are critical of the REO. He said the hard work of all involved has made this a success.

Mr. Swan said Compliance Office will be sending out Accommodation letters to the Sub-Contractors that did a great job on this project.

Mr. Edwards mentioned that he has experienced the lack of service due to less employees and quality at the restaurant level. He asked Ms. Wambiu if she sees an issue with the construction aspect of hiring. She feels very confident they will hit these goals if not go over. They are trying non-traditional practices to recruit employees.

Mr. Edwards asked the same question to the Lisa Clausson from the carpenter's union. She stated that some workers chose not to work, in particular the women due to child care. Things are a little better with the vaccine.

2. Presentation of any updates on the Homer-DeBerry Elementary School.

Frank Amaro gave an update on the status of Homer-Deberry School, there are approximately 78 pre-approved qualified trade bidders (plumbing, electrical, heating, painting etc.). The closing date is August 26, 2021.

3. An update/status of the Attorney who will be joining the REO Committee.

Ms. Hackett will follow up on the appointment of the next attorney to represent the REO. Mr. Edwards did thank Atty. Theo Theocles for all of his hard work he did for the REO.

IV. Public Speak out - 10 Minutes

Lisa Clausson and Charlie Payne both agreed that the REO is good for the City and Tradespeople.