

AGENDA

Housing Opportunity Fund (HOF)

January 13, 2026 @ 2:00 PM

Recording Uploaded to the City of Pittsburgh YouTube Channel

A. Roll Call

Present: Adrienne Walnoha, Elly Fisher, Rebecca Yago, James Eash, Karen Garrett, Laya Mathews, Deidra Washington

Not Present: Terrel Thomas, Rochelle Preston, Deborah Gross, Tanika Harris, Alan Sisco, Robert Helwig

B. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from December 3, 2025, Meeting

First Motion- Elly Fisher

Second Motion- Laya Mathews

C. Public Comment – Megan Hammond- As we begin the new year my ask is for the continued state and local commitments to fair housing. I would like for the HOF board to continue to look at pragmatic actions that can be considered moving forward.

D. Mayflower Renewal 2.0

- Rental Gap Program (RGP)
- Authorization to enter into a For Sale Development Program (FSDP) grant agreement with East Liberty Development Incorporated (ELDI) or a related entity, in an amount of up to \$200,000 for the rehabilitation of 157 and 163 Mayflower Street in the Larimer neighborhood, 12th Ward.
- Renovation of two single family homes. This comes with an income restriction of 2 homes at or below AMI for 99 years.

First Motion-James Eash

Second Motion- Elly Fisher

E. City's Edge

- Rental Gap Program (RGP) Loan Increase

Authorization to amend resolution 3(2023) to increase the Rental Gap Program loan with City's Edge Residential 1, LLC, or a related entity, by \$266,026.64 for the construction of the City's Edge development located at 1450 Colwell Street, 3rd Ward.

First Motion- Elly Fisher

Second Motion- Deidra Washington

Abstention- Karen Garrett

F. State of HOF/Programmatic Expenditures and Updates

- FSDP Annual Allocation Funding Availability by Year 2018-2025

Total Deployed- \$4,616,867.00

Committed- \$406,574.00

Uncommitted- \$1,861,559.00

Full Allocation- \$6,885,000.00

Note: Draft Chart. Commitments are unverified

- RGP Annual Allocation Funding Availability by Year 2018-2025

Total Deployed- \$17,119,659.00

Committed- \$5,591,882.00

Uncommitted- \$5,878,459.00

Full Allocation- \$28,590,000.00

Note: Draft Chart. Commitments are unverified

- Barriers, impediments, and opportunities

- Impact and outcome reporting in 2026

Adrienne Walnoha brought out some questions to consider with this. How many people are being served? Who is being served and when? How long are they waiting and what is the impact on the community?

G. Rollout of Demonstration Grants for Innovation

Discussion of previous application and scoring tools

Elly Fisher noted that it would be beneficial to have a deadline for the innovation funds. She also suggested instead of boxing people into a general form to leave it a little more flexible.

James Eash agreed to Elly's statement and expressed the challenges of determining if one application is better than a potential future application. So, it makes a lot of sense to compare several projects at the same time with a deadline in mind.

Karen Garrett seconds the thoughts of the innovation funds being used for innovation that are not related to other HOF funding programs.

Adrienne Walnoha suggested that they added some of these suggestions into the guidelines and application for board review. The HOF board agreed to this suggestion.

- Last year's timeline:
- December 2024: Process began
- January 2025: Determined emergencies should be rolling
- February 2025: Program guidelines issued
- March 2025: Program guidelines approved, received first submissions
- April 2025: Received two more submissions, applications discussed
- May 2025: Projects approved

H. HOF Chair Elections

List of advisory board members eligible for leadership positions

- Deidra Washington
- Adrienne Walnoha

Possibly eligible board members

- Tanika Harris – Official term limit is up
- Elly Fisher – Official term limit is up
- Rochelle Preston – Spotty attendance

Adrienne Walnoha proposed to do a temporary election of Chair and Vice Chair for six months. After that the board could come back and make a more informed decision on these positions.

Karen Garrett made a motion to elect Adrienne Walnoha as the chair for the next six months of the HOF.

First Motion-Karren Garrett

Second Motion- Becky Yago

Abstention – Adrienne Walnoha

I. 2026 Meeting Dates and Times

The HOF board will continue to meet the first Tuesday of every month at 2pm-4pm.

J. Adjournment

The next HOF Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2026, from 2:00pm-4:00pm, held at the URA Office (412 Boulevard of the Allies Pittsburgh PA 15222) in the Lower Level Conference Room, virtually, and aired live on the City of Pittsburgh's YouTube Channel. This location may be subject to change due to availability, please stay alert January 13 for updates.

First Motion- Laya Mathews

Second Motion- Elly Fisher