

# News Release



## NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**June 1, 2024:** The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) Board of Commissioners announced today the appointment of Lysandra M. Shaw as the Agency's Executive Director.

Ms. Shaw has over 20 years of experience in housing and community development in the region. She has worked for the City of Suffolk as well as Portsmouth, Norfolk and Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authorities, and the Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation. She has served as the NNRHA Deputy Director since April 2022.

Dr. Lisa Wallace-Davis, the NNRHA Chair said "Ms. Shaw has all the qualities we were seeking to fill this essential position. Her experience, reputation and leadership style are all first rate."

Thaddeus Holloman, the NNRHA Board's Vice Chair said "We are fortunate to have Ms. Shaw as the next Executive Director of the NNRHA. We have observed her performance while serving as Deputy Executive Director and are confident in her ability to lead the

Authority and continue the legacy of excellence established by Karen Wilds and the NNRHA.

Ms. Shaw holds a Bachelor's degree from Salem College and a MBA from the University of Phoenix. She is a North Carolina native and has lived in Virginia since 2002.

The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority is the redevelopment arm for the City of Newport News and serves over 4500 families in affordable housing programs. The NNRHA's annual budget is over \$53 Million.

The mission of NNRHA is: Creating affordable housing, viable neighborhoods, and opportunities for self-sufficiency that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Newport News.

Ms. Shaw's appointment becomes effective July 1, 2024.