

MINUTES FROM AN ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 17, 2025

An Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on April 17, 2025, at 340 Thomas Blvd, Orange, New Jersey and via ZOOM web-based application. The Executive Director advised that all requirements of the Sunshine Law were met. A roll call was taken as follows:

Present

Chairman Ernest Williams
Vice Chairman Clifford Ross
Treasure Shara Morrow
Commissioner Joseph Juliano
Commissioner Betty McLeod
Commissioner Hashim Garrett

Also Present

Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Ph.D., Executive Director
David Epstein, Esq., Post Polak, PA
Cristina Mateo, Housing Manger
Anil Gang, Maintenance Superintendent.
Shanda Hammond, Director of Housing
Amanda Rivera, Accountant

Absent

Parliamentarian Coram Rimes

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chairman Williams called for a motion for him to relinquish the Chairman position to Counsel, David Epstein. Commissioner Ross moved. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Chairman Williams called for discussion.

No discussion

A roll call was taken.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

Acting Chair David Epstein called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Ross moved to adopt. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

Acting Chair David Epstein called for discussion.

No discussion

A roll call was taken.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

NOMINATIONS

1. Acting Chair David Epstein called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5826-25 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Nomination for the Position of Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Orange for a one-year term beginning April 18th, 2025..
Commissioner McLeod moved to adopt, and Commissioner Juliano seconded.

Acting Chair David Epstein asked that we start the nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Commissioner Williams nominated Commissioner Ross. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Acting Chair David Epstein asked if there were any other nominations.

There were no others. Mr. Epstein closed the nominations for position of Chairman.

Acting Chair David Epstein called for votes.

A roll call was taken.

All Commissioners voted in favor of Clifford Ross.

Acting Chair David Epstein validated that Commissioner Clifford Ross is the Chairman.

Chairman Ross thanked the board for the vote of confidence they showed him.

2. Chairman Ross called for a motion for him to relieve Counsel, David Epstein from the position of Chair. Commissioner Williams moved. Commissioner Juliano seconded.

3. Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5827-25 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Nomination for the Position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Orange for a one-year term beginning April 18, 2025.

Chairman Ross asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Chairman Garrett nominated Williams, McLeod Seconded.

Chairman Ross asked if there were any other nominations. There were no others. Chairman Ross called for a motion to close the nominations for position of Vice Chairman.

Chairman Ross called for votes.

A roll call was taken.

All Commissioners voted in favor of Ernest Williams.

Chairman Ross validated that Commissioner Ernest Williams is the Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman Williams thanked the board for electing him.

Chairman Ross thanked Williams for his service as Chairman for the past 3 years.

4. Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5828-25 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Nomination for the Position of Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Orange for a one-year term beginning April 18, 2025.

Commissioner McLeod nominated Commissioner Morrow. Williams seconded.

Chairman Ross asked if there were any other nominations. There were no others. Chairman Ross called for a motion to close the nominations for position of Treasurer. Chairman Ross moved to close. Commissioner McLeod seconded.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

Chairman Ross validated that Commissioner Shara Morrow is the Treasurer.

Treasurer Morrow thanked the Board for their vote of confidence.

5. Chairman Ross called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5829-25 Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Nomination for the Position of Parliamentarian of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Orange for a one-year term beginning April 18, 2025.

Commissioner McLeod nominated Juliano, Commissioner Garrett seconded.

Chairman Ross asked if there were any other nominations. Commission Williams nominated Garrett. There were no others.

Chairman Ross called for a motion to close the nominations for position of Parliamentarian.

Commissioner McLeod moved to close. Commissioner Morrow seconded.

Chairman Ross called for votes as follows:

All Commissioners voted in favor of Juliano.

Chairman Ross validated that Commissioner Joseph Juliano as Parliamentarian.

Parliamentarian Juliano thanked the board for the vote of confidence.

Chairman Ross called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Juliano moved to adjourn. Commissioner Williams seconded.

Chairman Ross called for discussion.

No discussion

A roll call was taken.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. McNeil, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer