



# NORTHAMPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

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ANNUAL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2024  
Approved on April 28, 2025

Members of the Northampton Housing Authority met via “Zoom” on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

The Chairperson called the Annual Meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.  
Upon Roll Call, those present and absent were as follows:

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Carney; Vice Chairperson Cancel; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Richards & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cara Leiper; Jack Redman; Sharon Kimble; Attorney Tom O'Connor; Keith Walsh; Angel Sadlowski; Jose Cruz; Amanda Huertas; Aime Matos; Deborah Walker & Danielle McColgan.

## APPROVAL OF THE 2023 ANNUAL MINUTES

Commissioner Jones put forth the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Richards.

**VOTING YAY:** Chairperson Carney; Vice-Chairperson Cancel; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Richards.

**VOTING NAY:** Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the 2023 Annual Minutes.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**CHAIRPERSON** – Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield nominated Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

Commissioner Richards nominated Chairperson Carney.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield stated her reasons for voting for Mr. Cancel.

## VOTE FOR CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Richards – Chairperson Carney.

Vice-Chairperson Cancel – Chairperson Carney.

Commissioner Jones – Chairperson Carney.

Commissioner Brooks – Chairperson Carney.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield – Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

Chairperson Carney - Chairperson Carney.

**THEREFORE, MAUREEN CARNEY WAS ELECTED INTO OFFICE FOR CHAIRPERSON.**

**VICE CHAIRPERSON** – Commissioner Jones nominated Commissioner Richards.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield nominated Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield stated her reasons for voting for Mr. Cancel.

## VOTE FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Commissioner Richards – Commissioner Richards.

Commissioner Brooks – Commissioner Richards.  
Commissioner Jones – Commissioner Richards.  
Vice-Chairperson Cancel – Vice-Chairperson Cancel.  
Chairperson Carney – Commissioner Richards.  
Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield – Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

**THEREFORE, COMMISSIONER RICHARDS WAS ELECTED INTO OFFICE FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON.**

**TREASURER** – Chairperson Carney nominated Commissioner Brooks.  
Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield nominated Commissioner Cancel.

**VOTE FOR TREASURER**

Chairperson Carney – Commissioner Brooks.  
Vice-Chairperson Richards – Commissioner Brooks.  
Commissioner Brooks – Commissioner Brooks.  
Commissioner Jones – Commissioner Brooks.  
Commissioner Cancel – Commissioner Brooks.  
**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

**THEREFORE, COMMISSIONER BROOKS WAS ELECTED INTO OFFICE FOR TREASURER.**

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield questioned the Board if they all got together before the meeting to talk about the voting of officers.

Commissioner Jones – I reject the attempted slander of myself and the Board. There is not a block, there was not a pre-meeting, there is nothing of the sort that happened. I am tired of listening to innuendo where apparently to some people the mere suggestion of something means that it is true. It is not and this is ridiculous.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield – thank you for saying that, I appreciate it. I am only saying what I went through, I would hope not.

Commissioner Jones – were you recognized or do you just blurt these things out?

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield – I said that I hope that is not the case because it happened to me.

Cara – you were not recognized, allow Commissioner Jones to finish.

Commissioner Jones – I am finished.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield had a question about having the Board decide who the recording secretary should be, it may be the Executive Director.

Cara – no, it is part of the law that the secretary is the Executive Director and the Mayor read that to you at our meeting with her.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield, no, she said shall. I spoke to Donna Brown-Rego head of NAHRO and she said it **may** and she said it could be the lawyer or staff person. All in one meeting hearing different things.

Attorney O'Connor – the law in the Commonwealth of Mass. says that Cara **shall** be the secretary. That is as absolute as you get.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield – can you send that to me?

Attorney O'Connor – sure.

**Commissioner Cancel put forth the motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 6:11 p.m., seconded by Vice-Chairperson Richards.**

