



NORTHAMPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

OCTOBER MINUTES

OCTOBER 23, 2025

Approved on NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Members of the Northampton Housing Authority met via “Zoom” on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Upon Roll Call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT: Chairperson Healey; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield; Commissioner Wood & Commissioner Brooks.

ALSO PRESENT: Sharon Kimble; Attorney Thomas O'Connor.

NOTE – Commissioner Brooks was present at this meeting but was having problems with sound, therefore he was not able to vote.

LTO COMMENT

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT – SUSPENDED

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING & SEPTEMBER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING.

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

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Healey; Commissioner Wood; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: None

Therefore, Chairperson Healey approved the September 2025 Regular & Special Board minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2025-17 – APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 5001 (CAPITAL PLAN CFA) #14.

Sharon Kimble read the resolution.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield put forth the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wood.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Healey; Commissioner Wood; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: None

Therefore, Chairperson Healey approved the resolution.

MOTION

APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF CHANGE ORDER FOR FISH #214106 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00.

Sharon Kimble read the motion. The \$500.00 was for extra plywood.

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

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Healey; Commissioner Wood; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: None

Therefore, Chairperson Healey approved the motion.

MOTION

APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR FISH #214106 PAYMENT #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,429.25.

Sharon Kimble read the motion.

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

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Healey; Commissioner Wood; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: None

Therefore, Chairperson Healey approved the motion.

MOTION

APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF FINAL COMPLETION OF FISH #214106 PAYMENT #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,285.75.

Sharon Kimble read the motion.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield put forth the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wood.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Healey; Commissioner Wood; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: None

Therefore, Chairperson Healey approved the motion.

MOTION

APPROVE THE LOW BID FOR REPLACEMENT & REMOVAL OF FEDERAL PACIFIC ELECTRICAL PANELS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,428.38.

Sharon Kimble read the motion, this is for McDonald House electrical.

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

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Healey; Commissioner Wood; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: None

Therefore, Chairperson Healey approved the motion.

MOTION

APPROVE THE LOW BID FOR FALL CLEANUP OF \$6,800.00 FOR ALL SITES.

Sharon Kimble read the motion.

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

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Healey; Commissioner Wood; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: None
Therefore, Chairperson Healey approved the motion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD
NONE

***Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield asked to read a statement to the Board. ***

“Thank you, Madam Vice Chair.
Before entering Executive Session, I need to state for the record that I again object to being excluded. I was identified as an “aggrieved person” in the investigation, but the EOHLIC recommendation for my recusal is not a legal requirement.
Under M.G.L.c.30A, &21(a), a Commissioner may be excluded only after a formal vote citing a specific exemption and that has never occurred – not in March, not on October 6. I have received no written communication or summary from either meeting and am left wondering what actions were taken.
I am willing to forfeit my right to vote or deliberate, but I will not forfeit my right to be present.
Meanwhile, other Commissioners with clear ethical conflicts – donations and social-media endorsements following the Gazette article – have continued to participate.
Finally, I remind this Board that Commissioners are not exempt from accountability or legal liability. Unlawful actions or knowing violations of the Open Meeting Law and fiduciary obligations can have serious legal consequences for any duly sworn official.
I respectfully object to my exclusion and ask that this statement be entered into the minutes and forwarded to the Attorney General’s Division of Open Government.”

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion – enter into Executive Session for one purpose: under G.L. c.30A & 21(A)(1): to discuss a third-party investigation of complaints or charges brought against a public official, employee, staff member or individual.

At this time, Chairperson Healey announced that they would not be returning to open session after the executive session. Attorney Thomas O’Connor raised his hand and asked to make a comment – Chair, this could be an OML violation.

Chairperson Healey responded that she would take full responsibility and that they would not be returning to Open Session.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Healey; Commissioner Wood; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Brooks.

VOTING NAY: Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:35 P.M.