



# NORTHAMPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

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SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025  
Approved on OCTOBER 29, 2025

The Northampton Housing Authority met via “Zoom” on Thursday, September 25, 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 Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Healey; Commissioner Wood & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

Commissioner Jones joined the meeting at 5:43 p.m. Commissioner Brooks left the meeting at 5:45 due to an emergency.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Matt Mainville; Sharon Kimble & Attorney Thomas O'Connor.

**RESOLUTION # 2025-17 APPOINT THE CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER TO THE ACTING POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PER EOHLC DIRECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EOHLC REGULATIONS.**

The resolution was read by Matt Mainville.

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

**VOTING YAY:** Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Wood; Commissioner Healey; Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

**VOTING NAY:** NONE

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Resolution.

Commissioner Healey –I am happy that Matt filled in and I understand he has to go, we need to have a replacement and I think this is all we can really hope for right now, is a staff person who is already in the office to fill in until we know what is next.

Chairperson Carney – I will also join in in thanking you, Matt in helping us, it is kind of in the spirit of mutual aid – we do this in our Fire Departments across the Pioneer Valley, we help each other out in ways we can and I want to extend our thanks to the Holyoke Housing Authority for lending you to us during this time. Again, thank you.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield – how long are you staying with us, when is this effective?

Matt – tomorrow at noon I will step down and the Acting Executive Director will take over.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield – I would like to assume Monday morning a brief meeting with the person who comes in like I did with Matt, it was very helpful, if that person can put that in their schedule.

Chairperson Carney – once we deal with this resolution you will know who this person is and you can reach out directly.

Commissioner Wood – I think there are no other solutions to the recommendations being put on the table. We need somebody in this position who knows what they are doing, who knows the inside and out of the current environment in which Northampton Housing Authority is operating and I know Board

members themselves can't possibly step into this role in a truly effective way. I don't see any other solution other than voting yes for this.

**Commissioner Jones** – I support the resolution and I want to thank you, Matt, for helping us in this difficult period, above and beyond, it was not just a fill in role, it helped us a lot to stabilize things, so I support the resolution.

**Matt** – I appreciate your kind words.

**Chairperson Carney** – I support the resolution as well, especially since this is pretty much a directive from EOHLG and appreciative of Sharon for being available for stepping in and helping us out during this difficult time.

**Matt** – I do appreciate you all and I appreciate your dedication to the mission of providing housing.

**Chairperson Carney** – If we can ever help out Holyoke, we are here for you.

**Matt** – I know who to call.

**Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield** – I ask if I can read a statement of appreciation to Matt.

At this time Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield read her statement.

"I would like to take a moment to thank Matthew Mainville for his service as Interim Executive Director of the Northampton Housing Authority since March 2025.

During his time with us, Matt has shown consistent professionalism, respect and kindness in his interactions with me as a Resident Board Commissioner. In my four years on this board, I can honestly say I have never been treated with as much regard and consideration as I have during his tenure.

Matt is well-liked by all – the community, staff, and residents alike. He is a consummate professional and a true tenant-centered leader. His steady guidance has provided stability and integrity at a critical time for our agency, and his experience has been invaluable. While I understand he must now turn his full attention back to his role as Executive Director of the Holyoke Housing Authority, I deeply wish he could continue with us through the end of the year.

On behalf of those of us who have appreciated his dedicated leadership, I extend my sincere thanks and best wishes for continued success.

Respectfully submitted"

**Matt** – it has been a learning experience, I appreciate working with you all, you have a good number of really dedicated employees at Northampton, you have a dedicated Board, you are all pulling in the direction to try to do the right thing by the residents in the community of Northampton, so I have appreciated my time working with you all as well.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jones put forth the motion to adjourn the September 25, 2025 meeting at 5:47 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Healey. All were in favor.