

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
JANUARY 25, 2024
4:30PM**

PUBLIC STATEMENT: THIS MEETING IS BEING CALLED PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 113; ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE STAR LEDGER AND TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THIS MEETING BY FILING WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS.

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Chairperson Evelyn Williams
Vice-Chair Tarsha Prindle Hartley
Treasurer Andre Speight
Secretary Marques Lewis
Commissioner Andre Hollis
Commissioner Bernard Chase

Absent: .

Others Present: Executive Director, Anthony C. Mack, Esq.
C. Lawrence Crump, Esq., General Counsel
Sr. Executive Asst., Merian Williams
Gabriela Santos, Fiscal Manager

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

General Counsel C. Lawrence Crump noted that there was a quorum present and the Board is in accord with State Statute and the meeting could now commence.

General Counsel Crump requested a Motion to adopt the Agenda. Motion by Secretary Lewis, seconded by Chair Williams and approved by unanimous consent.

General Counsel Crump requested a motion to approve the Minutes of December 21, 2023. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hollis, second by Secretary Lewis, approved by unanimous consent.

All seats were vacated and General Counsel conducted the 2024 elections.

General Counsel opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Andre Speight nominated Marques Lewis for the office of Chairperson. This nomination was seconded by Commissioner Bernard Chase. General Counsel inquired if there were any other nominations. Commissioner Andre Hollis nominated Tarsha Prindle-Hartley for Chair. Nomination was seconded by Tarsha Prindle Hartley.

There being no further nominations, nominations for the office of Chair was closed by General Counsel Crump.

The vote for Marques Lewis for Chairperson:

ROLL CALL FOR CHAIRPERSON

Andre Hollis	NO
Marques A. Lewis	YES
Tarsha Prindle-Hartley	NO
Evelyn Williams	YES
Andre Speight	YES
Bernard Chase	YES

General Counsel advised that Marques Lewis received the majority vote. The new Board Chair for 2024 is Marques Lewis.

General Counsel opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Andre Speight nominated Evelyn Williams Lewis for the office of Vice-Chairperson. This nomination was seconded by Commissioner Marques Lewis. General Counsel inquired if there were any other nominations. There being no further nominations, nominations for the office of Vice-Chair was closed by General Counsel Crump.

The vote for Evelyn Williams for Vice-Chairperson:

ROLL CALL FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Andre Hollis	YES
Marques A. Lewis	YES
Tarsha Prindle-Hartley	YES
Evelyn Williams	YES
Andre Speight	YES
Bernard Chase	YES

General Counsel advised that Evelyn Williams received the majority vote. The new Board Vice-Chair for 2024 is Evelyn Williams.

General Counsel opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer.

Commissioner Evelyn Lewis nominated Andre Speight for the office of Treasurer. This nomination was seconded by Commissioner Marques Lewis. General Counsel inquired if there were any other nominations. There being no further nominations, nominations for the office of Treasurer was closed by General Counsel Crump.

The vote for Andre Speight for Treasurer:

ROLL CALL FOR TREASURER

Andre Hollis	YES
Marques A. Lewis	YES
Tarsha Prindle-Hartley	YES
Evelyn Williams	YES
Andre Speight	YES
Bernard Chase	YES

General Counsel advised that Andre Speight received the majority vote. The new Board Treasurer for 2024 is Andre Speight.

General Counsel opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

Commissioner Marques Lewis nominated Bernard Chase, III for the office of Secretary. This nomination was seconded by Commissioner Bernard Chase, III. General Counsel inquired if there were any other nominations. There being no

further nominations, nominations for the office of Secretary was closed by General Counsel Crump.

The vote for Bernard Chase for Secretary:

ROLL CALL FOR SECRETARY

Andre Hollis	YES
Marques A. Lewis	YES
Tarsha Prindle-Hartley	YES
Evelyn Williams	YES
Andre Speight	YES
Bernard Chase	YES

General Counsel advised that Bernard Chase received the majority vote. The new Board Secretary for 2024 is Bernard Chase.

The new Board Chair, Marques Lewis, assumed the office of Chair and continued the meeting.

There were no public speakers in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fiscal Manager advised that there was no Finance Committee meeting this month, however she reported to the Board that there are no unusual bills. In fact, the Authority has a favorable surplus this month.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #01-2024-01 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK approving the List of Bills for January 2023 by Vice-Chair Williams, seconded by Commissioner Hollis, approved by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION #01-2024-02 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK APPROVING MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2024. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Prindle-Hartley. Motion was approved by unanimous

consent. After approval of the Motion for Meeting Dates, there was detailed discussion on changing the Board meeting dates. After discussion it was agreed that the Board meeting dates will remain the same, however the meeting time will change from 4:30pm to 4:00pm. And the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION #01-2024-03 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR ADVERTISING FOR 2024. Motion to Approve by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Hollis, approved by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION #01-2024-04 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK DESIGNATING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR 2024. MOTION to Approve by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Prindle-Hartley, approved by unanimous consent.

There was discussion concerning appointments to the Standing Committees. After discussion, it was agreed to move said appointments to the February meeting.

Executive Director discussed the mid-year conference to IPMI in Ohio. The Director proposed and recommended to the Board that for financial reasons and in an effort to save money, maybe only the one Board Member should go, along with himself or his designee and possibly one staff person. He emphasized our need to same money this year. There was detailed discussion on this topic. The Treasurer suggested that maybe in an effort to save monies, we should also, rescind the increases given to staff and voted on in the last Board meeting. The Treasurer stated that going to the conference is a minimal sacrifice. The Vice-Chair reminded the Board of previous participation and maybe the need to rotate. The Board disagreed with downgrading the number of participants. After very detailed discussion, the Executive Director withdrew his recommendation and proposal to change the number of participants and left the final decision on attendance on the Board of Commissioners.

Chair Lewis requested an Executive Session. Motion to go into Executive Session by (Resolution #01-2024-05) Chair Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Chase, approved by unanimous consent.

Upon completion of Executive Session, General Counsel noted for the record that the Board entered into executive session and that the Minutes of the Executive Session will be released when appropriate under the Open Public Meetings and the Open Public Records Act. No members of the public were present when the Executive Session commenced and no members of the Public were present upon return to the regular session. Motion to resume regular session by Commissioner Hollis, second by Commissioner Prindle-Hartley and approved by unanimous Consent.

Upon resuming the meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the Parking Authority of the City Newark, a motion to approve a Contract for the Executive Director by Chair Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Hollis. After discussion on the basics of the contract, roll call was taken on the approval of the Executive Director's contract

ROLL CALL FOR CONTRACT:

Andre Hollis	YES
Marques A. Lewis	YES
Tarsha Prindle-Hartley	YES
Evelyn Williams	NOT VOTING
Andre Speight	YES
Bernard Chase	YES

The Board advised that in Executive Session, all Commissioners will be permitted to attend the IPMI 2024 Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on motion of Chair Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Prindle-Hartley, and approved by unanimous consent.

