



PHILIP D. MURPHY  
Governor

TAHESHA L. WAY  
Lieutenant Governor

State of New Jersey  
URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY  
101 SOUTH BROAD STREET  
PO Box 822  
1ST FLOOR  
TRENTON, NJ 08625-0822

JACQUELYN A. SUÁREZ  
Commissioner

## NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY

### Board Meeting

Friday, June 27, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Microsoft Teams or call in (audio only)

1 (856) 338-7074

Phone Conference ID: 375 594 16#

## MINUTES

- 1. Notice of Public Meeting:** Read by Chairwoman Alea Couch: In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, notice of this meeting has been sent to the *Bergen Record* and the *Trenton Times* at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and a meeting notice has been posted on the Secretary of State's bulletin board at the Department of State.

The following recusal process will be followed at all UEZ Board meetings:

To the extent feasible, meeting materials involving a matter from which a Board member must recuse himself or herself will not be distributed to the Board member. At the subject Board meeting, the Board member must place his or her recusal and the reason therefore on the record prior to any discussion of the matter and shall not participate in any discussion or comment leading up to the vote nor shall the member participate in the vote. The recusal shall be noted in the minutes of the Board meeting. In the event the matter in question shall be discussed at any non-public portion or executory session of the meeting, the Board member shall leave the meeting room and not return until the meeting has returned to public session.

The Roll Call was presented by calling out each department. Each representative was requested to identify themselves by announcing their first and last name. Representatives attending announced their presence.

## 2. Roll Call

**Alea Couch**, Department of Community Affairs Chair Designee

**Denise Harding**, Department of Treasury

**Julie Diaz**, Department of Labor & Workforce Development Designee

**Carmen Mendiola**, Public-at-Large

**William Johnson**, Public-at-Large

**Douglas Schnieder**, Public-at-Large

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **UEZ Coordinators/Representatives Roll Call**

**Elizabeth:** *William O'Dea*

**Newark:** *Andrea Cozier McLean*

### **3. Request to approve of the City of Elizabeth Preliminary Zone Development Plan**

*Motions*

Approve: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

**Elizabeth's** UEZ Coordinator William O'Dea was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

### **4. Request to approve the Newark Preliminary Zone Development Plan**

*Motion:*

Approve: Julie Diaz

Second: Carmen Mendiola

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (6/0/0/0).

**Newark's** UEZ Coordinator Andrea Cozier McLean was present during the meeting to address questions or concerns raised by the Board.

### **5. Other**

July Board Meeting will be moved to July 16, 2025.

### **6. Open to the public**

No comments were made by the public.

**7. Adjournment:** 10:13 a.m.

*Motions:*

Adjourn: Carmen Mendiola

Second: Julie Diaz

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Recusals: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried with a vote (5/0/0/0).

**Rasha Hassan**

I, Rasha Hassan, have taken minutes on June 27, 2025

Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Meeting