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### MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 4:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. CHAIR'S REPORT
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
7. APPROVAL OF HIGHLANDS COUNCIL MINUTES – October 16, 2025
8. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
  - a. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – Approval of FY2026 Highlands Protection Fund Capital Budget for Plan Conformance Funding Grants (*voting matter with public comment*)
  - b. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – Approval of FY2026 Highlands Protection Fund Plan Conformance Funding Grant for Hunterdon County (*voting matter with public comment*)
9. PLAN CONFORMANCE COMMITTEE
  - a. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION - Approval of Petition for Plan Conformance for the Borough of Mendham, Morris County (*voting matter with public comment*)
  - b. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION - Approval of Petition for Plan Conformance for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone, Somerset County (*voting matter with public comment*)
10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS
11. PUBLIC COMMENTS (*To ensure ample time for all members of the public to comment, we will respectfully limit comments to three (3) minutes. Questions raised in this period may not be responded to at this time but, where feasible, will be followed up by the Council and its staff.*)
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION, *if deemed necessary*
13. ADJOURN

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