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MEETING AGENDA Thursday, July 16, 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 – June 18, 2026
8. PRESENTATION *by Trust For Public Land*
 - Highlands Region Open Space and Recreation Plan
9. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
 - a. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – Approval of FY2027 Highlands Protection Fund Capital Budget for Plan Conformance Funding Grants (*voting matter with public comment*)
 - b. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – Approval of FY2027 Highlands Protection Fund Capital Budget for Plan Conformance Funding Grant for Holland Township, Hunterdon County (*voting matter with public comment*)
 - c. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – Approval of FY2027 Highlands Protection Fund Capital Budget for Plan Conformance Funding Grant for Chester Township, Morris County (*voting matter with public comment*)
 - d. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION - Approval to Extend the 2026 Fiscal Year Budgets at the Same Average Monthly Spending Level (*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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