

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
March 26, 2015**

The meeting was convened at 50 Park Place, Suite 919, Newark, New Jersey, at 4:12 P.M.

Pursuant to (Ch. 231 PL 1975) "Open Public Meeting" Act, Chapter 113, adequate notice was given to the Star Ledger and transmitted to the City of Newark's information office.

Roll Call as follows:

Present:

Chair Evelyn Williams
Vice-Chair Raquel Cagley
Commissioner Hubert Graham
Treasurer DeAndre Rudolph
Commissioner Niathan Allen
Commissioner Deborah Ballard

Commissioner Samuel Lucas (arrived late)

Others Present:

Executive Director Ethelyn S. Bowers
Chigozie U. Onyema, Dir. of Compliance & Dev.
Gabriele Santos, Manager Fiscal Operations
Sr. Executive Asst., Merian Williams

Members of the Public:

Michael Elam

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chair Williams noted that there was a quorum present and the Board was in accord with State Statute and the meeting could now commence.

Chair Williams welcomed and introduced to the Board our new Commissioner, Ms. Deborah Ballard. All of the members of the Board introduced themselves and also welcomed Commissioner back to the Board.

Motion to adopt the Agenda for today's meeting by Commissioner Rudolph, seconded by Commissioner Cagley and approved by unanimous consent.

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2015 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rudolph, and approved by unanimous consent. Motion to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 2, 2015 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Allen, and approved by unanimous consent. The record was corrected to reflect that the Executive Session Minutes of February 26th and March 2nd, 2015 are not available at this time.

Treasurer Rudolph gave the report on finances. Ms. Santos elaborated on the status of receipt. After presentation of the Treasurer's Report and comment and review of the List of Bills and Treasurer's report, motion was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioners Cagley to accept the List of Bills and Financial Report for March 2015 by approval of **Resolution #03-2015-19**. Same was approved by unanimous consent.

LEGAL REPORT:

General Counsel, Chigozie Onyema reported to the Board that Excel Environmental Solutions was selected for remediation of the Tow Lot Site. General Counsel and Chairperson Williams brought our new Commissioner, Deborah Ballard up to date on the status of the tow lot. Counsel explained that the proposed goal for a start-up date is January 2016. The expected timeline for remediation is sixty-five (65) days. After ninety (90) days the Authority has the option of imposing fines for delays. Commissioner Allen raised the question of Liability Insurance provider and costs.

General Counsel reported that the Authority is working with the City of Newark's Department of Engineering for the lot design rather than outsourcing to a third party. This will help keep the costs down

General Counsel updated the Board and the new Commissioner on the Green Street lot development.

General Counsel reported to the Board that the vehicle “studs” are being installed on specific lots on Saturday, March 28, 2015 by the department of Engineering. There was discussion of the specific lots.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Director Bowers discussed the residential permit program. She advised that it has been requested that the pilot program be implemented immediately in two wards, i.e. the East and North. Council Member Chaneyfield-Jenkins also is requesting that the program pilot in her Ward. The Executive Director and Joaquin Ayerbe will be visiting the Cities of Hoboken and New Brunswick to review their permit programs. After extensive discussion on this matter, it was agreed that the Board would call a “Special Meeting” within the next two weeks so that the permit program could be presented to the Board for it’s full understanding of same.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 P.M. on motion of Commissioner Cagley and seconded by Commissioner Rudolph.