

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held the Monthly Caucus on Wednesday September 3, 2025**, via tele-/videoconference.

Chairman Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

Present: Ian Leonard, Maria Sharma, Derek Davis, Christopher Collins, Gilbert Harden, Sr., and Tasha Gainey Humphrey
Absent: Jose Javier Ramos
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Glynn Jones, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, Imani Jackson-Scott, and Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, CRA, and Jack Layne, DCA Monitor

Ms. Arthur-Pettigrew advised the Board that, pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice(s) had been posted in the Courier-Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Office of the City Clerk.

Review of Minutes

Date of Meeting: September 3, 2025

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Mr. Leonard verified that everyone had a chance to review the Minutes and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Executive Director's Report

Date of Meeting: September 3, 2025

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson deferred her report until the regular meeting.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

The resolutions below were presented for consideration.

09-10-25A Resolution Recognizing the Distinguished Service of Commissioner Derek Davis with the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions:

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the board that Commissioner Davis has retired from the board and will continue to serve the city as a member of the City's Planning Board. Mr. Leonard commended Mr. Davis on his duties as a commissioner and treasurer during his tenure with the CRA.

Resolutions for Review and Action cont'd

09-10-25B **Resolution Authorizing an Application for and Acceptance of a Grant from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,011,494.00 for Remedial Action at the Borden Chemical Site Located at 1625 Federal Street and Designated as Block 1184, Lot 5 of the City of Camden Tax Map**

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the board the CRA NJDEP has been awarded a \$2 million HDSRF grant for clean-up of the Borden Chemical site. This grant along with a \$500,000.00 site specific grant from US EPA was secured for the required remedial actions at the site. HDSRF grant will cover up to 75% of the grant funds and the 25% match will come from the US EPA brownfield grant. CRA will use US EPA Revolving Loan funds to bridge HDSRF funds until payments are received from the state. There were no other comments or questions.

09-10-25C **Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of 919 Princess Avenue, Camden, New Jersey Designated as Block 365, Lot 6 of the City of Camden Tax Map Located in the Gateway Redevelopment Area from the Camden City School District for Purposes of Redevelopment**

Motion: MS, CC **Ayes:** IL, MS, CC, GH

Nays: **Abstentions:** TGH

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated this action was presented last month but due to a lack of a voting quorum the action was deferred to tonight's meeting. Mr. Asselta stated a voting quorum is available and the vote could be had on the action. The vote was taken during the caucus and the resolution approved. There were no other comments or questions.

09-10-25D **Resolution Amending Resolution 06-11-25E that Authorized a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for Affirmative Action and Compliance Officer Services to Reflect that the Services Will be Provided by an Amendment to the Existing Agreement and Not by a New Agreement**

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated the purpose of this resolution to correct the previous action to authorize a new agreement and amend the existing Shared Services Agreement. There were no other comments or questions.

09-10-25E **Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Camden County One-Stop/WorkFirst New Jersey to Participate in the Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)**

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson stated the program offers participants the opportunity to gain work experience and prepares them to return to the workforce. We have been involved with the County since 2011, however since the pandemic we have seen fewer participants but hopefully the program will get back to its normalcy. There were no other comments or questions.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

Ms. Gainey-Humphrey asked if there were any updates on the Judge Robert B Johnson Park and when will the park be opened to the public. Ms. Simpson provided the commissioner with a brief update; including an Invitation for Bid to procure a remediation contractor has been issued and is currently posted on the CRA website. The action to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder will be presented at the October meeting. The project remediation should be completed and handed off to the Camden County Parks Department by mid-year 2026.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Gainey-Humphrey and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 6:15 PM.