

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, via tele-/videoconference.

Chairman Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

Present: Ian Leonard, Christopher Collins, Gilbert Harden, Sr., and Tasha Gainey Humphrey
Absent: Maria Sharma and Jose Javier Ramos
Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Esq., Glynn Jones, Sulena Robinson-Rivera, Imani Jackson-Scott, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, CRA, Jack Layne, DCA Monitor, Michele Christina, Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, and Philip Briton, Guest

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: March 4 and 11, 2026

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

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: April 8, 2026

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson presented Ms. Michele Christina of Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions (BRS), who joined the meeting to provide an update of the CRA's several brownfield program activities. Ms. Christina briefly revisited the CRA's overall successful experience with the RLF program; including an original capital award in 2013 as well as three supplemental RLF awards secured by CRA, which is now closed out.

In 2022, CRA was awarded a supplemental RLF grant in the amount of \$3.5 million, and in 2025, CRA received an additional award of a \$1 million in RLF supplementary funds. CRA is currently managing four RLF (4) loans and seven (7) subgrants for various city-owned sites and additional sites will be assisted after the most recent supplemental funding is available. Ms. Christina spoke of an EPA award in 2024 for the Federal Street Corridor and redevelopment planning funds allocated for the Corridor, Knox Meadows and the Yaffa sites. She mentioned our collective effort to secure funds for a neighborhood plan for all or a portion of the Bergen Square neighborhood.

Ms. Simpson gave an update on the sale agreement for the Radio Lofts building. Ms. Simpson and Mr. Asselta informed the board that they are working to finalize the terms of the agreement with CCIA.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

04-08-26A Resolution Terminating the Redeveloper Designation and Related Agreements with Elite Holdings IV, LLC for SE 19th Street and Carman Street Designated as Block 1210, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

04-08-26B Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of Funding and Environmental Services for the Dominick Andujar Park Site Designated as Block 12 Lots 1, 3-9 & 18-21, and Block 14, Lot 29, 30-35, and 37 of the City of Camden Tax Map and to Cause Remedial Activities to be Conducted at Block 14, Lot 29 and to Extend the Term of the Agreement

Motion: Ayes:

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: No action was taken due to the lack of a voting quorum.

04-08-26C Resolution Authorizing a Further Extension of a Leave of Absence from Employment with the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for Vincent Basara

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Public Comments

Mr. Leonard announced the passing of Dr. Edward Williams, Director of the City’s Department of Planning and Development. He recounted his experiences and acknowledged Dr. Williams’s for his dedication to the City and the huge loss and very big shoes for a successor to fill. Ms. Simpson made similar remarks, stating Dr. Williams was an advisor, a dedicated public servant, and a collaborative partner on so many Agency projects. Mr. Collins, Ms. Gainey Humphrey and Mr. Asselta also shared memories. All of the board acknowledged he will be greatly missed.

Old Business

None.

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 6:43 PM.