

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency **held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2026**, via tele-/videoconference.

Chairman Ian Leonard called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. Board Clerk Donna Arthur-Pettigrew called roll.

Present: Ian Leonard, Maria Sharma, Gilbert Harden, Sr., Tasha Humphrey, Jose Ramos and Christopher Collins, arrived at 5:06 during reading of Resolution C.

Absent:

Attendees: Olivette Simpson, Mark Asselta, Glynn Jones, Imani Jackson-Scott, Donna Arthur-Pettigrew, CRA, Jack Layne, DCA Monitor, Digesh Patel, Principal, Mercadien, P.C.

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: June 3 and 10, 2026

Motion: MS, GH **Ayes:** IL, MS, GH, TH, JR

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: August 19, 2026

Motion: **Ayes:**

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson informed the board that her report will be deferred and allow the firm Mercadien, P.C. represented by Digesh Patel, a principal, to make a presentation of the FYE 20205 audit report and proceed with the discussion of the report.

Redevelopment Project Presentations

None.

Resolutions for Review and Action

08-19-26A **Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of Funding and Environmental Services for 1306 So. 6th Street Designated as Block 340, Lot 35 of the City of Camden Tax Map**

Motion: GH, TH **Ayes:** IL, GH, TH, JR

Nays: **Abstentions:** MS

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-19-26B **Resolution Authorizing a Third Amendment to Resolution 03-09-22A for a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of Funding and Environmental Services for Certain Property in Block 331 of the City of Camden Tax Map**

Motion: TH, GH **Ayes:** IL, GH, TH, JR

Nays: **Abstentions:** MS

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Resolutions for Review and Action cont'd

08-19-26C Resolution Accepting the Annual Audit of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025, as Prepared by Mercadien, P.C.

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: Ms. Simpson introduced Mr. Patel, and he began the discussion of the annual audit report for FYE December 31, 2025. After some discussion, Mr. Patel stated the firm is issuing an unmodified or clean opinion of the CRA's financial statements. He also informed the board that a Finding was issued because the annual pension payment was not made timely. Mr. Patel stated a corrective action plan has been put in place by the CRA, and a resolution for action is before the board. Mr. Patel stated the audit process was a team effort by the CRA's Executive Director, Finance Director, and Accounting staff. Mr. Patel thanked the CRA for their assistance and cooperation during the audit process. Ms. Simpson reported that the CRA Finance Committee was convened to consider the annual audit and a similar, but more detailed discussion was had regarding the audit results. The Finance Committee by consensus recommends the full board accept the annual audit report.

There were no other comments or questions.

Ms. Simpson thanked Mercadian for the work conducted during the audit, and recognized Mr. Jones and Ms. Jackson for all their hard work during the process. Chairman Leonard also thanked the Mercadien team for all their hard work and meeting the DLGS deadline for submission of the audit.

08-19-26D Resolution Certifying That Each Member of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners Has Personally Reviewed the Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

08-19-26E Resolution Accepting a Corrective Action Plan with Respect to Comments and Recommendations Made in the Annual Audit Report of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

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

Nays: **Abstentions:**

Comments: There were no comments or questions.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

None.

Chairperson's Remarks and Observations

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Sharma moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Harden and affirmed with a Roll Call vote by all Commissioners. This meeting ended at approximately 5:18 PM.