

BERKELEY TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY

SPECIAL MEETING:

*These Minutes are not verbatim, but a condensed version of what transpired at the Berkeley Township Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting held on February 10, 2026 via **PHONE and IN-PERSON** at 4:30 PM, located at the Administration Building at 44 Frederick Drive, Bayville NJ.*

**PRESENT:** GRACE DEKKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PRESENT)  
JENNIFER BACCHIONE, CHAIRPERSON (PHONE)  
KELLY GROSSE, COMMISSIONER (ABSENT)  
NILDA GARIBALDI, COMMISSIONER (PHONE)  
DENISE PELLECCIA, COMMISSIONER (PRESENT)  
ROBERT BAUDO, COMMISSIONER (PHONE)  
SEN. CARMEN AMATO, COMMISSIONER (PRESENT)  
DAVE TRETAWAY, COMMISSIONER (PRESENT)  
TERRENCE CORRISTON, ESQ. (PHONE)  
ARLENE FEULA, TRANSCRIBER (PRESENT)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the following manner: On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 a notice of this meeting was posted on the Housing Authority Website.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was read as listed above.

Chairperson, Jennifer Bacchione, opened meeting to discuss Grace' s renewal contract for 18 months (June 1, 2026 to December 31. 2027.)

Every year the town Administrator is sent the Executive Director' s contract and is posted.

Evergreen clause was removed from last contract.

Commissioner Baudo asked if the buyback sick time was only at 85%. Yes, and is in the Personnel policy.

The accountant specified there is a separate line item in Budget for "buy back time which is calculated each year." HUD made this obligation to the Housing Authority to make this line item for pensions.

Sen. Amato said he has all the calculation information with regards to buy back vacation and sick time hours for the full-time employees.

A suggestion was made by a commissioner to have a special meeting to discuss Grace' s contract. The Director stated that it is the Personnel Committee who are Commissioner Bacchione, Commissioner Grosse and Commissioner Trethaway. Commissioner Bacchione commented that she would not be able to sit on the

Committee due to time constraints. Sen. Amato said that he would be able to take her place on the committee.

The committee is to review and discuss contract, make any changes, and present to legal counsel for review. It is then presented to the Board to be voted upon. Contract will then be reviewed by Mrs. Dekker.

Commissioner Trethaway stated, "when will it be ready. (by March meeting.) Executive Director will continue to follow current contract and will make decisions on the hiring and termination of employees. Changes should not affect current employees. The personnel policy needs to be changed before this policy is the responsibility of the Board. Any change to the Personnel Policy will be going forward. Legal counsel will review any change made to Contract by Committee before voted upon and Mrs. Dekker would review to accept.

Motion for a resolution to prepare and to accept 18 month contract. All agreed.

Commissioner Trethaway stated this should be completed by March board meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:45 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> by Commissioner Pellecchia and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Amato. All in favor

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