

HIGHLANDS BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP, INC.
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Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Off The Hook, 1 Navesink Ave., Highlands, NJ 07732
Monday, June 23, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBER	TERM ENDS	BOARD MEMBER	TERM ENDS
President, Jay Cosgrove – A	12/31/2027	Carla Cefalo – P	12/31/2027
Vice President, Doug Lentz – P	12/31/2026	Valerie Montecalvo – P	12/31/2028
Treasurer, Kim Slate – P	12/31/2027	Anna Little – P	12/31/2028
Secretary, Donica Basinger – A	12/31/2027	Gloria Miller – P	12/31/2028
Dave Baker – P	12/31/2026	Filomena Antonielli - P	12/31/2025
James Barker – A	12/31/2028	Leo Cervantes – A	12/31/2025
Staci Gilchrist – P	12/31/2028	Councilwoman Karen Chelak – liaison	12/31/2025
Nancy Burton – P	12/31/2027		

Also, in attendance: Vinny Antonielli, Harrison Baker, Beth Stavola, Nick DiBari, Kathaleen Shaw, Steve Winters, Rob Little

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM at Off the Hook, 1 NJ-36, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with an initial quorum of 8 board members being present, followed by introductions of all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Review April 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes (Emailed to Board for approval).

- Motion to approve the April Minutes by Gloria Miller, second by Kim Slate. All in favor, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – reported by Kim Slate

- \$45,714.92 less outstanding checks of \$2,424.56, leaving a balance of \$43,290.36.
- Motion to approve Treasurer Report – Donica Basinger, Seconded by Doug Lentz. All in favor, motion carried.

Borough Report:

- Borough report was presented by Karen Chelak.

Executive Committee Report:

- Reviewed 2025 Contributions / Donations – three outstanding invoices.
- Henry Hudson scholarships, Jeffrey Starr Memorial Scholarship of the Arts went to Shealyn Higgins, and Frank Thomas Memorial Scholarship of the Trades went to Brandon Souza.

Economic Development Presentation:

- Kathaleen Shaw, CRS Coordinator/HBP Creator and Steve Winters, Department Head of Building & Housing, Construction Official & Flood Plain Administrator, gave a presentation on the Invest in Highlands feature on highlandsnj.com.

Marketing & Communications Report:

- 2026 NJ Travel and Tourism Grant was submitted June 11th, 2025 and we will know if we have received the grant sometime in October.
- Reviewed the following events, 3rd Annual Pride, 14th Annual Taste of Highlands and 30th Annual Clamfest

Visual Improvements Committee: Nancy Burton:

- Discussed the summer plantings, and signage

New Business:

- Gem's Bagels – July 10th Ribbon Cutting
- The Honorable Plant – July 5th at 12pm – Ribbon Cutting
- Gateway Marina, date to be scheduled in the future after renovations

Next Meeting: September 16, 2025. Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 PM made by Nancy Burton, seconded by Anna Little, all-in favor and motion carried.