

HUDSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF : PROCEEDINGS
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS :

O P E N S E S S I O N

Hudson County
Administration Building,
County Commissioners Chambers
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
4:30 p.m.

B E F O R E:

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ANTHONY ROMANO, Chairman
YRAIDA APONTE-LIPSKI, Commissioner
ROBERT BASELICE, Commissioner
FANNY CEDEÑO, Commissioner
ALBERT CIFELLI, Commissioner
KENNETH KOPACZ, Commissioner
WILLIAM O'DEA, Commissioner
CARIDAD RODRIGUEZ, Commissioner
CELESTE WILLIAMS, Commissioner

A L S O P R E S E N T:

CARMEN E. MENDIOLA, ESQ., Board Counsel
ALBERICO DEPIERRO, ESQ., Hudson County Counsel
ABRAHAM ANTUN, County Administrator
WILLIE ORTIZ, County Commissioner Clerk
Reported By: Shari Cathey, CCR, RPR

1 THE CLERK: Commissioner
2 Aponte-Lipski.

3 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: Here.

4 THE CLERK: Commissioner Baselice.

5 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Here.

6 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cedeño.

7 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cifelli.

9 Commissioner Kopacz. Commissioner O'Dea.

10 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Present.

11 THE CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

12 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

13 THE CLERK: Commissioner Williams.

14 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Here.

15 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.

16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Here.

17 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, I

18 wanted to mention based on conversations with the

19 Hudson County Improvement Authority and the County

20 Exec today, I'm no longer going to request that.

21 However, I'm asking that you name I guess a

22 committee of two to three Commissioners that will

23 start to meet regularly with the County Exec

24 Improvement Authority and Liberty Science Center to

25 stay abreast of any and all issues related to that

1 particular project.

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: I will have that.
3 I will have a committee formed for Thursday's
4 meeting.

5 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 1. 2025
6 Budget Transfers of Appropriation Reserves.

7 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez and
8 Aponte-Lipski.

9 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 2. 2026
10 emerging temporary appropriations N.J.S.A 40A:4-20.

11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez and
12 Basalice.

13 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 3.
14 Resolution authorizing an Annual Public Donor
15 Agreement with Hunger Free Unity in the Community
16 for the operation of food distribution program,
17 April 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026, \$20,025.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.

19 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: That's fine.

20 Question.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Question. Go
22 ahead, Uncle Bill.

23 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: What are we
24 doing to find them a temporary home until the
25 building on Broadway is built since they got kicked

1 out of their other location because the owner of the
2 property refused to renew their lease? So
3 obviously, you know, I think that their ability to
4 operate was critical. We were instrumental in
5 letting that occur, and now they're -- they're
6 without a home.

7 MR. ANTUN: Commissioner, I'll defer
8 to Darice Toon because I can't answer your question.

9 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I figured that.
10 I was looking at your face as I was talking.

11 DIRECTOR TOON: Commissioner, this
12 resolution will allow for -- will allow us to
13 contract with them to cover the rent and utility
14 costs for a space for the balance of the year.

15 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Do we know where
16 the space is?

17 DIRECTOR TOON: She's identified. I
18 don't know off the top of my head, but I can find
19 out.

20 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: For Thursday,
21 okay? And then can we get an update from the
22 Improvement Authority on the timeline for to
23 undertake and complete the project of the building
24 and then can we reaffirm that the project for the
25 building on Broadway is still being done in a manner

1 as to allow in the future for the development of
2 affordable housing above the -- above the food
3 pantry site?

4 MR. ANTUN: I believe the Improvement
5 Authority is on. Maybe they can answer that now.

6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Mike O'Connor, are
7 you on?

8 MR. ANTUN: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Michael?

10 MR. ANTUN: I see him. Mike, unmute
11 yourself. There you go.

12 MR. O'CONNOR: So I'm here and I'm
13 here with Norman Guerra. Can you hear me?

14 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Can you ask that
15 question?

16 MR. O'CONNOR: Hello, can you hear
17 us?

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Michael?

19 MR. ANTUN: He was trying to talk.
20 He has his hand raised.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Walt, a little
22 technical difficulties here. This happened the
23 other day too. Yeah, Walt, anything over there?

24 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Can you listen
25 and just listen and then tell us and then we'll

1 connect. It's not accessible. Airplane mode.

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: We're trying to
3 hear.

4 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I've got to be
5 honest and this is not -- this is not aimed at in
6 any way at Mike O'Connor or anyone but like barring
7 like some -- some problem, people should physically
8 be here now, right?

9 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Some of us are
11 here. Not always here but, you know, if someone's
12 from 50 miles away, I can respect using Zoom, but if
13 somebody's coming from a school that's on Montgomery
14 Street or a college that's three blocks away or
15 Improvement Authority that's on Bergen Avenue, they
16 should be here.

17 I mean, I think that -- I think that we've
18 as a group gotten too lazy to just Zoom Micro Teams
19 and you know, I mean, we're not asking a lot. It's
20 twice a month.

21 MR. ANTUN: Commissioner, hopefully
22 everybody on Zoom heard what you said.

23 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Well, I think --
24 I think the Chairman -- I think -- I think it's
25 simple. We as a Board or the Chairman can simply

1 require it now and if not, Oh, this is an item with
2 that agency. I move to take it off the agenda and
3 then you see how quick everybody comes in.

4 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: I agree with Bill.
5 Our directors come here and it's not right. We're
6 here. It should be mandatory. That was COVID. You
7 know, everybody would like to be in their living
8 room but I disagree. I agree with Bill. So,
9 it's -- it's been building up the same people seem
10 to come.

11 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: If there's an
12 emergency, somebody who's the director has an issue
13 in their home where they put a stand. Then, you
14 have no problem. Yeah. But the rule should be
15 periodic.

16 MR. ANTUN: You know, I know where
17 you're coming from. I get it.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Periodic is
19 understood. Yeah. Constant is not.

20 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yeah. To your
21 credit, I don't remember if you've ever been on
22 that. Maybe once.

23 MR. ANTUN: Okay. Is Mr. O'Connor.

24 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yeah. Let Mike
25 speak.

1 MR. BORACZEK: Yeah. I'll try to do
2 this without creating a feedback. So, you know
3 what?

4 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Oh, let's just
5 come back to it.

6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: He's trying to get
7 in. Okay. Continue until we get back.

8 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Let's have
9 somebody -- you know what? Let's have him have
10 somebody here Thursday.

11 MR. ANTUN: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Because there
13 may be members of the public that might have
14 questions.

15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: And that should go
16 for the Schools of Technology.

17 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: We keep saying
18 college and the college.

19 THE CLERK: Chairman, can I confirm
20 that number three was Board as a whole?

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 4.
23 Resolution authorizing the acceptance of funds from
24 the United States Department of Health and Human
25 Service, Health Resources, and Service

1 Administration for two year of ending HIV Epidemic,
2 a Plan for American Ryan White HIV AIDS Program
3 Parts A and B Grant and approving a partial award
4 allocations to professional service providers and
5 providers awarded through a competitive contracting
6 process. March 1st, 2026 through February 28th,
7 2027, \$550,000.

8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Lipski and Celeste.

9 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 5.

10 Resolution amending Resolution No. 454-8-2025, to
11 accept additional funds from New Jersey Department
12 of Environmental Protection, Green Streets, and
13 Storm Weather Infrastructure Mapping Grant Program.
14 \$35,000.

15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: O'Dea and Celeste.

16 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 6.

17 Resolution amending Resolution No. 382-7-2025 to
18 deobligate and reallocate funds from the West Hudson
19 Arts and Theater to the Riverview Jazz for the
20 FY2025 Local Arts Program Grant. January 1st, 2026
21 to March 31st, 2026. \$4,917.84.

22 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: O'Dea and
23 Celeste.

24 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Question.
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1 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 7.

2 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Stop. Can you
3 hear me?

4 THE CLERK: Resolution awarding
5 Professional Services Contract Non-Fair and Open to
6 North Hudson Community Action Corporation, a
7 Federally Qualified Health Care Center to provide an
8 Infectious Disease Specialist to diagnose,
9 prescribe, and coordinate the dispensation of
10 medication for Hudson County Correctional Center
11 Inmates, April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027,
12 \$800,000.

13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole?

14 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: Can somebody
15 acknowledge my hand?

16 THE CLERK: Commissioner Cifelli has
17 his hand up.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Go ahead, Al.

19 COMMISSIONER CIFELLI: I have a
20 question.

21 MR. BORACZEK: Commissioner, I can't
22 get his hand up in the room right now. I am not.

23 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Al, we'll come to
24 you.

25 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: The Lord works

1 in mysterious ways later. I said a little prayer
2 before the meeting saying, Hey, time to get
3 everybody inside -- inside here and next thing you
4 know.

5 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 8.

6 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: You know Abe,
7 it's only taken 26 years to get this done. But you
8 finally developed a sense of humor.

9 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 8.
10 Resolution awarding non-fair and open professional
11 service contract to Arborpro, Inc. for completion of
12 the Hudson County Tree Inventory Phase 2 Project,
13 \$93,492.

14 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez and
15 Cedeño.

16 COMMISSIONER CEDEÑO: No, Lipski.

17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Lipski, I'm sorry.
18 Rodriguez and Aponte.

19 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 9.
20 Resolution authorizing payment to Interstate Waste
21 Services Inc. as a result of declaration of
22 emergency for snow renewal on Boulevard East, a
23 County-owned roadway in Weehawken, West New York and
24 North Bergen. \$80,400.

25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Baselice and

1 Rodriguez.

2 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 10.
3 Resolution authorizing payment to William J.
4 Guarini, Inc., as a result of a Declaration of
5 Emergency for Snow Removal on Willow Avenue
6 County-owned Roadway in Hoboken, \$47,709.44.

7 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Romano and Cedeño.

8 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 11.
9 Approved Purchasing Agent's Awards, purchases made
10 under State contracts.

11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez and
12 Cedeño.

13 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 12.
14 Purchase made under Bergen County Co-operative
15 Pricing System.

16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Who was that?
17 Rodriguez and who was that? Cedeño.

18 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 13.
19 Purchase made under Union County Co-operative
20 Pricing System.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: It's Rodriguez and
22 Celeste.

23 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 14.
24 Approved Purchasing Agent's Awards.

25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez and

1 Cedeño.

2 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 15.
3 Approve Purchasing Agent's awards, construction
4 contracts.

5 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rodriguez and
6 Celeste.

7 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 16.
8 Resolution awarding a Set-Aside Professional
9 Services Contract Fair and Open to Donohue, Girona,
10 Doria & Tomkins, LLC, Certified Public Accountants
11 to perform Auditing Services for the year ending
12 December 31, 2025. County Audit \$237,500; Public
13 Assistance Audit, \$59,500; Opinions used in Offering
14 Statements, \$52,500; Contract Audit Term: January 1,
15 2026 through Completion of the Audits, \$349,500.

16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Romano and Celeste.

17 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 17.

18 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Do you know what
19 the amount is versus prior years?

20 DIRECTOR FULLER: The 2024 audit
21 December 31st, 2024 was the base audit was \$225,000.
22 That includes the Treasurer's audit and the outside
23 departments. The audit for the Welfare agency was
24 \$58,000. And the amount for other services,
25 including the inclusion of their audit in offering

1 statements was \$7,500 per instance.

2 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: \$12,000

3 increase. About fiver percent.

4 DIRECTOR FULLER: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Okay. I have to
6 abstain on it anyway. So I'm just --

7 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 17.

8 Resolution awarding professional service contract
9 fair and open, Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo,
10 PC Legal Services, March 1st, 2026, with February
11 28th, 2027, \$50,000.

12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: O'Dea and Lipski.
13 Let's go back to 16. I have to change. I can't
14 sponsor.

15 THE CLERK: Do I have a sponsor?

16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Celeste is
17 sponsoring and Rodriguez.

18 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 18.
19 Resolution of -- resolution of Memorandum of
20 Agreement between County of Hudson and Plumber's
21 Local 24, July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2030.

22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Board as a whole.
23 We want to all of us. We'll do a board as a whole.

24 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 19.
25 Resolution authorizing Shared Service Agreement

1 between the City of Union city and the County of
2 Hudson for roadway improvements.

3 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Cedeño and
4 Rodriguez.

5 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 20.
6 Resolution supporting New Jersey Assembly Bill 4300
7 imposing a 50-percent tax on Gross receipts from
8 Operation of Private Carcerall Facilities in the
9 State of New Jersey and establishing the Immigration
10 Protection Fund.

11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: That's O'Dea and
12 Celeste.

13 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 21.
14 Resolution supporting the New Jersey Assembly Bill
15 4302 prohibiting certain employment of certain U.S.
16 Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees in
17 certain State and Local positions.

18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: That's O'Dea and
19 Celeste.

20 THE CLERK: Who was the sponsor on
21 that, please?

22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: O'Dea.

23 THE CLERK: Okay. Resolution No. 22.
24 Resolution supporting New Jersey Assembly Bill 4446
25 establishing the "Fight Unlawful Conduct and Keep

1 Individuals and Communities Empowered Act" and
2 permitting Civil Action for Violations of U.S.
3 Constitution related to Immigration Enforcement.

4 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: O'Dea and Lipski.

5 THE CLERK: Resolution No. 23.
6 Resolution urging the State of New Jersey to protect
7 voter privacy and decline federal demands for
8 unredacted voter registration records.

9 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: O'Dea and Celeste.

10 THE CLERK: That's all I have for the
11 moment. I will turn it over to the Administration.

12 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman. I don't
13 have any additional items.

14 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Go ahead. I
16 have -- Oh, yes.

17 THE CLERK: Yes. I have one. Yes.
18 This will be Resolution No. 24. Supporting the HHI
19 Heliport Zoning Violation in the Town of Kearny.

20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Lipski and --

21 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I was first.

22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: O'Dea and Lipski.

23 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Note for the
24 record what year did I first? So in resolution --

25 MS. DOYLE: 10.

1 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I sponsored a
2 resolution of opposing that heliport, because I knew
3 exactly what we're dealing with today was going to
4 happen. I have nothing to say. I told you so.

5 THE CLERK: I have nothing further,
6 Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Can you get Al
8 Cifelli? Maybe he should sponsor that.

9 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Oh, I'll yield
10 to him on Thursday.

11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yeah. I'll
13 yield to him on Thursday.

14 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Al, did you hear
15 that?

16 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: He gave up.

17 COMMISSIONER APONTE-LIPSKI: He came
18 off. He left.

19 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: He's trying to
20 drive here. I figured I would be -- he figured out
21 I'll be talking long enough for him to get here
22 before there's -- before this caucus would be all.
23 Right, Mr. Administrator? He sends me a text. I'll
24 do it too.

25 Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Go ahead.

2 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Two items.

3 First, obviously relates to Christ Hospital. That's
4 the name of it when I was born, and that's the name
5 of it will always be to me, when I was born there.
6 But there's an urgency for us to -- we had passed a
7 resolution previously that within it included asking
8 the attorney -- the Commissioner of Health to go to
9 court and seek an injunction to prevent them from
10 closing the emergency room.

11 I would ask -- I would ask that our
12 attorney and County Counsel reach out to them and
13 seek to see how we can, one, urge them to seek that
14 injunction; and two, join within that injunction as
15 a -- as an amicus brief or an impacted party. So
16 obviously we're like 72 hours away, but if you guys
17 can keep us posted, I would ask that from a legal
18 perspective, we may -- we may or may not have an
19 authority to seek that injunction.

20 If we don't have an authority -- if we do,
21 we should. If we don't, then let's reach out --
22 reach out to all our State legislators, have them
23 reach out to them and then file a brief as part of
24 that injunction as it -- because it affects
25 obviously the residents of Hudson County.

1 Second, as it relates to that, and
2 hopefully by Thursday, we'll just -- we'll work out
3 the language and there's no -- there's no differing
4 between, I think the Legislative and Executive
5 Branch on just the semantics of what statutes say
6 where things are done. We want to initiate an
7 investigation into a hospital, and quite frankly,
8 into the circumstances that go back a number of
9 years that have led to the hospital being into --
10 into where the situation where it is today.

11 I think that it's reasonable to assume or
12 to question whether or not affirmative actions were
13 taken by individuals to put the hospital in the
14 situation that it is in today, where -- where
15 literally it's down to keeping an emergency room
16 open.

17 We've seen some of them firsthand. We've
18 seen their failure to pay the State hospital tax
19 fee, the hospital fee that gives them more money
20 back, right? That would make no sense. Why would
21 someone not give us money that we know then gives
22 them maybe double of the money back? The only
23 conclusion an individual would say is, well, maybe
24 they don't want the money back because they want the
25 hospital to close. So I think that -- that that's

1 one, that's one example of it.

2 Second example is when we knew they had
3 financial issues and we knew they had space
4 available, and we wanted to discuss with them the
5 ability of having a secured unit there, which we
6 would provide revenue to them for, they never even
7 wanted to engage us in any conversation on it. And
8 I think there are several other issues that I think
9 a formal investigation would -- would conclude.

10 And why I think that's important is
11 because the City of Newark with a population of
12 almost the same as the City of Jersey city has 1200
13 hospital beds. With what's happened at Christ
14 hospital now, the City of Jersey city is down to 350
15 hospital beds. And by the most conservative metrics
16 utilized by the State Department of Health, we
17 should have at least 700 hospital beds.

18 So I think that governments often fight
19 and often put resources in to keep hospitals open.
20 And those hospitals are very generally cooperative
21 and wanting to be kept open. I think, sadly, when
22 we look at this particular instance, we're going to
23 come to a conclusion. And that's why I think this
24 investigation is so important. And I know that both
25 County Executive Craig Guy and his Board feels that

1 way, that I think we're going to find out in this
2 particular situation because of the real estate
3 value of a piece of property, the motivation for it
4 not to be kept open or to slowly find ways to cause
5 it to close is going to be a conclusion we have a
6 likelihood of coming to, and that -- that's
7 frightening when we put -- when we put greed over
8 people's health. Frightening.

9 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: I have one
10 question. Alberico, what is our recourse legality to
11 get the 50 million that we're owed? I mean, it's
12 hanging up there in the air.

13 MR. DEPIERRO: It's -- if I'm not
14 mistaken, it is under litigation.

15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Oh, it is.

16 MR. DEPIERRO: Yes. And you know,
17 that's the whole point that we're -- we have outside
18 councils that are -- that are retained. They're
19 great at it. They're experts in this area, and it's
20 a battle.

21 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: But it's all the
22 more reason to conduct an investigation. Why didn't
23 they -- why didn't they pay the money? They
24 collected it. They had it. It was part of their
25 revenue. What did they do with the money?

1 MR. DEPIERRO: Very well be also in
2 discovery during the litigation, the documents could
3 be part of that as well.

4 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: But at the end
5 of the day, what happened to those dollars? Did
6 those dollars get spent on something else, right?
7 If it was a for-profit hospital, or if it's
8 not-for-profit hospital, not-for-profit hospitals,
9 just pay people huge salaries. So did salaries get
10 increased of top executives, while \$15 million
11 wasn't spent to us? These are questions that I
12 think an investigation will -- will uncover.

13 And I think these are things that we -- we
14 as a Board, and I know that -- that my colleagues on
15 the Jersey city Council and Mayor Solomon share the
16 same thoughts and that the Jersey City Council is
17 also looking at how they can conduct an
18 investigation and whether they may potentially have
19 subpoena powers.

20 Cause if you remember, when I first
21 started in this world, it was the Jersey City
22 Medical Center, and that hospital was under threat
23 of closure. And everything was done from a local
24 level to a State level to keep that building open
25 until a new hospital got filled. It would not allow

1 it to close until a new hospital was built. This is
2 similar. This is a very, very similar situation,
3 except here it's value is real estate.

4 You know, I think down into the minds of
5 people when they -- when they sold it, they owned
6 the land and sold the building. Why do you own the
7 land and sell the building? Because you've got an
8 idea of what you want to do with the underlying land
9 that where that hospital sits as well as the parking
10 lots around. So I'm sorry for pontificating, Mr.
11 Administrator. I know I went for more than five
12 minutes, but I think this is a very important issue.

13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: You hit the buzzer.
14 Time's up. Go ahead. Continue, Mr. Clerk.

15 THE CLERK: I have nothing further.

16 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: I did have two
17 issues. So several months ago, there was a very
18 tragic death of a Sheriff Officer at 595, okay? And
19 at that time I had wondered, and I want to just
20 bring it up again today. And obviously that, that
21 in that tragedy, that a window in the building gave
22 way. Have we ever checked the -- the -- all of the
23 windows there to see whether what their, you know,
24 what their status is, how much of an impact will it
25 take before they break in.

1 I had mentioned it to Ralph Sax back when
2 the incident first occurred. Could you ask him and
3 let us know for Thursday? And if not, can we look,
4 I know we may be out of that building in -- tomorrow
5 would be the best time, but in a couple of months,
6 but I'm not asking you to do much, except just
7 ascertain what that is. God forbid, once we know
8 what happens once, if it happened again, what --
9 what -- I guess it's just an impact. How much
10 impact can those windows, the large windows on the
11 side of the building? I'm not talking about every
12 window on the inside.

13 COMMISSIONER BASELICE: Are they the
14 original windows?

15 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: Yeah. I don't
16 know. Are they the original windows? That was it.

17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. Anything
18 from the other commissioners?

19 COMMISSIONER O'DEA: You don't have
20 Kenny here to close.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Motion to close.

22 THE CLERK: All in favor. We are
23 adjourned.

24 (Whereupon the proceeding is then
25 concluded at 5:13 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR, License No. 30XI00234700, and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the proceedings herein are from the notes taken by me of a Caucus Meeting of the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners, held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026; and that this is a correct transcript of the same.



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A NOTARY PUBLIC of the
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