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TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING/SWEARING-IN CEREMONY MINUTES

TOWN HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
3614 S. OCEAN BLVD., HIGHLAND BEACH, FL

Date: March 24, 2026
Time: 1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Jason Chudnofsky
Commissioner Judith Goldberg
Commissioner Donald Peters
Vice Mayor David Stern
Mayor Natasha Moore
Town Manager Marshall Labadie
Town Attorney Leonard Rubin
Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Town Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United of America.

4. INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Reverend D. Brian Horgan, of Saint Lucy Catholic Church.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Goldberg/Stern - A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

6. PROCLAMATION

A. April 2026 as CPR and AED Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Moore read the proclamation acknowledging the month of April 2026 as CPR and AED Awareness Month for the Town. She presented the proclamation to Commissioner Chudnofsky in recognition of his work with the Police and Fire Foundation.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Public Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.)

No public comments were received.

8. DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES ELECTED TO OFFICE (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Commission initial discussion.)

A. Resolution No. 2026-004

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, declaring each unopposed candidate for the Town Commission elected to office; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2026-004.

There were no comments from the Town Commission. Also, no public comments were received.

MOTION: Goldberg/Stern - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-004, declaring unopposed candidates for the Town Commission elected to office. Roll call vote: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

9. SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Natasha Moore - Office of Mayor-Commissioner, three-year term ending March 2029

Donald Peters - Office of Commissioner, three -year term ending March 2029

Town Clerk Gaskins administered the oaths of office to both Mayor Moore and Commissioner Peters. Each official took two oaths – the statutory oath and the Town Charter oath. Following the swearing-in, Mayor Moore and Commissioner Peters thanked everyone for their support and expressed their honor in serving the Highland Beach community.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Town Commission initial discussion.)

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Town Commission initial discussion.)

None.

12. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Jason Chudnofsky thanked Mayor Moore for the CPR & AED proclamation and reported on the success of the CPR training program. He added that residents are very appreciative and want to see more similar programs.

Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg congratulated Commissioner Chudnofsky on the success of the CPR training program. She also commended Commissioner Peters and Mayor Moore for their collaborative efforts and accomplishments over the years. Additionally, she looks forward to serving with the Commission.

Commissioner Donald Peters expressed his love for Highland Beach and honor to serve, emphasizing the Commission's ability to work together. He encouraged the residents to participate in the CPR and AED training and noted efforts to coordinate a session for his condominium.

Vice Mayor David Stern congratulated both Mayor Moore and Commissioner Peters on their reelection and look forward to serving with them. He also commented on a video shared by Town Manager Labadie showing a battery bike accident and fire in Boca Raton, emphasizing the importance of developing guidelines and policies for electric vehicles and bicycles, in an effort to prevent similar incidents.

Mayor Natasha Moore thanked Commissioner Chudnofsky for his work promoting CPR training classes and expressed gratitude for being re-elected. She praised all commissioners for their excellence in working together, flexibility in building consensus, and valuable contributions to the town. She congratulated Commissioner Peters on being re-elected.

13. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Rubin provided updates on the legislative session that ended March 13th. He noted that no budget was passed, requiring legislators to return for a special session. There were no property tax relief agreement and no relief from Senate Bill 180, which remains in effect until 2027. The legislature also failed to address open carry issues with long guns. He mentioned that while there were bills about permitting and land development, the focus was on what the legislature did not accomplish, though property tax relief might still happen during the special session.

14. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Labadie provided comprehensive updates on various town matters. He reported that the town's monthly burn rate is approximately \$2.2 million and they are tracking similar to last year. The audit is in full swing and proceeding on schedule.

Regarding the marine docking facility, Town Manager Labadie noted progress with South Florida Water Management District, with efforts to get higher-level leadership involved rather than just permit technicians. Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., the town's engineering firm, have recognized the project's importance.

For capital projects, the fire annex should have final plans shortly, and the police station final plans are ready for the old post office integration as a real-time operations center. These projects will be going out for bid soon.

Town Manager Labadie highlighted several commendations for town employees: Officer Gutierrez for concierge-level service helping a resident; Officers Raz and Kaplan for assisting someone locked out of their home; Firefighters Rush, Williams, and DiGangi, along with Public Works crew Jeff Small and Tyrone Powell, for securing a property after someone drove through a house's front door; and Detective Pitti for helping a resident with personal matters while demonstrating ownership, responsibility, and accountability.

The Employee Excellence Services Award Ceremony is today at 4:30 P.M.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Moore read the announcements.

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| March 24, 2026 | 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. | Highland Beach Excellence in Service Awards Ceremony |
| April 04, 2026 | 10:00 A.M. to Noon | Shred-A-Thon (Town Hall Complex) |
| April 06, 2026 | 9:30 A.M. | Planning Board Special Meeting |
| April 07, 2026 | 1:30 P.M. | Town Commission Meeting |

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 P.M.

APPROVED: April 07, 2026, Town Commission Meeting.

Signed Minutes on file in the
Town Clerk's Office

ATTEST:

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Natasha Moore, Mayor

04/07/2026

Date

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