



## TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH TOWN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Town Hall / Commission Chambers  
3614 South Ocean Boulevard  
Highland Beach, Florida 33487

Date: March 24, 2023  
Time: 1:30 PM

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Judith Goldberg  
Commissioner Don Peters  
Commissioner Evalyn David  
Mayor Natasha Moore  
Town Manager Marshall Labadie  
Town Attorney Glen Torcivia  
Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Fred Rosen provided comments about the loss of two Mayors, the need for three out of the five Commissioners to have experience because of the pending projects, and he urged the Commissioners to select one of the two previous Commissioners.

#### **A. Various public comments for Vice Mayor-Commissioner Vacancy**

Mayor Moore indicated that there were various public comments for the Vice Mayor Commissioner Vacancy that were sent in and have been included in the Agenda Packet.

**5. APPOINTING THE VICE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER TO THE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER UNTIL MARCH 19, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

**A. Resolution No. 2023-008**

**A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, appointing the Vice Mayor-Commissioner as the Mayor-Commissioner until the next General Election, and providing for an effective date.**

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2023-008.

**MOTION:** Peters/David - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-008, which passed unanimously 4-0.

**6. COMMISSION INTERVIEW APPLICANTS / RESOLUTION NO. 2023-008 / SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF NEWLY APPOINTED VICE MAYOR-COMMISSIONER**

**A. Commission Interview Applicants for the Vacant Vice Mayor-Commissioner position that is to be filled until March 19, 2024, General Regular Election, per Section 106(11) of the Town's Charter.**

**Applicants:**

Milton Barbarosh  
Roberta Kruta  
James Murray  
John Shoemaker  
David Stern  
Christine Viegas

Mayor Moore explained the Commission interview and selection process.

The Town Commission interviewed the above-referenced applicants. Each applicant spoke about their interest to be a Town Commissioner, their professional experiences, community involvement, and Town projects and/or accomplishments.

Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins handed out a ballot to each Commissioner, and the Town Commission selected a person to fill the temporary vacancy. Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins collected the ballots and read the results. Mr. David Stern received four (4) votes unanimously.

**B. Resolution No. 2023-009**

**A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, filling the vacancy of the Office of Vice Mayor-Commissioner until the next general election; and providing for an effective date.**

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2023-009.

**MOTION:** David/Peters - Moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-009, which passed unanimously 4 to 0.

**C. Swearing In and Seating of the Newly Appointed Vice Mayor-Commissioner**

Town Clerk Gaskins swore in Mr. David Stern, the newly appointed Vice Mayor-Commissioner. Vice Mayor Stern took his seat on the dais.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Moore read the announcements as follows.

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**8. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Judith Goldberg commented on the great quality of the candidates.

Commissioner Don Peters spoke about the talented people that applied and encouraged residents to serve on a Town Board.

Commissioner Evalyn David spoke about the Town in regard to the quality and experience of the residents.

Vice Mayor David Stern thanked everyone and encouraged others to participate in some way with the Town.

Mayor Natasha Moore spoke about the impressive people that applied.

Town Manager Labadie mentioned that next week they will start looking at the Construction Manager at Risk document.

Town Attorney Torcivia welcomed back Vice Mayor Stern.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 P.M.

**APPROVED** April 4, 2023, Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

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Natasha Moore, Mayor

Transcribed by  
Lanelda Gaskins

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Lanelda Gaskins, MMC  
Town Clerk

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04/04/2023

Date

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