



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 25, 2025
Time: 1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Judith Goldberg
Commissioner Donald Peters
Commissioner Evalyn David
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 States of America.

4. INVOCATION

Reverend D. Brian Horgan, of Saint Lucy Catholic Church delivered the invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: David/Stern - A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda, which passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were no public comments.

7. **DECLARING THE MARCH 11, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS** (Public Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per item after Commission initial discussion.)

A. Resolution No. 2025-008

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, declaring the results of the Municipal Referendum Election held on March 11, 2025; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2025-008 followed by a motion.

MOTION: David/Stern - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-008. Based upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

There were no public comments.

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

A. Resolution No. 2025-009

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

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2025-009 followed by a motion.

There were no public comments.

MOTION: David/Stern - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-009. Based upon roll call: Commissioner David (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

9. **PRESENTATION / PROCLAMATIONS**

A. Honoring Commissioner Evalyn David Proclamation and Presentation

Mayor Moore read the proclamation honoring Commissioner Evalyn David followed by a PowerPoint presentation highlighting her dedicated service and unwavering commitment to the Highland Beach community. Commissioner David was presented with a glass art award.

Mayor Moore opened public comments. The following individuals provided kind words and thanked Commissioner Evelyn David for her commitment to the community:

Mr. Fred Rosen of Braemar Isle
Mr. John Shoemaker
Chief of Police Craig Hartmann

Commissioners Goldberg, Peters, Vice Mayor Stern, Town Manager Labadie, and Mayor Moore expressed their sincere appreciation for Commissioner David's friendship, exemplary leadership, and unwavering commitment to the Highland Beach community.

Commissioner David reflected on her six years of service on the Town Commission. She expressed gratitude for the collaborative accomplishments achieved alongside fellow commissioners and acknowledged the positive tone set by Town Manager Labadie for the staff and organization. She concluded with a heartfelt thanks to all.

B. Government Finance Professionals Week Proclamation

Mayor Moore read the Government Finance Professionals Week Proclamation and presented the proclamation to the Finance Department staff.

10. SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIAL

Jason Chudnofsky - Office of Commissioner

Town Clerk Gaskins administered the oath to office to Commissioner Jason Chudnofsky and he sat at the dais.

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

None.

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

A. Resolution No. 2025-010

A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, for assistance 2025 under the Florida Inland Navigation District – Waterways Assistance Program and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Moore read the title of Resolution No. 2025-010 followed by Town Manager Labadie presenting this item, noting this was grant funds for Phase No. 2 to construct the public safety dock.

Mayor Moore opened the item for public comments.

Mr. John Shoemaker provided comments.

MOTION: Goldberg/Stern - A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-010. Based upon roll call: Commissioner Goldberg (Yes); Vice Mayor Stern (Yes); Commissioner Chudnofsky (Yes); Commissioner Peters (Yes); and Mayor Moore (Yes). The motion passed unanimously on a 5 to 0 vote.

13. TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg welcomed Commissioner Chudnofsky to the Town Commission.

Commissioner Donald Peters mentioned that he will miss Evalyn, welcomed Commissioner Chudnofsky to the Town Commission, and reminded the residents about the upcoming Town Commission Spring Fling event on Thursday night.

Vice Mayor David Stern thanked Evalyn David and welcomed Commissioner Chudnofsky.

Mayor Natasha Moore also mentioned that she will miss working with Evalyn, welcomed Commissioner Chudnofsky and reminded the residents about the food truck event on Thursday.

14. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Rubin welcomed Commissioner Chudnofsky to the Town Commission. He noted there is a whole slew of bills in Tallahassee which continues to erode home rules. He encouraged the Town Commission to be vigilant, and to contact their legislators, as necessary.

15. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Labadie reported that the Town was collaborating with the Florida League of Cities and the Town's lobbyist to monitor legislative bills that could impact the Town, noting the activities in Tallahassee. He highlighted several house bills of concern, including the sovereign immunity caps, which may impact insurance and HB 943. He congratulated Commissioner Chudnofsky and thanked Evalyn David for her guidance and support. Lastly, he reminded the residents about the upcoming Town Commission Spring Fling scheduled for Thursday.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Moore mentioned the upcoming food truck event taking place this Thursday and thanked Saint Lucy Catholic Church for allow the town to host the event on their property. She read the announcement as follows:

April 08, 2025 1:00 P.M. Special Magistrate Hearing

April 15, 2025 1:30 P.M. Town Commission Meeting

Commissioner Jason Chudnofsky shared comments regarding Evalyn David's transition to the Planning Board, recounting how he first became involved after being invited to a president's group meeting by Town Manager Labadie and late former Mayor Doug Hillman. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity and was honored to now serve as a Commissioner.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

APPROVED: May 06, 2025, Town Commission Meeting.

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

Transcribed by
Lanelda Gaskins

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Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Date

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