

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE REDEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS**

January 27, 2026

Chairman, Glenn Yeager called the meeting of the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks to order at 4:30 P.M. on January 27, 2026 at the offices of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks, 400 E. Wyomissing, Avenue, Ground Floor, Suite 2, Mohnton, Pennsylvania 19540 and via Zoom telecommunications.

1. **Roll Call:**

The following Board members were present during the meeting:

Glenn Yeager, Chairman  
Eileen Kastura, Vice-Chairman  
Diodato Bassano, Treasurer  
Jorge Diaz, Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Also, in attendance were:

Daniel P. Becker, Esquire of Kozloff Stoudt, Solicitor  
Jaime O. Perez, Executive Director  
Kenneth L. Pick, Deputy Director  
Tyler Reese, Facilities & Housing Manager  
Kathy Miller, Fiscal Officer  
Michele Hummel, Assistant Fiscal Officer  
Kyre Maxwell, Assistant Fiscal Officer  
Pauline Klopp, Redevelopment Generalist  
Marisol Martinez, Redevelopment Generalist  
Susan Buono, Redevelopment Generalist  
Jaynell Ortiz, Operations Coordinator  
Pamela Menet, Director of Community and Economic Development

2. **Public Comment:**

There were no members of the public that attended the meeting. No public comment was made.

3. **Reorganization:**

Chairman Mr. Yeager opened the annual reorganization of the Authority of the Board with the assistance of Daniel P. Becker, Esquire as Chairman Pro Tern. After a brief discussion of the process, Attorney Becker opened the floor nominations for the office and the board members agreed to proceed with nominations as a slate. Attorney Becker continued the

nominations listing as presented in calendar year 2025 to remain the same as calendar year 2026. Attorney Becker requested the confirmation of nomination of the slate for calendar year 2026 in which all board members have agreed. Upon motion made by Mr. Bassano and seconded by Ms. Kastura, all board members present voted to accept the nomination of officers for calendar year 2026.

Chairman Mr. Yeager opened the floor to nominations for the office of Executive Director, Deputy Director, and Solicitor for the Authority. Mr. Yeager nominated Jaime O. Perez as Executive Director, Kenneth L. Pick as Deputy Director, and Daniel P. Becker, Esquire of Kozloff Stoudt, as solicitor. Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Mr. Diaz, all board members present voted to accept the nomination of staff for calendar year 2026.

The officers and professional staff nominated for calendar year 2026 are as follows:

Chairman:	Glenn Yeager
Vice-Chairperson:	Eileen Kastura
Secretary:	Dr. Thomas Ruth
Treasurer:	Diodato Bassano
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Jorge Diaz
Executive Director:	Jaime O. Perez
Deputy Director:	Kenneth L. Pick
Solicitor:	Daniel P. Becker, Esquire of Kozloff Stoudt

The reorganization meeting was adjourned and the Authority moved into its regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting.

4. **Reading and approval of minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2025:**

Upon motion made by Ms. Kastura and seconded by Mr. Diaz, all members of the Board present voted to approve the December 16, 2025 minutes of the Board.

5. **Report of the Treasurer:**

Diodato Bassano presented the Statement of Activity and the Statement of Financial Position as of November 30, 2025 due to his absence at the December 2025 board meeting. Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Ms. Kastura, all board members present voted to accept the report of Treasurer, including said Statement of Activity and Statement of Financial Position, subject to audit.

Diodato Bassano presented the Statement of Activity and the Statement of Financial Position as year-end as of December 2025. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion made by Mr. Diaz and seconded by Mr. Yeager, all Board members present voted to accept the report of the Treasurer, including said Statement of Activity and Statement of Financial Position, subject to audit.

6. **Bills and Communications:**

Jaime O. Perez, Executive Director, presented the list of payments to creditors representing the period of December 18, 2025 through January 28, 2025. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Ms. Kastura, all Board members present voted to approve and/or ratify the list of payments to creditors.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Rentals-** (Susan) Susan Buono stated there is no update to provide at this time regarding rentals.
- b) **Whole Homes Repair Program (WHRP):** Tyler Reese advised the Board of the following: To date \$2,675,000.00 has been spent on repairs. 114 applications have been completed. 10 cases remain and are in various stages of completion.
- c) **Colebrookdale Spur:** Mr. Pick advised of the following: We had 231 carloads of freight for the calendar year of 2025. There is a Carload report submitted to Penn Dot yearly as a part of the grant process. The Crossing Grant, we applied for in October of 2022, has a completed contract with the FRA. We have also completed the environmental review required by the grant. Mr. Pick predicts we may begin the project July or August 2026 once one last document, being the project management, is completed for the Crossing Grant. The Authority has also received a grant for \$2.6 million dollars from Penn Dot to extend the Railroad.
- d) **Oley Project:** Tyler Reese advised the Board of the following: The base coat done on the parking lots has been completed, while the interior painting and ceiling grid have started. Due to delays with Met-Ed and the weather the project completion date is tentatively scheduled for the beginning of March 2026.
- e) **Brownfields Grant:** Mr. Perez advised the board of the following: The Authority has applied for a federal grant providing up to \$4.5 million dollars over the next 4 years for various eligible activities. Awards are set to be announced in June 2026. If awarded we will update the board.

8. **New Business:**

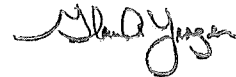
- a. **2026 Budget:** Upon motion made by Mr. Bassano and seconded by Ms. Kastura, all board members present voted to authorize and accept the 2026 Budget of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks.
- b. **Tolling Agreement: Exeter Promenade:** Upon motion made by Ms. Kastura and seconded by Mr. Diaz, all board members present voted to approve the Tolling agreement for Exeter Promenade.
- c. **Funding agreement with BCEH providing \$50,000.00 from Act 137 for various housing related activities:** Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Ms.

Kastura, all board members present voted to approve the funding agreement with BCEH.

- d. **2026 Home ARP Amendment:** This was tabled to be discussed at the February 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

9. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business of this Authority, a motion was made by Mr. Yeager to adjourn the meeting of this Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Diaz and all members of this Authority present voted in the affirmative. The next meeting of the Board will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.



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Glenn A. Yeager, Chairman-