

LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.L. c. 39, § 23A that a regular meeting of the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority (LRA) will be held on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at 255 Essex Street, 1st Floor, Lawrence, MA 01840. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020, Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this public meeting of the LRA is ALSO being conducted via remote participation. Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the hearing designated for public comment, by use of the following:

Meeting ID: 811 6860 0418 Passcode: 440280

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Review and discussion of RFPs for the Microenterprise Loan Program and Credit Builder Loan Program, including associated technical assistance services through the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce**
- 2. Update on the Urban Renewal Plan and coordination with the City of Lawrence Economic Development Plan**

3. **Proposal to hire an audit firm to conduct an audit of the LRA financial statements**
4. **LRA Internship Program: Proposal to create an internship program for Lawrence students enrolled in university programs related to urban development sciences, sociology, human development, community capital, and finance**

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Unit Hydro Maintenance
- b. Attika Patio lease;
- c. Training of Board members pursuant to G.L. c. 121B § 5B;
- d. Preparation of Master Plan pursuant to G.L. c. 121B § 18;
- e. White Fund paintings;
- f. Urban Renewal Plan Amendment – James Carras;
- g. North Canal Overlook;
- h. Citizens Advisory Committee establishment;
- i. Maintenance/RFP of Chestnut Street Alleyway (Parcel 128-29);
- j. LRA Title Rundowns;
- k. North Canal railings – ownership and maintenance obligations
- l. LRA enrollment in Group Insurance Commission (GIC) for full-time employees
- m. Discussion of legal strategy concerning the transfer of city property to the LRA. an executive session is anticipated pursuant to General Laws c. 30A, §21(a)(3).
- n. Discussion of venue for future LRA meetings
- o. LRA Insurance Review- Discussion of current insurance needs and policy development
- p. LRA Executive Director Position and Contract
- q. Request of the Downtown Lawrence Association for additional grant funding for downtown festival(s)
- r. Sale of 300 Canal Street, Unit Hydro
- s. RFP for redevelopment of city-owned parcels pursuant to the Lawrence TBD Urban Renewal Plan
- t. Update on draft development agreements with selected developers for redevelopment projects
- u. Update on major urban renewal plan amendment
- v. LRA Gap Loan Program – Allocation of \$250,000 to support Lawrence small enterprises
- w. LRA Self-Sufficiency & Credit Repair Program – Funding of \$125,000
- x. Technical Assistance Grant – \$25,000 grant to the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce
- y. Solar Voltaic Project at Riverfront Industrial Park, Parcel 6B-3
- z. Discussion and review of the Director of Planning and Development Strategy position

- aa. Façade Improvement Grant Program – Review and discussion of program and funding opportunities

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VII. LRA FINANCES/REPORTS/MISC.

- a. LRA Accounts
- b. Invoices
- c. Report from LRA accountant on LRA finances, annual reporting requirements, required tax filings, etc.
- d. Investment Opportunities
- e. Correspondence
- f. Miscellaneous

VIII. NEXT MEETING

IX. ADJOURNMENT