

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

July 28, 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 July 28, 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
Dr. Thomas Ruth, Secretary
Jorge Diaz, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Also, in attendance were:

Daniel P. Becker, Esquire of Kozloff Stoudt, Solicitor
Jaime O. Perez, Executive Director
Tyler Reese, Facilities & Housing Manager
Kathy Miller, Fiscal Officer
Michele Hummel, Assistant Fiscal Officer
Kyre Maxwell, Assistant Fiscal Officer
Marisol Martinez, Redevelopment Generalist
Pauline Klopp, Redevelopment Generalist
Pamela Menet, Director of Community & Economic Development
Derek Harris, Economic Development Coordinator

2. Moment of Silence, Pledge to the Flag:

There was a moment of silence held followed by the pledge to the flag.

3. Public Comments:

There were two members of the public in attendance at the meeting. No public comment was made by the guests.

4. **Reading and approval of minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2026, and the special meeting July 15, 2026:**

Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Ms. Kastura all members of the Board present voted to approve the June 23, 2026, minutes of the Board. Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Mr. Diaz, 4 of 5 members of the board present voted to approve the July 15, 2026, minutes of the special meeting with one abstention.

5. **Report of the Treasurer:**

Diodato Bassano presented the Statement of Activity and the Statement of Financial Position as of June 30th, 2026. 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 accept the report of the Treasurer, including said Statement of Activity and Statement of Financial Position, subject to audit.

6. **Bills and Communications:**

Diodato Bassano presented the list of payments to creditors representing the period of June 25, 2026, through July 29, 2026. 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. **Whole Homes Repair Program (WHRP):** Tyler Reese advised the Board of the following: To date \$2,761,000.00 has been spent on repairs. 114 applications have been completed. 8 cases remain in various stages of completion.
- b. **Colebrookdale Spur:** No report

8. **New Business:**

- a. **Resolution #2026-7 for acquisition of 1853 Old Lancaster Pike, Cumru Township:** Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Mr. Diaz, all board members present voted to approve the acquisition of 1853 Old Lancaster Pike, Cumru Township.
- b. **Resolution #2026-8 accepting a Lead Hazard Control grant and authorizing the execution of the grant agreement:** Upon motion made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Mr. Bassano, all board members present voted to approve Resolution #2026-8 accepting a Lead Hazard Control grant and authorizing the execution of the grant agreements.
- c. **Resolution #2026-9 for the sale of 310 North 4th Street, Reading PA:** Upon motion made by Ms. Kastura and seconded by Mr. Diaz, all board members present voted to approve Resolution #2026-9 for the sale of 310 North 4th Street, Reading PA.

- d. **Creation of new nonprofit to function as a CHDO for the federal HOME Program:** Executive Director, Jaime Perez, presented the concept of the creation of a new nonprofit to fulfill the federal HOME program CHDO set-aside requirements of both the County and the City, as there is no qualifying CHDO serving the jurisdictions. Questions were asked about the need to form the nonprofit and its impact on board members and staff. No action was taken.
- e. **Homeless Assistance Program Presentation:** Marisol Martinez provided a presentation on the Homeless Assistance Program that will now be administered by the Redevelopment Authority providing rental assistance to Berks County. Executive Director Jaime Perez added that the Authority had administered the Federal and local ERAP programs successfully and that when paired with other funding sources, rental supports have proven to be effective at reducing the risk of homelessness and housing insecurity overall.
9. **Executive session:** Executive session was requested to be added prior to adjournment at the start of this board meeting by Executive Director, Jaime Perez. A motion to amend the agenda was made by Mr. Yeager and seconded by Mr. Bassano, all members of the Authority present voted to approve the amendment to the agenda.

10. **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. Bassano and all members of this Authority present voted in the affirmative. The next meeting of the Board will be on August 25, 2026. This meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.



Glenn A. Yeager, Chairman

