

**Hingham Housing Authority Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

A Regular Meeting of the Hingham Housing Authority was duly called and held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at 30 Thaxter Street, Hingham, MA and upon a call of the roll, the following Commissioners were found Present and Absent:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michelle Weiser	Janine Suchecki (excused)
Irma Lauter	
Ruth Bennett	
Timothy Sullivan	

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair, Irma Lauter

Tenant Association

Sue Gustafson reported on behalf of the Tenant Association that the weather has been affecting attendance and some cancellations, however any activities with food are a big draw! Katie's activities are great, especially her coffee hours. The Tenant Association helped residents with the issue with the Town regarding the census forms. Kevin and Mike have gone above and beyond, especially throughout the snowstorms. Katie and Tara are awesome!

Motion to Approve the Minutes of December 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Weiser to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Weiser made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Fenton Ewald contract in the amount of \$1,001 monthly which includes the programs 4001 and 689 for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adopt Hingham Housing Authority Policy Governing Exterior and Grounds Policy of Leased Premises as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Weiser to approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute change order proposal #1 and subsequent change order to the contract with Egama Roofing for Project #131083: Roof Replacement 667-1. This change order will amount to a \$10,511.00 increase in the contract cost and no increase in the duration of the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Weiser to approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion (CSC) for Egama Roofing for Project #131083: Roof Replacement 667-1. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Weiser to approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute the Certificate of Final Completion (CFC) for Egama Roofing for Project #131083: Roof Replacement 667-1. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Two additional motions which were not reasonably known 48 hours in advance of the meeting time.

Commissioner Weiser made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the proposed operating budget for State-Aided Housing for the Hingham Housing Authority, Program Number 4001 for fiscal year ending 6/30/26 showing total revenue of \$697,182 and total expenses of \$724,250, thereby requesting a subsidy of \$129,246 and further that the Executive Director's total annual salary of \$0 for fiscal year ending 6/30/26 be submitted to the EOHLC (formerly DHCD). The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan that the proposed operating budget for State-Aided Housing for the Hingham Housing Authority, Program Number 689 for fiscal year ending 6/30/26 showing total revenue of \$50,146 and total expenses of \$48,380 thereby requesting a subsidy of \$0 and further that the Executive Director's total annual salary of \$0 for fiscal year ending 6/30/26 be submitted to the EOHLC (formerly DHCD). The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Marathas reported that:

- Window testing for 667-1 Hallways
- Stair carpeting completed in 14-2 and 12-2
- Roof Replacement completed buildings 16a, b, c, 9 and 10
- 16B boiler repair completed
- CPC final meeting – application voted unanimously to move to town vote
- Alarm testing buildings 5, 6, & 7 completed
- GBFB Food delivery completed
- Snow removal
- Theft of snow blower and chain saw, staff worked well with Hingham Police and subject has been identified

Old Business: There was no old business.

Commissioner Bennett reported that she will complete her term as liaison with the Community Preservation Commission at the end of the fiscal year. A new Commissioner will need to be appointed. Commissioner Bennett also reported that the new board is very professional and was impressed by the professional presentation that Rick B. and Kevin and Commissioner Bennett presented.

Matthew Curran of 9 Harborview Drive and the Climate/Energy Commission asked to speak to see if there were any ways his commission can assist the Housing Authority regarding clean energy. Mr.

Marathas explained that the housing authority is a state agency and we receive many state grants for sustainability projects.

Anita Ryan of 37 Baker Hill Drive asked about the Beal Street Project. Mr. Marathas explained that the project is now out of the Housing Authority's hands. Decisions regarding that project are with Peabody Properties as they were selected through the RFP process.

Next meeting will be April 14, 2026, at 5:00pm.

There being no further business, Commissioner Bennett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Weiser to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Whalen
Assistant Executive Director
Managed Agencies