

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, August 20, 2025, 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. Request of the Downtown Lawrence Association for additional grant funding for downtown festival(s)**
- 2. Sale of 300 Canal Street, Unit Hydro**
- 3. RFP for redevelopment of city-owned parcels pursuant to the Lawrence TBD Urban Renewal Plan**

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Amendments to LRA By-laws;
- b. Unit Hydro Maintenance
- c. Attika Patio lease;
- d. Training of Board members pursuant to G.L. c. 121B § 5B;
- e. Preparation of Master Plan pursuant to G.L. c. 121B § 18;
- f. White Fund paintings;
- g. Urban Renewal Plan Amendment – James Carras;
- h. North Canal Overlook;
- i. Consulting Contract with Hem Vora;
- j. Meetings with abutters of City owned properties;
- k. RFQ process and public participation, including schedule and timeline;
- l. Citizens Advisory Committee establishment;
- m. Hiring of Project Manager;
- n. Maintenance/RFP of Chestnut Street Alleyway (Parcel 128-29);
- o. LRA Title Rundowns;
- p. Request for Minor Plan Change (Amendment #2) to LawrenceTBD Urban Renewal Plan – Certificate of Vote
- q. North Canal railings – ownership and maintenance obligations
- r. LRA enrollment in Group Insurance Commission (GIC) for full-time employees
- s. LRA enrollment in PERAC/Lawrence Retirement System – acceptance of the provisions of General Laws, c. 32, §§ 1-28.
- t. 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).
- u. Discussion of venue for future LRA meetings
- v. Discussion on Robert's Rules of Order, Chapter XX – Disciplinary Procedures
 - a. Board discussion on disciplinary procedures outlined in Chapter XX of Robert's Rules of Order, including their application and implementation in meetings and organizatiurbaonal governance
- w. LRA Insurance Review- Discussion of current insurance needs and policy development
- x. LRA Executive Director Position and Contract

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