

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT



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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2026

The January 14, 2026, regular and reorganization meeting of the Borough of Totowa Board of Adjustment was held at the Municipal Building. Chairman Fierro called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.; followed by the Flag Salute. Attorney DeDio read the Open Public Meeting Act.

The 2026 Oaths of Office were received from Municipal Clerk Wassel for Commissioner Carr for a 4-year term and Alternate Galante for a 1-year term.

Nomination for Board Chairman was requested. A motion to appoint Fierro as Chairman was made by Commissioner Mancini and seconded by Commissioner Patten. There being no other nominations from the floor, the nomination for Chairman was closed. On a roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative and congratulations were extended to Chairman Fierro.

Nomination for Board Vice Chairman was requested. A motion to appoint John Krautheim as Vice Chairman was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Mancini. There being no other nominations from the floor, the nomination for Vice Chairman was closed. On a roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative and congratulations were extended to Vice Chairman Krautheim.

Nomination for Secretary was requested. A motion to appoint Pam Steinhilber as Secretary was made by Commissioner Patten and seconded by Vice Chairman Krautheim. There being no other nominations from the floor, the nomination for Secretary was closed. On a roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative and congratulations were extended to Secretary Steinhilber.

Nomination for Board Attorney was requested. A motion to appoint DeDio, as Board Attorney was made by Commissioner Nash and seconded by Commissioner Carr. There being no other nominations from the floor, the nomination for Board Attorney was closed. On a roll call all members present voted in the affirmative and congratulations were extended to Attorney DeDio.

Nomination for Board Engineer was requested. A motion to appoint Alaimo Engineering, as Board Engineer was made by Commissioner Patten and seconded by Commissioner Nash. There being no other nominations from the floor, the nomination for Board Engineer was closed. On a roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative and congratulations were extended to Board Engineer Cristaldi.

Nomination for Board Planner was requested. A motion to appoint Jersey Professional Management, as Board Planner was made by Vice Chairman Krautheim and seconded by Commissioner Carr. There being no other nominations from the floor, the nomination for Board Planner was closed. On a roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmation and congratulations were extended to the Board Planner Czernicki.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vice Chairman Krautheim and seconded by Commissioner Nash that the Board of Adjustment will meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for the year 2025 through January 2027. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

Present: Chairman Fierro, Vice Chairman Krautheim, Commissioners Patten, Mancini, Nash, Carr, Alternate Henry and Galante, Engineer Cristaldi, Attorney DeDio. Absent: Commissioner Alesandrelli, Secretary Steinhilber, and Planner Czerniecki.

A motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting was made by Commissioner Nash and seconded by Commissioner Carr. On a roll call vote all Commissioners present voted in the affirmative.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Mancini.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Steinhilber-Daub