

Municipality of Princeton, NJ

*400 Witherspoon St
Princeton, NJ 08540*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

3:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Mayor and Council Closed Session

I. STATEMENT CONCERNING NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and State regulations governing public meetings, including the time, date and location of the meeting and clear and concise instructions to the public for accessing the meeting and making comments. In addition, the agenda and all related materials were posted electronically and made available to the public on Princeton's meeting portal in advance of the meeting.

II. ROLL CALL

Also Present: Bernard Hvodovic, Administrator; Jeff Grosser, Deputy Administrator/Health Officer; Deanna Stockton, Deputy Administrator/Municipal Engineer; Trishka Cecil, Municipal Attorney; Kevin Van Hise, Assistant Municipal Attorney; John Scagnelli, Environmental Law Attorney, Scarinci Hollenbeck; and Michael Coskey, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis

Present	David Cohen, Leticia Fraga, Brian McDonald, Leighton Newlin, Michelle Pirone Lambros, and Mia Sacks
Absent	Mark Freda

III. CLOSED SESSION

- Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton to Enter Closed Session (Open Public Meetings Act Sec.3)

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian McDonald
SECONDER: Michelle Pirone Lambros

Aye: Fraga, McDonald, Newlin, and Pirone Lambros

Absent: Freda

-Confidential advice of counsel regarding pending litigation – I/M/O Municipality of Princeton (Docket No. MER-L-207-25)

Kevin Van Hise, Assistant Municipal Attorney, provided Council with a brief update on the status of the pending litigation titled *I/M/O Municipality of Princeton (Bocket No. MER-L-207-25)*.

Mr. Van Hise left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

-Municipality of Princeton, New Jersey v. ACE American Insurance Co.- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey Coverage Action for Reimbursement of Costs for Remediation of Illegally Dumped Fill at 298 River Road Site

John Scagnelli, Environmental Law Attorney with Scarinci Hollenbeck, reviewed with Council the background and current status of the litigation between the Municipality and ACE American Insurance Company regarding reimbursement of costs associated with the remediation of illegally dumped fill at the landfill located at 298 River Road. Council asked

questions and discussed potential options for proceeding.

Mr. Scagnelli left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

-Contract Negotiations Regarding the Former Westminster Choir College Campus Property

Council President Mia Sacks presented to Council background information regarding the former Westminster Choir College campus property. Ms. Sacks noted that several entities have expressed interest in potentially leasing space on the campus. Council discussed possible options for moving forward with the future use of the campus and sought legal guidance from Michael Coskey, of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, regarding next steps.

Mr. Coskey left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

-Friends of Herrontown Woods Lease Agreement (Veblen House)

Council discussed the current status of the lease agreement with the Friends of Herrontown Woods. They also sought legal guidance from counsel regarding available options and how best to proceed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to close the Closed Session portion to return to Open Session was made by Councilman David Cohen, seconded by Councilwoman Michelle Pirone Lambos, and carried unanimously by all members present. Then a motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. was made by Councilman David Cohen, seconded by Councilwoman Michelle Pirone Lambros, and carried unanimously by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Mount
Municipal Clerk