

# **Municipality of Princeton, NJ**

*400 Witherspoon St  
Princeton, NJ 08540*



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Wednesday, November 5, 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 Hvozdovic, Administrator; Deanna Stockton, Deputy Administrator/Municipal Engineer; Adam Kooker, Fire Chief; and Robert Merryman, Labor Attorney, Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro, & Murphy

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

**III. CLOSED SESSION**

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

The agenda was amended to change the order discussion. The subjects were discussed in the following order: Contract Negotiations-FMBA; Matters Falling Under the Attorney-Client Privilege: Boards, Commissions & Committees-(BCC's); then, Contract Negotiations-PBA.

<b>RESULT:</b>	ADOPTED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian McDonald
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leticia Fraga
<b>Aye:</b>	Fraga, McDonald, Newlin, and Sacks
<b>Absent:</b>	Cohen, and Pirone Lambros

-Contract Negotiations- PBA

Bernard Hvozdovic, Administrator, provided an update on the status of the terms to be presented to the PBA, including those agreed upon by staff.

Robert Merryman, Labor Attorney from Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, reviewed the proposed final terms and conditions with Council to confirm their approval prior to presentation to the PBA. He also advised Council on next steps in the negotiation process.

-Contract Negotiations- FMBA

Bernard Hvozdovic, Administrator, provided an overview of the status of negotiations with the FMBA.

Adam Kooker, Fire Chief, delivered a PowerPoint presentation to Council, providing additional information and relevant data for consideration regarding the FMBA negotiations. Following the presentation, Council engaged in a question-and-answer session with Chief Kooker to seek clarification and obtain further information.

Chief Kooker and Councilwoman Michelle Pirone Lambros left the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

-Matters Falling Under the Attorney-Client Privilege: Boards, Commissions & Committees- (BCC's)

Councilman Brian McDonald presented the resume of a potential candidate for appointment to the Princeton Environmental Commission. Council held a discussion regarding the candidate.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to conclude the Closed Session and return to Open Session was made by Councilman David Cohen, seconded by Councilman Brian McDonald, and carried unanimously by all members present. Then a subsequent motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. was made by Councilman David Cohen, seconded by Councilman Brian McDonald, and carried unanimously by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Mount  
Municipal Clerk