



MORRIS TOWNSHIP
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The January 13, 2026 meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was called to order by Nicole Donohue at 7:05 P.M.

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ATTENDANCE

Ms. Diana Agu (Zoom)
Mr. Robert Berns
Ms. Meghan Burke (absent)
Ms. Margaret “Meg” Columbia-Walsh, Vice Chairwoman
Ms. Maureen Davis
Ms. Nicole Donohue, Secretary
Mr. Liam Gallagher, Chairman
Ms. Donna Guariglia, Mayor (absent)
Mr. Jeffrey Grayzel, Township Committeeman (absent)
Mr. Michael Patten (absent)

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PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT RE: ADEQUATE NOTICE – O.P.M.A. – (RECORD INSERT)

Nicole Donohue issued the following statement of adequate notice:

”Adequate Notice” of this meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Morris was given as required and defined by the Open Public Meetings Act, as follows: Written Notice was given on January 15, 2025 to the official newspapers, Morris County Daily Record, by email at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and a copy of the Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building of the Township of Morris by the Township Administrator, and a copy of the Notice was likewise filed in the Township Clerk’s Office. Copies of this Notice were mailed by Certified Mail to all persons who have requested Individual notice, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-19, all Notices were given at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and said notice will be retained in the Office of the Township Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nicole Donohue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Oaths of office were administered by Nicole Donohue to the following EDAC members: Robert Berns, Margaret Columbia-Walsh, and Liam Gallagher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried by the votes as indicated, the readings of the 11/11/2025 meeting minutes were approved as circulated.



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NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

Liam Gallagher was nominated to serve as chairman for 2026.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN

Margaret “Meg” Columbia-Walsh was nominated to serve as vice chairwoman for 2026.

VOTE ON 2026 MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for 2026/January 2027 are 3/10/26, 5/12/26, 7/14/26, 9/8/26, 11/17/26, 1/12/27 (reorganization).

GENERAL BUSINESS

The focus of this reorganization meeting was to discuss proposed goals and projects for 2026. Liam stated that each project needs to have a lead and a support member as well as a Township point of contact such as an administrator or Township Committee member. Project leads will be responsible for creating a plan and timeline for their projects and handling all communications. They will also provide updates at each meeting and liaise with Liam and Meg between meetings.

Proposed projects include providing input for the 2027 Township Master Plan, creating an EDAC website, re-engaging with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJ EDA), and hosting a community event and/or ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Red Bulls soccer team. He also mentioned that the Master Plan will be completely refreshed (as opposed to updated) in 2027 and that EDAC’s research regarding the Madison Avenue Corridor (from 2022) will be included. Robert offered to be part of the working group for the Master Plan. Rick Bye from the Planning Board plans to attend EDAC’s March meeting. Liam also suggested that EDAC reach out to Township Planner Liz Leheny to learn more about the Master Plan.

Meg (lead) and Maureen (support person) will reach out to Virginia Murphy (human resources director) regarding creating the EDAC website. Both stressed the importance of having Township support for creating the website as well as for other EDAC proposals. Meg stated that she would like to have the meeting “as soon as possible.” She also suggested re-engaging with the NJ EDA to potentially host an Innovation Day event. EDAC met with NJ EDA members in March 2025 and took them on a tour of the Red Bulls facility. Liam strongly agreed with this suggestion. He also suggested that EDAC members meet with Donna Guariglia (Mayor) and Siva Jonnada (Deputy Mayor) to discuss their goals for the year.

Liam said that, “The Red Bulls are quite interested in having a ribbon-cutting event.” He also stated that the Red Bulls are not going to be involved with the World Cup and that FIFA is going to be handling all World Cup logistics. Therefore, EDAC will not be taking part in any World Cup-related events but will gladly participate in community engagement events with the Red Bulls. The Red Bulls especially like to engage with the community through hosting soccer-themed events for children.



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GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Meg suggested the possibility of having local businesses and the Red Bulls work together to host “Soccer Sunday” events so that the public learns more about the Red Bulls and their role in the Township. Robert responded, “You will need to get the governing body (Township Committee) involved to make that happen.” Maureen suggested the possibility of having the Township host a children’s soccer event (together with the Red Bulls) in honor of the World Cup. However, the Township currently does not have a recreational soccer program. EDAC will reach out to the Parks and Recreation department to discuss possibly hosting an event.

The meeting concluded with Liam saying that he will reach out to Mayor Guariglia and Deputy Mayor Jonnada to arrange a meeting. He also stated that he wants the EDAC website to be up and running by June. Meg said, “Every member should be on a project.” Liam also stated that EDAC has a vacancy that needs to be filled. Meg replied that she knows someone who might be interested.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public commentary for this meeting.

COMMENTARY BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There was no commentary by EDAC members for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The January 13, 2026 meeting, with no further business, was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.; next to convene at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the conference room at 50 Woodland Avenue, Morris Township, NJ 07960.

Nicole Donohue
EDAC Secretary