

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2022**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:31 p.m. the Mayor called the meeting to order and the Township Clerk stated adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting the same on the bulletin board of Town Hall and forwarding a copy to the Courier News and Star Ledger at least forty-eight hours prior to this meeting, all in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Council members were present:

Manuel Couto  
Paul Donnelly  
Jeanne Kingsley  
Jeff Varnerin  
Angie D. Devanney, Mayor

The following Council members were absent:

Gentiana Brahimaj  
John Foster

Also present were:

Township Attorney: Alex Fisher  
Township Administrator: Liza Viana  
Township Clerk: Ana Minkoff

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Devanney asked everyone present to stand for the Flag Salute.

**HEARING ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Opening of the Hearing on Agenda Items Only

Mover: Mr. Couto  
Secunder: Mrs. Kingsley  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. Varnerin  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mrs. Brahimaj, Mr. Foster

*No voices were heard.*

Closing of the Hearing on Agenda Items Only

Mover: Mr. Couto  
Secunder: Mrs. Kingsley  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. Varnerin  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mrs. Brahimaj, Mr. Foster

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution appointing various member to the Truth, Community Healing and Inclusion Committee.

Mayor Devanney noted that there will be another addition to the committee in the next meeting. Mr. Couto expressed his appreciation for the work on this resolution.

Approval of Resolution

Mover: Mr. Varnerin  
Second: Mrs. Kingsley  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. Varnerin  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mrs. Brahimaj, Mr. Foster  
**Result: *Approved***

2. Resolution authorizing the Township of Berkeley Heights to participate in the nationwide settlement agreements with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen to resolve claims involving their roles in the country's opioid crisis.

Approval of Resolution

Mover: Mrs. Kingsley  
Second: Mr. Couto  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Kingsley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Mr. Varnerin  
Absent: Mrs. Brahimaj, Mr. Foster  
**Result: *Approved***

**CITIZENS HEARING**

Opening of the Citizens Hearing

Mover: Mr. Donnelly  
Second: Mr. Couto  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. Varnerin  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mrs. Brahimaj, Mr. Foster

*No voices were heard.*

Closing of the Citizens Hearing

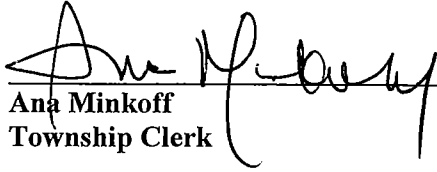
Mover: Mr. Donnelly  
Second: Mrs. Kingsley  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. Varnerin  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mrs. Brahimaj, Mr. Foster

**Township Council Minutes  
Council Special Meeting – January 25, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**6:37 p.m.** - Moved by Mr. Varnerin to adjourn and all were in favor.

**Approved: April 5, 2022**

  
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**Ana Minkoff**  
**Township Clerk**