

# Rahway SID LLC

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## *Meeting Minutes*

*January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 3:00 PM*

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### **I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm in the City of Rahway Municipal Council Chambers.

Roll call:

Jorge Casalins

Peter Kowal

Johanny Fonseca

Darlene Eastman

Corby Pascucci

James Walker

Katalina Bedoya

In attendance: Jorge Casalins, Peter Kowal, Johanny Fonseca, Darlene Eastman, Corby Pascucci, James Walker, Katalina Bedoya

Absent: None

Guests: Frank Ruggiero; Rachael Faillace, Board attorney.

### **II. Reading & Approval of Minutes –December 17th, 2025, meeting**

**Motion:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 17th, 2025, meeting as presented.

**Motioned by:** Walker

**Seconded by:** Kowal

**Abstained:** Johanny Fonseca, Darlene Eastman, Katalina Bedoya

**Result of Motion:** Passed Unanimously

### III. Treasurers Report

Mr. Ruggiero presented a Treasurer's report that discussed the operating funds and ending balance.

**Motioned by:** Kowal

**Seconded by:** Eastman

**Result of Motion:** Passed Unanimously

### IV. Management Report

Executive Director's Report

#### Marketing

Upcoming events • Soup Stroll – this popular event draws hundreds of attendees to restaurants in the Central Business District (Jan 10, 17, 24, 31). There are 26 venues participating this year. Marketing initiatives began mid-December, and the event is generating a lot of interest on social media.

#### Business Programs and Support

FIP applications – All property owners of the below properties were sent letters requesting a project status update and advising of a close out date of April 1, 2026.

1420 Irving Street (\$10,000) – Improvements related to the grant application have been completed. Proof of payment received. There is an outstanding escrow balance owed to the Rahway Redevelopment Agency.

1421 Main Street, 1449 Main Street, & 1451 Main Street - No activity noted

1271 Westfield Avenue (\$10,000) – Window replacements

1909 St. Georges Avenue – Receipts not yet received

#### BIP applications -

Work related to RMC's application for \$6,000 is pending the completion of construction by the property owner in the unit at 1420 Irving Street.

• Barber Gods' application was approved for improvements to the retail space on E. Milton. These included \$2000 for exterior signage, \$2,000 for interior improvements,

\$2,000 for marketing, and an additional \$1,000 as an MBE. The application was paused on February 1, 2024. No recent zoning application is recorded for signage.

**A motion was made to accept the Management Report.**

**Motioned by:** Walker

**Seconded by:** Eastman

**Result of Motion:** Passed Unanimously

**V. Old Business**

**Memorialize 2026 meeting schedule:** New schedule will be emailed to all board members as well as the city clerk.

**Nominate 2026 officers:**

**Chairperson:** James Walker made a motion to nominate **Jorge Casalins as Chair.**

Second: Eastman

Roll call vote: Jorge Casalins – Yes; Darlene Eastman – Yes; Johanny Fonseca – Yes; Peter Kowal – Yes; Corby Pascucci – Yes, James Walker – Yes; Katalina Bedoya – Yes

**Vice Chairperson:** Jorge Casalins made a motion to nominate **James Walker as Vice Chair.**

**Second:** Kowal

Roll call vote: Jorge Casalins – Yes; Darlene Eastman – Yes; Johanny Fonseca – Yes; Peter Kowal – Yes; Corby Pascucci – Yes, James Walker – Yes; Katalina Bedoya – Yes

**Treasurer:** Jorge Casalins made a motion to nominate **Corby Pascucci as Treasurer.**

**Second:** Eastman

Roll call vote: Jorge Casalins – Yes; Darlene Eastman – Yes; Johanny Fonseca – Yes; Peter Kowal – Yes; Corby Pascucci – Yes, James Walker – Yes; Katalina Bedoya – Yes

**Secretary:** Jorge Casalins made a motion to nominate **Darlene Eastman as Secretary.**

**Second:** Walker

Roll call vote: Jorge Casalins – Yes; Darlene Eastman – Yes; Johanny Fonseca – Yes; Peter Kowal – Yes; Corby Pascucci – Yes, James Walker – Yes; Katalina Bedoya – Yes

**Resolution: Taste of Spring:** The resolution was sent to mayor and council for permission to hold the Taste of Spring in the Rahway Recreation Center. The SID board Attorney and Rachael Faillace will follow up.

**BIP & FIP Questions:** The Board requested that the Executive Director send a follow up letter to all businesses with open Façade Improvement Program and Business Improvement Program applications notifying them that all projects must be completed, all permits closed and receipts submitted by April 1, 2026. There will be no extensions to this deadline.

**VI. New Business:** Peter Kowal mentioned his interest in beautifying Rahway through tree planting.

**VII. Public Portion (2 minutes per person)**  
At this time, the Chair opened the meeting to the public.

**Motion: A motion was made to close the public portion of the meeting.**

**Motioned By: Kowal**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Walker**

**Result of motion: Passed unanimously**

**VIII. Next Meeting:** February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

**Motioned by:** Kowal

**Seconded by:** Eastman

**Result of Motion:** Passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Gustofson, Recording Secretary