

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee meeting, which was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Statement of Adequate Notice:

Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee has been provided by filing an annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk and by filing the agenda with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building and mailing to the Trenton Times.

Roll Call:

Present:

Jeremy Ryan
Stavros Papafilipakis
Peter Ferrone
Edward Garcia
Melissa Clark, Chairperson
Edward Freeland, Vice Chairperson

Absent:

Excused Absence:

Michelle King, School Board Liaison
Maria Connolly
Joan Brame
Jeffrey Radice, Secretary
Olympia l'Liou Perry, Council Liaison

Also Present:

Kelly Edelstein, Staff Liaison
Amanda Santos, Council

Minutes:

July 29, 2025 minutes were approved.

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Discussion of Student Representative

- Interviews were conducted at the Lawrence Municipal Building
- 2 students were selected:
 - Anishka Desai- Senior at Lawrence High School
 - Abby Oraski – Junior at Notre Dame High School
- Melissa plans to meet with them on July 30th for a discussion on expectations.
- The students will begin their term at the September meeting.

Discussion of Networking Event

- October 15th from 5:30pm to 7pm was selected for the next networking event.
- The event will likely be held at the Lawrence Senior Center.
- The group spoke about the possibility of a teen job fair in the Winter and Spring.

Discussion of Mission Statement

- The Vice Chairman had some edits to the mission statement and will bring an update in the future.

Update from Council Liaison, Olympia P'Liou Perry:

Absent.

Other Business:

- The group talked about the township's statement regarding Trenton Water Works.
- The committee spoke on energy costs and the impact it has on businesses.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Edelstein for Jeffrey Radice
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: _____