

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2026, 6:30 P.M.**

The Township of West Orange Planning Board held its regular meeting on January 14, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. via virtual ZOOM videoconference and in person (Council Chambers of Town Hall).

Vice Chairman Guarino called the meeting to order at approximately 6:18 P.M. He announced that notification of the meeting was given to the Township Clerk, and posted on the Township Bulletin Board, sent to the West Orange Chronicle and the Star Ledger, and posted on the Township's website calendar. This meeting has been properly noticed to the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. No new matters will start after 10:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- *Chairman Bagoff* requested that all persons stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Planning Board regular meeting will be held **on February 4, 2026, at 7:30 P.M.** via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

- PRESENT:** Dr. Robert Bagoff; Mr. Jerry Guarino;
Mr. Ken Alper; Mr. John Cardoza (6:39 PM);
Mayor Susan McCartney; Councilwoman Susan Scarpa;
Mr. William Wilkes; Ms. Lori Kapferer
- ABSENT:** Mr. Frank Noborine; Mr. Lee Klein; Mr. Christopher Morgan, Sr.;
- ALSO PRESENT:** Diana P. McGovern, Esq., Planning Board Attorney;
Malvika Apte, Board Planner
Jamilet Baquerizo Vite, Planning Board Secretary
Jordan Rizzo, Board Engineer

SWEARING IN

- The Township Professional(s) sworn in.

APPLICATIONS

- **PB-24-01 West Essex Highlands, Inc**
Block: 179 Lot: 32 Zone: IH-1
Warner Road
The applicant is proposing to develop a 496-unit inclusionary multifamily residential development on a vacant 120-acre property in the northwest corner of the Township.

***The transcript below of the hearing dated January 14, 2026, is the full record of the hearing and is attached hereto as the minutes of the meeting. ***

[PB-24-01 West Essex Highlands - Transcript from 1-14-26 Compressed](#)

The Application has been carried to the next Planning Board special meeting on January 28, 2026, without further notice

[O39---Resolution-of-the-EC-Environmental-Commission---Dated-7-2-25](#)
[O40-ECBCC-Res-2025-01125---Amending-Res-2025-1040---Passed-10-22-25e](#)
[O40-ECBCC-Res-2025-01040---In-Support-of-the-Preservation-of-the-Forest](#)
[O41-Resolution-of-Approval-Verona-PB---Dated-9-25-80](#)
[O42-Verona-PB-Resolution-Approval---Dated-7-28-83](#)
[O43-Presentation-Created-Using-Google-Maps-and-with-Photos-Taken-by- Seth-Weisleder](#)

ADOPTED:

Jamilet Baquerizo Vite
Planning Board Secretary