



**CAMDEN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ZOOM MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:30 pm**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32PM. In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this CSSD Board of Directors meeting was provided by legal notice in the Philadelphia Inquirer on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and in the Courier Post on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The notice specified the time of the meeting and instructions to find the zoom information and agenda posted on the CSSD website - [www.mydowntowncamden.com](http://www.mydowntowncamden.com).

**II. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken to confirm a quorum of seven (7) or more members. Present were eight (8) of thirteen (13) board members who together constituted a quorum.

Angelo Alberto	X
Joe Balzano	X
Nick Cangelosi	
Lisa Folks	X
Jennifer Lehman	X
Courtney Dirks	X
Ray Lamboy	X
Bernadette Szakal	
Victoria Hosendorf	X
Lauren Slepian	X
Sonia Rivera-Perez	X ( <i>late</i> )
Dr. Susan Stukes	
Councilman Barclay	

Also attending the meeting were Ray Romo, CSSD Interim Executive Director; Michelle Williams, CSSD Community Outreach Manager; and Evan Crooks from Malamut and Associates.

### **III. Public Comment**

An opportunity for public comment was opened for anyone on the Zoom meeting. There were no members from the public at the meeting.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes from the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Annual Meeting**

Minutes from this meeting were emailed in advance to all board members.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. Lamboy, seconded by Ms. Hosendorf. Motion carried unanimously with seven (7) votes in favor.

No discussion.

### **V. Financial Report**

Ms. Alberto shared with the Board that a full financial report presentation would not take place since the Board of Directors had met in the last 30 days when a full financial report was given.

Mr. Romo also shared that an updated Financial Report through September 2024 was shared with the Board of Directors and would answer any questions from that report.

No further discussion.

### **VI. Resolutions**

Mr. Alberto then moved to resolutions. Starting with the first resolution.

#### **a. Resolution Authorizing staff to proceed with a Memo of Understanding with Camden Community Partnership.**

Mr. Romo shared with the Board of Directors that Reimagining Civic Commons RCC funders have invited team Camden to join their next round of grant funding, for a total of \$550,000 to create an inclusive and equitable strategy for new park maintenance on a pilot phase basis, with the ability to expand the model and scale city-wide. CSSD has been an active member on Team Camden, curating the park maintenance strategy and attending RCC Conferences.

Mr. Angelo added his experience with the most recent Reimagining Civic Commons conference that took place in Philadelphia with a Camden Tour and shared his positive feedback on the initiative and trip.

Mr. Alberto asked for a motion. Motion made by Ms. Folks, seconded by Mr. Lamboy.

No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously with seven (7) votes in favor.

**b. Resolution to appoint Executive Director**

Mr. Alberto formally introduce Ms. Kristine Kennedy. Following introduction, Mr. Angelo provided further background information on the Executive Director search process and his positive impressions on Ms. Kennedy.

Mr. Lamboy further complimented Ms. Kennedy's role in the Executive Director search process and highlighted her "relationship building" approach in her work and her unique perspective approach.

Ms. Kennedy introduced herself, Thanked the Board of Directors for selecting her. Ms. Kennedy proceeded to provide her background highlighting her diverse background, empathy for Small Business Owners, previous Community Development work experience, and festival/event organization experience.

Ms. Alberto proceeded to review the terms of the Offer Letter, employment agreement and completion of the background check.

Ms. Folks congratulated and welcomed Ms. Kennedy.

Motion made by Mr. Alberto, seconded by Mr. Lamboy  
No further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously with seven (7) votes in favor.

**VII. New Business**

Mr. Romo provided an overview of the past "Downtown Art Crawl" that took place on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, highlighting success with attendance, vendor engagement, small business coordination, and art exhibits. Mr. Romo also acknowledged Michelle Williams for taking the lead of the Art Crawl and its success.

Mr. Romo also provided an overview of the Downtown Camden Young Professionals Happy Hour aboard the Battleship that took place on October 24<sup>th</sup>, highlighting success with attendance, and company diversity.

Mr. Angelo further added positive feedback from his daughters, both young professionals in the City of Camden, who attended the event and highlighted its success and value.

Mr. Angelo acknowledged and thanked Mr. Dylan Vaccarella for his attendance at the CSSD Board of Director's Meeting.

Mr. Vaccarella praised the Young Professionals Happy Hour event and congratulated Kristine Kennedy on her appointment.

No further discussion.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Folks and seconded by Ms. Lehman.

Motion carried with seven (7) votes in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55PM.