

**Minutes of the
MERIDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Held on
July 27, 2026**

Chairman Carlos Ruiz called the Regular Board of Commissioners' meeting to order at 5:34 PM. The meeting was held at 22 Church St., Meriden. As a quorum was present the meeting commenced.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Carlos Ruiz, Chairman
Daisy Olivo, Vice Chair (via Zoom)
Branddon Arroyo, Treasurer
Vanessa Tillman, Resident Commissioner (via Zoom)
Scott Griffith, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Dagostino, Executive Director, Evette Nava and Jamie Urkevic

OTHERS PRESENT: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

John Malavenda West Main St., Meriden, CT: Mr. Malavenda provided written correspondence to the BOC dated 7/12/2026 and 7/27/2026. Correspondence included a photo of a stove in a renovated kitchen at Community Towers. The email dated July 12th Mr. Malavenda discussed the opening of balconies and exposed wiring in Community Towers community room remains unresolved. During public comment Mr. Malavenda voiced his concern over missing ceiling fans in the community room and holes in ceiling. Mr. Malavenda requested a renovation plan be provided to residents to reduce confusion.

Roberto Varela 55 Willow St., Meriden, CT: Mr. Varela addressed the BOC and requested the opening of balcony doors.

Roberto Virella 55 Willow St., Meriden, CT: Mr. Varela reported drug use in north tower of Community Towers.

Vicky Yates 76 Gilbert Yale Acres Meriden, CT : Ms. Yates requested railing installation at the property management office and safety railings to be installed at the back of all units. Ms. Yates questioned the status of camera installation on the property.

Jennifer Addy 55 Willow St., Meriden, CT: Ms. Addy questioned the status of balcony access. Ms. Addy discussed a noise complaint located at the exterior of the North tower. Fire safety plan status requested.

Dan Zaborowski 39 Fiesta Heights, Meriden, CT: Mr. Zaborowski suggested the MHA patronize local businesses with respect to bottled water. Mr. Zaborowski questioned the need for shredding paper as paper shredding was found near the dumpster located at 22 Church St.

3. RESIDENT ASSOCIATION STATUS:

A. Community Towers Tenant Organization

Jennifer Addy, President of the Tenant Association, reported to the Board regarding residents request for a renovation plan. Ms. Addy stated tenants had requested call box signage be installed. Movers involved with relocation reported not packing all belongings. Tub cut plugs requested by tenants.

4. PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Special Board of Commissioners meeting held on June 12, 2026.

Treasurer Branddon Arroyo made a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Board of Commissioners' meeting held June 12, 2026. Commissioner Scott Griffith seconded the motion. A vote was called. The vote was Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Ayes - 5

Nays – 0

Carlos Ruiz, Chairman
Daisy Olivo, Vice Chair
Branddon Arroyo, Treasurer
Vanessa Tillman, Resident Commissioner
Scott Griffith, Commissioner

B. Minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting held on June 22, 2026.

Treasurer Branddon Arroyo made a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Board of Commissioners' meeting held May 26, 2026. Commissioner Scott Griffith seconded the motion. Chairman Carlos Ruiz requested that the minutes reflect that MHA had reached out to the city for guidance with the opening of balconies. A vote was called. The vote was Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Ayes - 5

Nays – 0

Carlos Ruiz, Chairman
Daisy Olivo, Vice Chair
Branddon Arroyo, Treasurer
Vanessa Tillman, Resident Commissioner
Scott Griffith, Commissioner

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

A. June 2026 (Draft) FYE 12/31/2026

Treasurer Branddon Arroyo made a motion to table the Treasurer's report. Commissioner Scott Griffith seconded the motion. vote was called. The vote was Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. The Treasurer's report was tabled.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Carlos Ruiz, Chairman
Daisy Olivo, Vice Chair
Branddon Arroyo, Treasurer

Vanessa Tillman, Resident Commissioner
Scott Griffith, Commissioner

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

None

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Community Towers Draft Emergency Plan. – To be distributed at next board meeting.

10. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

None

11. MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Scott Griffith made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Brandon Arroyo seconded the motion. A vote was called. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.