

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2025
10:00 AM**

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied by notice of the date, time and place of this Special Meeting of the Governing Body has been posted at Borough Hall, on the Borough website, provided to the Record and was filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Mayor Bernstein invited all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Bernstein, Council President Slowikowski, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Marks

Absent: Councilmember Reiss (arrived at 10:15 and joined Closed Session)

Resolution No. 2025-010 WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 provides for a Public Body to go into a Closed Session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Demarest has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss matters which are exempted from the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Demarest that the Governing Body shall go into closed session on September 19, 2025 for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

1. Affordable Housing Legal Update

Councilmember Fox made a motion to approve the resolution to adjourn to closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collins.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Slowikowski, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Marks
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmember Reiss

The mayor clarified to a member of the public that no action will be taken following closed session.

The Council returned from closed session (*Councilmember Fox left at the end of closed session and was not in attendance when the Council returned to open session*). Councilmember Collins made a motion to open to the public. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jiang and approved by all on a voice vote.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the meeting was then closed to the public.

Councilmember Collins then made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Marks and approved by all on a voice vote. The meeting was therefore adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Falkenstein, RMC
Borough Clerk