



# COLUMBIA COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

401 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

### **I. Call to Order**

Matt B. Murell called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

### **II. Roll Call**

Directors Present: Matt B. Murell; Brenda Adams; Ron Knott; PJ Keeler; Patrice Perry; Mark Taylor

Also Present: Chris Brown, Director of Operations; Rob Fitzsimmons, County Attorney; Kimberly Prince-Walsh, County Attorney's Office

### **III. November Minutes**

P. Perry pointed out that the draft minutes listed her as 'absent' when in fact she arrived ten minutes after the meeting started. C. Brown stated that he would edit the draft minutes. B. Adams made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by R. Knott. The motion passed 6-0.

M. Murell	Yes
B. Adams	Yes
R Knott	Yes
PJ Keeler	Yes
P. Perry	Yes
M. Taylor	Yes

### **IV. Operations Update & Paying Bills**

C. Brown presented the option of the land bank acquiring a loan or line of credit for working capital for the land bank given the reimbursement-based nature of the land bank's funding from NYS Homes & Community Renewal. Additionally, C. Brown stated that the land bank's operations had reached a point that it should strongly consider securing its own legal representation, and suggested drafting and releasing a Request for Proposals for Legal Services dictated by the



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land bank's Procurement Policy. Lastly, C. Brown presented insurance renewal invoices for payment. M. Taylor made a motion to approve payment of the invoices, seconded by PJ Keeler. The motion passed 6-0.

M. Murell	Yes
B. Adams	Yes
R Knott	Yes
PJ Keeler	Yes
P. Perry	Yes
M. Taylor	Yes

R. Knott made a motion to approve the budget amendment request, seconded by B. Adams. The motion passed 6-0.

M. Murell	Yes
B. Adams	Yes
R Knott	Yes
PJ Keeler	Yes
P. Perry	Yes
M. Taylor	Yes

### V. Executive Session

C. Brown made a recommendation to enter Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real property, as per New York State Public Officers Law Article 7 § 105 (h). R. Knott made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by M. Taylor. The motion passed 4-0. The board entered Executive Session at 2:09.

M. Murell	Yes
B. Adams	Yes
R Knott	Yes
PJ Keeler	Yes
P. Perry	Yes
M. Taylor	Yes

The Board exited Executive Session at 2:26 PM. The motion to exit Executive Session was made by B. Adams and seconded by R. Knott. The motion passed 6-0.



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M. Murell	Yes
B. Adams	Yes
R Knott	Yes
PJ Keeler	Yes
P. Perry	Yes
M. Taylor	Yes

### VI. HCR Request – Budget Amendment

C. Brown provided updates on the land bank’s capital / property services budget amendment, noting that a request will be submitted to NYS Homes & Community Renewal. The budget line for rehabilitation will be zeroed out and the budget line for acquisition will be increased to reflect expected expenditures. R. Knott made a motion to approve the budget amendment request, seconded by B. Adams. The motion passed 6-0.

M. Murell	Yes
B. Adams	Yes
R Knott	Yes
PJ Keeler	Yes
P. Perry	Yes
M. Taylor	Yes

### VII. Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance.

### VIII. Adjournment

B. Adams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by PJ Keeler. The motion passed 6-0.

M. Murell	Yes
B. Adams	Yes
R Knott	Yes
PJ Keeler	Yes
P. Perry	Yes
M. Taylor	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm.