



# Town Board of Trustees

## Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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THANK YOU.**

### 1. Meeting Information

207 Muegge Way, Bennett, CO 80102

### 2. Call to Order

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor

#### a. Roll Call

**Minutes:****Present:**

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor

Whitney Oakley, Mayor Pro Tem

Kevin Barden, Trustee

Steve Dambroski, Trustee

Denice Smith, Trustee

Donna Sus, Trustee

Larry Vittum, Trustee

**Staff Present:**

Trish Stiles, Town Manager

Taeler Houlberg, Administrative Services Director

Danette Ruvalcaba, Director of Finance

Alison Belcher, Communications and IT Director

Adam Meis, IT and Communications Manager

Tiffany Chaput, Communications Coordinator

Dan Giroux, Town Engineer

Scott Krob, Town Attorney

Christina Hart, Town Clerk

**Public Present:**

Kathy Smiley

Mason Oakley

Timothy Heinshom

Grider Lee  
Jennifer Marston  
Sheila Wadsworth  
John Cardin  
Janet Rhatigan  
Jennifer Adams  
Rachelle Froman

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor

#### Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Royce D. Pindell, Mayor.

### 4. Approval of Agenda

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor

#### Minutes:

**TRUSTEE VITTUM MOVED, MAYOR PRO TEM OAKLEY SECONDED** to approve the agenda as presented. The voting was as follows:

Ayes: Dambroski, Oakley, Pindell, Smith, Sus, Vittum, Barden

Nays: None

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor, declared the motion carried by unanimous vote.

### 5. Consent Agenda

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor

#### Minutes:

**MAYOR PRO TEM OAKLEY MOVED, TRUSTEE VITTUM SECONDED** to approve the consent agenda as presented. The voting was as follows:

Ayes: Oakley, Pindell, Smith, Sus, Vittum, Barden, Dambroski

Nays: None

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor, declared the motion carried by unanimous vote. **1. Action:** Approval of February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Grider Lee of 467 Valley Way, Sheila Wadsworth of 715 4th St. and John Cardin of 41460 US Hwy 36, Bennett, Colorado each spoke of their support of the status of Bennett being declared as a non-sanctuary town.

#### **a. February 27, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes**

#### **Public Comments on Items Not Scheduled for Public Hearing**

The Board of Trustees welcomes you. Thank you for joining us for our Town of Bennett Board of Trustees Meeting. If you are not speaking, we ask that you please mute your microphone. For public comment please sign up on the provided sheet or in the chat box. If you are on the phone, once we get through the sign-up sheet and chat box we will call for any other comments for items not on the agenda.

Your comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board may not respond to your comments this evening, rather they may take your comments and suggestions under advisement and provide direction to the appropriate member of Town staff for follow-up. Thank you.

## Regular Business

### 6. Action/Discussion Items

#### a. A Resolution Regarding Migrant Response and Declaring Status as a Non-Sanctuary Town

Resolution No. 1006-24 - A Resolution Regarding Migrant Response and Declaring Status as a Non-Sanctuary Town

##### Minutes:

**TRUSTEE VITNUM MOVED, TRUSTEE SMITH SECONDED** to approve Resolution 1006-24 - A resolution regarding migrant response and declaring status as a non-sanctuary town.

The voting was as follows:

Ayes: Pindell, Smith, Sus, Vitnum, Barden, Dambroski

Nays: Oakley

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor, declared the motion carried 6 to 1.

### 7. Town Manager Report

##### Minutes:

- Ms. Stiles attended the energy impact assistance grant hearings. She thanked Ricky Martinez and Danette Ruvalcaba who presented on behalf of the Town.
- Bennett is the recipient of a local planning capacity grant in the amount of \$57,200 assisting with the review of processes and incentives as it relates to our affordable housing.
- Met with the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Tyler Brown to discuss the IGA for policing services.
- CDOT meeting topics included: - Pedestrian crossings - Exit 304 light testing is ready to commence after inspections
- April 9th - Board reception; transition of the new board. New photos will be taken.
- Ms. Stiles provided the Board with an upcoming meeting calendar.

### 8. Trustee Comments and Committee Reports

Mayor and Trustees

##### Minutes:

##### **Donna Sus, Trustee, reported on the following:**

- March 25th - REAP and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce joint meeting.

##### **Kevin Barden, Trustee, reported on the following:**

- March 27th 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.- Will attended the Brighton State of the City

##### **Royce D. Pindell, Mayor, reported on the following:**

- Attended a school board meeting.

Royce D, Pindell, Mayor, called for a recess at 7:31 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:43 p.m.

#### **9. Executive Session**

- a. For the purpose of conferencing with an attorney to receive legal advice on a specific legal question and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b)(e); Negotiations and specific legal questions related to police services for the Town of Bennett.**

**Minutes:**

**MAYOR PRO TEM OAKLEY MOVED, TRUSTEE SMITH SECONDED** to go into executive session for the purpose of conferencing with an attorney to receive legal advice on a specific legal question and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b)(e); Negotiations and specific legal questions related to police services for the Town of Bennett. Voting was as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Sus, Vittum, Barden, Dambroski, Oakley, Pindell

Nays: None

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor, declared the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board went into executive session at 7:45 p.m.

- b. Return to Open Meeting**

**Minutes:**

The Board came out of the executive session at 8:28 p.m.

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor, announced that the Board has been in executive session and the following persons participated: Steve Dambroski, Denice Smith, Kevin Barden, Christina Hart, Trish Stiles, Scott Krob, Larry Vittum, Donna Sus, Whitney Oakley and Royce Pindell. Royce D. Pindell, Mayor, asked if there were any matters not included in the motion for an executive session or violations of the Open Meetings Law, and if so, that these concerns be stated for the record.

- c. Report from Executive Session**

**Minutes:**

The executive session was within the scope of the statute. Town Attorney Scott Krob was present throughout the executive session, which is protected by the attorney/client privilege.

#### **10. To Take Action Following Executive Session**

**Minutes:**

No action was taken. Staff was provided direction.

## 11. Adjournment

### Minutes:

**TRUSTEE SMITH MOVED, TRUSTEE VITTUM SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Voting was as follows:

Ayes: Vittum, Barden, Dambroski, Oakley, Pindell, Smith, Sus

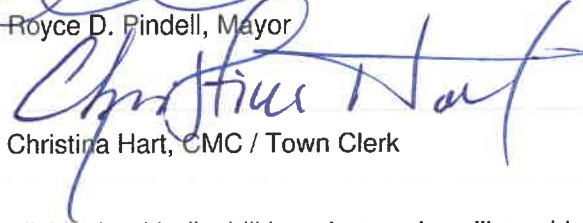
Nays: None

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor, declared the motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Minutes Approved:



Royce D. Pindell, Mayor



Christina Hart, CMC / Town Clerk

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