



# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SALEM

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**A CLOSED SESSION MEETING  
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF  
THE CITY OF SALEM**

July 18, 2024

**Resolution No. 36 of 2024 Resolution Authorizing Closed Session**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Motion: Commissioner Joyce Lewis**

**Second: Commissioner Dawn Johnson**

**Roll Call: Unanimous**

|                      | Motion | Second | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| Chairwoman Mortiz    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Commissioner Nichols |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Commissioner Henson  |        |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Commissioner Johnson |        | X      | X   |     |         |        |
| Commissioner Lewis   | X      |        | X   |     |         |        |
| Commissioner Wood    |        |        | X   |     |         |        |

There was discussion regarding a lawsuit received from the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government v. Salem Housing Authority.

Solicitor Telsey explained that we have been served with an Open Public Record Act complaint. There are two complaints (1) The Salem Housing Authority did not timely respond to an OPRA request from June 6, 2024. The request was for minutes of meetings and resolutions; and (2) the authority did not follow the statute by posting minutes, resolutions, the budget, audit and agenda information on the website.

Solicitor Telsey recommended that Director Upshaw provide the requested documents stated on the OPRA request and to update the website to be in accordance with the statute. Solicitor Telsey also added the authority will be obligated to pay the plaintiff attorney's fees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dawn Johnson to go out of Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Joyce Lewis. The motion was unanimously approved by all present.