

Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes (Meeting #131)
August 25, 2026

Board Members in Attendance:

Daniel R. Yemma, Chair
Larry Moliterno
James Harp
Artie Spellman
Richard Chase
Tanay Hill

Board Members Absent:

Geno DiFabio
Carol Rimedio-Righetti
Pastor Rolando Rojas

Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Anna DeAscentis

MCLRC Staff in Attendance:

Debora Flora, Executive Director
Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer
Roger Smith, Director of Planning, Acquisition and Disposition
Attorney Christopher Sammarone

Prosecutor's Staff in Attendance:

None

- The meeting was called to order by Daniel R. Yemma, Chairman, at 11:34 am.
- Meeting was held at the Mahoning County Land Bank office, 100 E. Federal St., Suite 300, Youngstown, OH.

Daniel R. Yemma called for the approval of the June 30, 2026 meeting minutes.

- ✓ Artie Spellman made a motion to approve the June 30, 2026 meeting minutes.
- ✓ Richard Chase seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Communication Items None

Daniel R. Yemma called for the presentation of reports.

Debora Flora presented the Executive Director's report. Items highlighted included:

2027 OLBA Conference planning has begun and a reminder the date is April 21-23, 2027 in Canfield, Ohio
Shared information and invited Board members to upcoming conferences and events
OLBA Fall Summit is scheduled for October 22, 2026 in Springfield, Ohio

Reminded the Board members that the 15 Year Anniversary videos are on the Land Bank's website

Housing Council Advisory Committee is working on a survey and encouraged all officials to complete the survey. There is assistance available if needed.

Invited the Board Members to a the Mahoning Valley Housing Summit – Sept 30, 2026 Eastwood Event Center

Shared information on the housing steering committee

Shared information from the Biennial Audit

- ✓ Richard Chase made a motion to accept the Executive Director's report.
- ✓ Anna DeAscentis seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Roger Smith presented the Housing & Brownfield Progress Report. Items highlighted included:

Welcome Home Ohio update

Make It Yours update – 3434 Neilson Ave

Demolition update

Brownfield projects update

Commercial rehab update

Discussion followed regarding the remaining grant funds from the BDSR programs, WHO houses on Sheridan Road and current sales criteria, Brownfield application status, and support from local partners and the City of Youngstown. Anna DeAscentis shared that the Mahoning County Commissioners meeting will be held on 9/17/2026 at the YMCA – a recipient partner of an ODOD Brownfield Grant.

There was no Prosecutor's report.

Larry Moliterno presented the Finance Committee's report. Items highlighted included:

Review & recommendation of financial reports for Board approval

Review of Biennial Audit report and recognition of corrective items being taken

Review of 725 Mineral Springs Ave hardship request and recommendation that the house be relisted for sale

- ✓ Artie Spellman made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's report.
- ✓ Richard Chase seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Committee none

Personnel Committee none

Planning Committee none

Board Action

Daniel R Yemma called for a motion to accept the financial statements as recommended by the Finance Committee.

- ✓ Anna DeAscentis made a motion to accept the financial statements as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Daniel R Yemma called for a motion to accept the Biennial Audit report as presented.

- ✓ Richard Chase made a motion to accept the Biennial Audit report as presented.
- ✓ James Harp seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Motion passed unanimously.**

Daniel R Yemma reintroduced the hardship request for 725 Mineral Springs Ave. Discussion followed with input from Debora Flora and Attorney Sammarone. The Board members agreed with the Finance Committee and Attorney Sammarone that the house should be sold and the guidelines of ODOD be followed in regards to financial restrictions.

Larry Moliterno left the meeting @ 12:00.

New Business none

Unfinished Business none

Members Comments

James Harp shared that the JSI project in Sebring is moving rapidly and that the contractor, Siegel Excavating, is exceeding expectations.

Artie Spellman shared that the oil industry has gained momentum in Mahoning County and that landmen are looking for land to consolidate. He will share available information with the BOD in the near future.

James Harp questioned the executive session comment by the State Auditor. Attorney Sammarone shared additional information. Daniel Yemma stated that the rules have become more defined.

Daniel R Yemma and Anna DeAscentis introduced a visitor, Robert Santos. Robert is a Project Specialist/Manager working for the Mahoning County Commissioners.

Debora Flora thanked Anna DeAscentis and Robert Santos for offering their assistance with the upcoming ODOD Brownfield grant applications.

Artie Spellman thanked Debora Flora for the invitation to the Mahoning River Corridor Mayors Meeting last month.

- ✓ Richard Chase made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm
- ✓ Anna DeAscentis seconded the motion.
- ✓ **Meeting adjourned.**
- ✓ Minutes submitted by Cathie Hicks, Fiscal Officer, MCLRC