

**Special Committee on Health, Opportunity,
Prosperity and Education (HOPE)**

Regular Meeting

~ Meeting Minutes ~

Monday, June 9, 2026

5:30 PM

**City Council Chamber (3rd Floor)
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903**

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PRESENT: Chair Juan M. Pichardo; Vice-Chairwoman Shelley T. Peterson;
Councilor Sue R. AnderBois; Councilor Justin M. Roias and Councilor Miguel A.
Sanchez – 5.

Also present are Council President Miller; Councilor Jill Davidson; Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris; Councilman Oscar O. Vargas; Daniel Starr-Tambor, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department; June Rose, Chief of Staff, City Council Office; Aaron Easter Gardner, Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Director of Policy, City Council Office; Avery Shaw, Digital Media Specialist, City Council Office; Gabriela Cantú, Communications Coordinator, City Council Office; Brandon Welch, Policy Analyst, City Council Office; Isaac Slevin, Policy Analyst, City Council Office; Serenity Truth, Intern, City Council Office; Michaela Antunes, Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office; Alex Rivera; Christian Miller; Willis Dunbar; Jadelyn Santos, Nonviolence Trainer, Nonviolence Institute; Lauren V. Gutierrez, First Deputy City Clerk and Tyla Crowder, Assistant Clerk.

1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Vice-Chairwoman Peterson
SECONDER: Councilor Roias
AYES: Chairman Pichardo, Vice-Chairwoman Peterson, Councilor AnderBois, Councilor Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 5.

Motion to take Item #5 out of order.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilor AnderBois
SECONDER: Vice-Chairwoman Peterson
AYES: Chairman Pichardo, Vice-Chairwoman Peterson, Councilor AnderBois, Councilor Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 5.

5. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)

Public Comment was taken relative to the foregoing matter.

3. Resolution in Opposition to the Cuts and Reduction in staff at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilor Sanchez
SECONDER: Vice-Chairwoman Peterson
AYES: Chairman Pichardo, Vice-Chairwoman Peterson, Councilor AnderBois, Councilor Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 5.

4. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2026 H-7551 and Senate Bill 2026 S-2715, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Fraud and False Dealing.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilor Sanchez
SECONDER: Vice-Chairwoman Peterson
AYES: Chairman Pichardo, Vice-Chairwoman Peterson, Councilor AnderBois, Councilor Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 5.

Motion to take Item #2 out of order.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Vice-Chairwoman Peterson
SECONDER: Councilor Roias
AYES: Chairman Pichardo, Vice-Chairwoman Peterson, Councilor AnderBois, Councilor Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 5.

2. **An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "Administration", As Amended, to Change Article XXIV, Relating to The Juvenile Hearing Board.**

Motion to enter Sub A into the record.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Vice-Chairwoman Peterson
SECONDER:	Councilor AnderBois
AYES:	Chairman Pichardo, Vice-Chairwoman Peterson, Councilor AnderBois, Councilor Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 5.

Motion to enter Testimony Letters into the record.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilor Roias
SECONDER:	Vice-Chairwoman Peterson
AYES:	Chairman Pichardo, Vice-Chairwoman Peterson, Councilor AnderBois, Councilor Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 5.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter.

RESULT:	APPROVED, AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Vice-Chairwoman Peterson
SECONDER:	Councilor AnderBois
AYES:	Chairman Pichardo, Vice-Chairwoman Peterson, Councilor AnderBois, Councilor Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 5.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilor Anderbois, Seconded by Councilor Sanchez, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 o’clock P.M.



First Deputy City Clerk



Assistant Clerk

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