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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

1:30 PM

**Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Mary N. Porter Riverview
Ballroom - 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

***FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS***

DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Chair

JOHN C. HERBST - Vice Chair

STEVEN GLASSMAN - Commissioner - District 2

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN - Commissioner - District 3

BEN SORENSEN - Commissioner - District 4

RICHELLE WILLIAMS, Executive Director

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, Secretary

SHARI L. McCARTNEY, General Counsel

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trantalis called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Vice Chair John C. Herbst, and Chair Dean J. Trantalis

BOARD QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Executive Director Rickelle Williams, Secretary David R. Soloman, General Counsel Shari L. McCartney, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

MOTIONS

M-1 [26-0213](#) Motion Approving Minutes for February 3, 2026, Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Chair Herbst and Chair Trantalis

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [26-0083](#) Resolution Approving a Central City Community Redevelopment Area Property and Business Improvement Program Incentive Forgivable Loan in the Amount of \$225,000 and a Non-Residential Façade Program Forgivable Loan in the Amount of \$125,000 to The Art of Tea, LLC, for the Build-out of a Commercial Warehouse to Consolidate Retail, Warehousing and Operational Processes at 900 NE 13 Street; Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Any and All Related Instruments; and Delegating Authority to the Executive Director to Take Certain Actions - (Commission District 2)

Commissioner Glassman discussed the company associated with this Agenda item, and described them as having strong connections in the hospitality industry, a positive addition to the City, and represents a significant economic opportunity. Commissioner Glassman commented

on discussions at the Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board Meeting, noting that the proposal received considerable discussion prior to approval and expounded on his viewpoint.

Chair Trantalis recognized Vanessa Martin, Community Redevelopment Agency Manager. In response to Chair Trantalis' question, Ms. Martin confirmed that the company plans to establish the property as their headquarters, and renovate both the interior and exterior of the building.

Commissioner Glassman introduced the Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Vice Chair Herbst and Chair Trantalis

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
Secretary