

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE PORTSMOUTH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

July 10, 2026 7:30 AM- 9:00 AM

Members' Present: Chair Andrew Ward, Vice Chair Sarah Lachance, Anne Weidman, Tom Watson, Anna Howard, Wendy Clement, Bob Marchewka, Joshua Cyr, Jason Goodrich, Phil Cohen, Ben VanCamp, City Manager Karen Conard, Councilor Blalock

Absent (Excused): Councilor Flynn

Absent (Not Excused):

City Staff: Assistant City Manager Sean Clancy

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

Chair Ward entertained a motion to accept the EDC meeting minutes from June 5, 2026. The motion was made by *Commissioner Howard* and seconded by *Commissioner Cyr*. The motion carried unanimously.

Pease Development Authority Update – *Executive Director, Paul Brean*



Vice Chair Ward summarized the efforts of the working groups which are coalescing around the “Future of Work.”

Office of Economic Development Update: *S. Clancy*

- Downtown is busy and summer is in full swing across the city.

Chamber Collaborative Update – *B. VanCamp*

- Local Love, monthly retail event is scheduled for July 17th from 5-8pm
- Tourists and visitors are in town!!

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Public Comment – none

Motion to adjourn by *Commissioner Cohen* seconded by *Councilor Watson*. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14am.

Submitted by,
Sean Clancy

Assistant City Manager for Economic & Community Development

Next Meetings: August 7th at City Hall, September 11th at City Hall