

Minutes

Franklin County Budget Advisory Meeting April 8, 2025

PRESENT: Tiffany Maiuri, Rupert Pratt, Dennis O’Neil, Morgan Dunham (Zoom), Dean Collins, Janet White, Jay Reynolds, Richard Morton, Michael Wells, Earl Martin, and LeeAnn Dalessandro.

AUDIENCE: Mt. Blue T.V., Donna Perry, Rene Whitley, Jake Nichols, Brad Timberlake, Nathan Hiltz, Tom Saviello, Fen Fowler, Pam Prodan, Amy Bernard, Tiffany Baker, and Jamie Sullivan.

The meeting was called to order by Tiffany Maiuri at 5:00 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Introductions of Committee Members** – Members of the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee include: District 1 – Tiffany Maiuri, Wilton, Michael Wells, Wilton, Dean Collins, Temple, District 2 – Dennis O’Neil, Farmington, Richard Morton, Farmington, District 3 – Rupert Pratt, Strong, Janet White, Phillips, District 4 – Jay Reynolds, Carrabassett Valley, Morgan Dunham, Kingfield, District 5 – Earl Martin, Chesterville and LeeAnn Dalessandro, Jay.
3. **Election of Chairperson** – Nominations for Chairperson Tiffany Maiuri: Janet White/LeeAnn Dalessandro. Move to close nominations: Dean Collins/Dennis O’Neil. Morgan Dunham-Yes, Rupert Pratt-Yes, Janet White-Yes, Dennis O’Neil-Yes, Dean Collins-Yes, Richard Morton-Yes, LeeAnn Dalessandro-Yes, Michael Wells-Yes, Earl Martin-Yes, Jay Reynolds-Yes, Tiffany Maiuri-Yes. All in favor of **the** nomination: Morgan Dunham-Yes, Rupert Pratt-Yes, Janet White-Yes, Dennis O’Neil-Yes, Dean Collins-Yes, Richard Morton-Yes, LeeAnn Dalessandro-Yes, Michael Wells-Yes, Earl Martin-Yes, Jay Reynolds-Yes, Tiffany Maiuri abstained (**10/0/1**) passed.
4. **Term Structure – Discussion** – The current members were asked to voluntarily modify their terms to create staggered terms. Commissioner Saviello indicated that in legislature, there is unallocated language. When Title 30-A § 873 passed, Section 4 was not included, which is considered unallocated language. ***Sec. 4. Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee initial terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section***

873, subsection 1, paragraph B, members of the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee serve for 3-year terms, except initially commissioner districts one and 2 shall select one member for a one-year term and one member for a 2-year term, commissioner districts 3 and 4 shall select one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term and commissioner district 5 shall select one member for a one-year term and one member for a 3-year term.

Districts/Terms breakdown:

District 1:

Tiffany Mauiri – 2 year term

Dean Collins – 1 year term

Michael Wells – 1 year term

District 2:

Dennis O’Neil – 1 year term

Richard Morton – 2 year term

District 3:

Rupert Pratt – 2 year term

Janet White – 3 year term

District 4:

Jay Reynolds – 2 year term

Morgan Dunham – 3 year term

District 5:

Earl Martin – 1 year term

LeeAnn Dalessandro - 3 year term

- 5. Opening Comments from Chairperson** – The Chair discussed the meeting protocols and indicated that the meetings would be streamed by Mt. Blue T.V. and via: Zoom
- 6. Review of Budget processes and procedures under MRSA 30-A, Article 9** – The Chair went over the statutes and expectation for the meetings as set forth under MRSA § 30-A.
- 7. Scheduling of next meeting and tentative schedule for following meetings** – The next meeting will be April 23, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Follow-up meeting will be April 30, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Other Business – Committee members requested materials to review prior to the next meeting

8. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 5:32p.m.: Rupert Pratt/Dennis O'Neil (11/0).

A recording is available for this meeting.