



Welcome to the  
*Borough of Bogota*

Bergen County, New Jersey

Minutes  
Open Session

Borough Hall Council Chambers  
375 Larch Ave, Bogota, NJ 07603

October 24, 2025  
10:00 Am



## **BOROUGH OF BOGOTA EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fede called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

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### **II. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of this emergency meeting was provided by posting on the Borough website, the Borough Hall bulletin board, and by notifying the official newspapers of the Borough on October 23, 2025.

#### **Statement Regarding Nature of Emergency:**

The previously approved fireworks vendor for the October 25, 2025 fireworks display at Oscar E. Olsen Park (Fireworks Extravaganza) is unable to perform, requiring immediate approval of a replacement vendor to comply with N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 before the scheduled event date.

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### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Borough Administrator O'Malley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### IV. ROLL CALL

**Present:**

- Mayor Fede
- Council President Kohles
- Councilmember McHale
- Councilmember Mitchell

**Absent:**

- Councilmember Carpenter
- Councilmember Hordern
- Councilmember Vergara

**Also Attending:**

- Borough Administrator O'Malley
  - Borough Attorney William Betesh
  - Borough Clerk Yenlys Flores-Bolivar
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#### V. CITIZEN REMARKS

Motion to open public comment by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember McHale.

**Vote:** All in favor – Aye.

Seeing no members of the public wishing to be heard, motion to close public comment by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember McHale.

**Vote:** All in favor – Aye.

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#### X. CONSENT AGENDA

**A. Resolutions**

**Resolution 2025-213** – Authorizing Fireworks Display at Oscar E. Olsen Park on October 25, 2025 – Replacement Vendor

A Resolution of the Borough of Bogota superseding Resolution 2025-226, authorizing a fireworks display by Celebration Fireworks, Inc. on October 25, 2025 at Oscar E. Olsen Park in accordance with N.J.S.A. 21:3-3.

**Motion** to approve by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember McHale.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Council President Kohles – Yes
- Councilmember McHale – Yes
- Councilmember Mitchell – Yes

**Motion carried.**

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**XI. SECOND CITIZEN REMARKS**

Motion to open public comment by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember McHale.

**Vote:** All in favor – Aye.

Seeing no members of the public wishing to be heard, motion to close public comment by Councilmember McHale, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell.

**Vote:** All in favor – Aye.

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**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember McHale, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell.

**Vote:** All in favor – Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.

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**Respectfully submitted,**



Yenlys Flores-Bolivar  
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION # 2025-226****DATE: 10-24-2025**

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
L. Kohles			✓				
C. Carpenter							✓
W. Hordern							✓
P. McHale		✓	✓				
J. Mitchell	✓		✓				
D. Vergara							✓
Mayor D. Fede (Tie Vote Only)							

**AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT OSCAR E. OLSEN PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Bogota Board of Education (hereinafter the “BOE”) seeks to host a fireworks display on October 25, 2025 at Oscar E. Olsen Park in the Borough of Bogota; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 requires that the governing body approve all fireworks displays that are held within its municipal borders; and,

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2025-213 was adopted by the Borough Council at its regularly scheduled meeting of October 16, 2025, which approved Fireworks Extravaganza of Paramus New Jersey as the fireworks operator of this event; and,

**WHEREAS**, on the evening of October 22, 2025, an email was sent from Fireworks Extravaganza canceling their contract with the BOE; and,

**WHEREAS**, the BOE has signed a contract with Celebration Fireworks, Inc. of Slatington, Pennsylvania to be the new fireworks operator for this event (License/Permit # 8-PA-077-51-8C-01399); and,

**WHEREAS**, a Fireworks Permit Application was completed and permit fee paid, since Oscar E. Olsen Park is located on Borough property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the fireworks will be discharged from the softball field at Oscar E. Olsen Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Bogota is a member of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, which had waived the requirement that a bond be posted for such events, following a Bulletin posted on or about May 1, 2012; and,

**WHEREAS**, Celebration Fireworks, Inc. has furnished the Borough with a certificate of insurance in a form and with amounts acceptable to the Borough’s Risk Manager; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Bogota Police Chief, the Bogota Fire Chief and the Borough Fire Marshal had inspected the fireworks discharge location with a representative of Celebration Fireworks, Inc., and determined that this location would not be hazardous to property or endanger any person, as required under N.J.S.A. 21:3-3; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Fire Department will provide fire protection at the launch site, an incident action plan has been prepared and the Hackensack Fire Department has been notified of the event; and,



## RESOLUTION # 2025-226

DATE: 10-24-2025

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Fire Marshal has advised that proper notifications were made to the U.S. Coast Guard, the FAA, Teterboro Air Traffic Control and the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety; and,

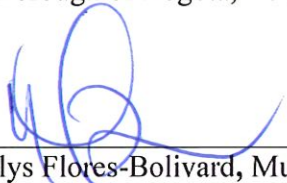
**WHEREAS**, Todd Peterson of Celebration Fireworks, Inc. shall be authorized to purchase or otherwise order and receive delivery of any fireworks in connection with this event, and the fireworks used shall consist of 1.4 g PRO firework cakes 2" max; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to amend Resolution #2025-213 to approve the fireworks event hosted by the BOE on October 25, 2025, with Celebration Fireworks, Inc. of Slatington, Pennsylvania as the new fireworks operator.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, that Resolution #2025-213 is hereby amended to approve the fireworks display hosted by the Bogota Board of Education and operated by Celebration Fireworks, Inc. at Oscar E. Olsen Park on October 25, 2025.

### CERTIFICATION

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 10-24-2025.

  
Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk