



Welcome to the
Borough of Bogota

Bergen County, New Jersey

Agenda
Open Session

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

March 19, 2026
7:30 p.m.

BOROUGH OF BOGOTA
Mayor and Council Regular Meeting



Mayor

Daniele Fede

Council President

Lisa Kohles

Councilmember

Consuelo Carpenter

Councilmember

William Hordern

Councilmember

Patrick H. McHale

Councilmember

John Mitchell

Councilmember

Diana Vergara

Borough Administrator

Conall O'Malley

Borough Attorney

William Betesh

Deputy Clerk

Melissa Baque

I. CALL TO ORDER**II. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1, et seq the notice for this meeting's time, date, location, and agenda fulfills the requirements, by sending a copy to the newspapers officially designated for 2026, filing a copy in the Borough Clerk's Office and posting it on the Borough Building bulletin board.

The Borough of Bogota will hold a Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026 to address such matters of business as may be brought before the Mayor and Council. This meeting will be held at Borough Hall Council Chambers, 375 Larch Ave, Bogota, NJ 07603.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**IV. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Fede
Council President Kohles
Councilmember Carpenter
Councilmember Hordern
Councilmember McHale
Councilmember Mitchell
Councilmember Vergara

Also Attending:

Borough Administrator O'Malley
Borough Attorney William Betesh
Deputy Borough Clerk Melissa Baque

V. CITIZEN REMARKS

One (5) minute time limit per person.

VI. 2026 BUDGET INTRODUCTION**• INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES*****First reading to be consider prior to Budget Introduction***

Ordinance 1656 – Cost of Living “COLA” – Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget cost of living allowance and to establish a cap bank.

• RESOLUTION***Budget Resolution to be Voted on Separately***

2026-91 Introduction of the 2026 CY Budget

VII. DISCUSSION

1. Memorial Day

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

X. PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance 1655 – 2026 Salary Ranges for Certain Non-Union and Supervisory Personnel

XI. CONSENT AGENDA**A. Resolutions**

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature by Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

2026-92 Approving LED Message Board/ Light Sign – Bogota Community Rec Center Project - KC Sign and Awnings LLC (KC Signs)

2026-93 Approving LED Message Board/ Light Sign – Bogota Borough – KC Sign and Awnings LLC (KC Signs)

2026-94 Approving Hiring of Municipal Clerk – Scott Devlin

2026-95 Approving Hiring of Public Communications Manager – Scott Devlin

2026-96 Approving Hiring of Grant Reporting Assistant – Scott Devlin

2026-97 Transfer Appropriation Reserves

2026-98 Extending the 2026 Temporary Budget

B. Resolutions to be Voted Separately

- PC26-05 Payment of Claims

C. Approvals

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2026
2. Closed Session Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2026
3. May 31st – Olsen Park, ARC Walk – Registration begins at 9:30 AM – Walk begins at 10:30 AM
4. Approve Outdoor Cafe – Nataly’s Kitchen – 296 Palisade Ave – April 1st – October 1st

XII. CEREMONIES

1. Award Junior Cheer Lady Bucs Certificates
2. Swearing-in Borough Clerk

XIII. 2ND CITIZEN REMARKS

One five (5) minute time limit per person

XIII. REPORT

Five (5) minute time limit

- Mayor Fede
- Council President Kohles
- Councilwoman Carpenter
- Councilman Hordern
- Councilman McHale
- Councilman Mitchell
- Councilwoman Vergara
- Administrator O'Malley
- Borough Attorney William Betesh
- Deputy Clerk Melissa Baque

XIV. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Borough reserves the right to return to Open Session and, if appropriate, take official action. Authorizing Meeting Not Open to the Public, Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12

- 2026-99C – Closed Session: Litigation

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda is subject to change.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on Thursdays beginning at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers, 375 Larch Ave., Bogota, NJ 07603, unless otherwise noted and/or advertised.

Work Session	Regular Mayor and Council Meeting
None	April 23***
None	May 28
None	June 25
None	July 30
None	August 27
None	September 24
None	October 29
None	**November 12
None	December 17