

SPECIAL MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Thursday, July 16, 2026

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
6:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Pereira, Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Choquette, Gomes, Oliver and Roy.

LATE: No one.

ABSENT: Councillors Carney, Lopes and Pemberton.

Council President Pereira called the meeting to order and presided.

Councillor Gomes led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Lopes, to City Council, notifying that he will be unable to attend the Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2026, due to a work-related commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#1167)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Pemberton, to City Council, informing that he will be unable to attend the Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2026, due to a prior business commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#1168)

COMMUNICATION, City Council President Pereira, to City Clerk Farias, calling a SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING on THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SECOND FLOOR, of CITY HALL, for the appointment of an individual to the Board of Assessors, replacing Martin Treadup, who has retired as of June 30, 2026.

Received and Placed on File. (#1169)

NOMINATIONS, for a New Member to the Board of Assessors.

Received and Placed on File. (#1170)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Burgo, submitting the name of Linda M. Morad. as a Nominee to the Board of Assessors.

Received and Placed on File. (#1171)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Choquette, submitting the name of James W. Clark, as a Nominee to the Board of Assessors.

Received and Placed on File. (#1172)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Roy, submitting the name of Richard T. Porteus, Jr., as a Nominee to the Board of Assessors.

Received and Placed on File. (#1173)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Abreu, submitting the name of Carlos Amado, as a Nominee to the Board of Assessors.

Received and Placed on File. (#1174)

The floor was opened for any other nominations of a temporary member to the Board of Assessors. The following nomination was made:

Councillor Baptiste nominated Sean Carney.

The floor was opened to the nominees and applicants, as a temporary member to the Board of Assessors, to address the City Council.

Nominee, Linda M. Morad addressed the City Council Members.

Nominee, James W. Clark addressed the City Council Members.

Nominee, Richard T. Porteus, Jr. addressed the City Council Members.

Nominee, Carlos Amado addressed the City Council Members.

Nominee, Sean Carney addressed the City Council Members.

Applicant, Keinon Carvalho addressed the City Council Members.

Applicant, Holly A. Allison addressed the City Council Members.

Following questions and statements of support by members of the City Council, they proceeded to vote.

Roll Call Nominations Ballot No. 1 was conducted, with the following results recorded:

- Councillor Abreu voted for Carlos Amado.
- Councillor Baptiste voted for Linda M. Morad.
- Councillor Burgo voted for Linda M. Morad.
- Councillor Choquette voted for James W. Clark.
- Councillor Gomes voted for Linda M. Morad.
- Councillor Oliver voted for Linda M. Morad.
- Councillor Pereira voted for Linda M. Morad.
- Councillor Roy voted for Linda M. Morad.

Results from Ballot No. 1:

- Linda M. Morad received six (6) votes.
- Carlos Amado received one (1) vote.
- James W. Clark received one (1) vote.

A majority was achieved on Ballot No. 1.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

JULY 16, 2026

ORDERED, that in accordance with the Code Ordinances, Chapter 10, Section 10-83, **Linda M. Morad** has been nominated and elected to fill the vacancy temporarily until the first Monday in January following the next regular Municipal Election.

Adopted – Yeas 6, Nays 2 (Councillors Abreu and Choquette OPPOSED.)

Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 8, Nays 0. (#1175)

Linda M. Morad was sworn in as a temporary member of the Board of Assessors by City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council Dennis W. Farias.

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

DENNIS W. FARIAS, CITY CLERK/
CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL