

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 20, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**

*REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY*

**Dukes County Commissioners Present:** Christine Todd – Chair;; R. Peter Wharton; Tristan Israel, Leon Brathwaite, Keith Chatinover

John Cahill – Vice Chair

**Other County Officials Present:** Martina Thornton – Dukes County Manager and Paulo DeOliveira – Register of Deeds, Bruce Montrose – Veterans Services Officer, Suzanne Jakel – Assistant to County Manager, Ann Metcalf – County Treasurer, .... 408-6552528

**Others Present:** Louisa Hufstader – MV Gazette, Lucas Thors – MV Times

**Christine Todd called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.**

Minutes – 9-15-2021 postponed to the next meeting.

DC Regional Housing Authority Board – appointment of Associate member to represent the tenants – Arrielle Reid Faria

This is to affirm vote taken at meeting on September 15, 2021.

**Tristan/Peter appointment of Arrielle Reid Faria as Associate member to represent the tenants on the DC Regional Housing Authority Board. Leon Brathwaite aye, Tristan Israel aye, R. Peter Wharton aye, Keith Chatinover aye and Christine Todd aye.**

DC Vaccination Policy

Martina introduces the proposed policy as drafted based on Town of West Tisbury policy and reviewed by the county counsel. Tristan read the Preamble to the policy as prepared by the county counsel.

**Tristan/Peter moved to adopt the proposed policy with the preamble of mandating vaccinations as proposed. Discussion followed.** Martina explained that she proposes that the county counsel review the applications for exemption and make determination. If exemption is granted the County Manager would work with department head to figure out what would be reasonable accommodations in a particular case. Several questions and concerns were raised.

**John withdrew the motion. Tristan withdrew his second.**

**Tristan/Peter moved to adopt the proposed policy with the preamble of mandating vaccinations as amended (changing “Courthouse” to “DC Registry of Deeds” and adding**

**that this policy applies to any new hires).** Discussion followed. Paulo asked what will happen if an employee does not comply with the policy. It was stated that it would be viewed as insubordination to county policy. The policy for now is without any end date.

**So voted. Tristan Israel – yes, Don Leopold – yes, R. Peter Wharton – yes, Leon Brathwaite – yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.**

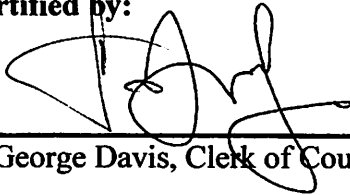
Public Comment- Ms. Hufstader wanted to confirm that this policy will apply to 24 people. Martina confirmed that.

**Leon/Tristan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. So voted. R. Peter Wharton aye, Tristan Israel aye, and Christine Todd aye. Motion carries.**

**The Dukes County Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM.**

**The next Dukes County Commissioners Meeting is on Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4:30 PM.**

**Certified by:**



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T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

**Documents presented at the meeting and part of the official record:**

- Meeting Agenda
- Vaccination Policy draft 9-20-2021, preamble, medical form and memo