



# City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Zoning and Building Appeals

*Paul Benson  
Paul D. Bryson  
Mike Burmeister  
Lorne Eisen  
Obie Stillwell*

*Jeremy A. VanMeter, Clerk of Council*

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Thursday, February 26, 2026

6:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

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**A. OATH OF OFFICE: Administered by Hon. Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor**

**Lorne Eisen, Seat 2 (Term 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2028)**

**Note: Paul Benson, Seat 1 (Term 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2028) was sworn-in 1/21/2026**

Mayor Jadwin welcomed those in attendance. She explained that she typically did not preside over Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meetings but chaired the organizational meeting until the Board elected a chair. Mayor Jadwin then administered the oath of office to Lorne Eisen for a new term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028. Following the oath, she thanked Mr. Eisen for his service.

**B. CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call**

*Board of Zoning & Building Appeals met for its Organizational Meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026, in Council Chambers. Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board Member Paul Bryson led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was published on Friday, February 20, 2026.*

**Present** 4 - Michael Burmeister, Paul Bryson, Lorne Eisen, and Paul Benson

**Absent** 1 - Obie Stillwell

**C. ELECTION OF CHAIR:**

- 1. Open Nominations**
- 2. Close Nominations and Elect Chair**
- 3. Mayor Jadwin turns over meeting to Chair**

Mayor Jadwin opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for 2026. Board Member Burmeister nominated Lorne Eisen for the position. Mayor Jadwin closed

nominations after hearing no additional nominations.

**A motion was made by Bryson, seconded by Benson, to elect Lorne Eisen as Chair of the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Burmeister, Bryson, Eisen and Benson

**Absent:** 1 - Stillwell

**D. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:**

- 1. Open Nominations**
- 2. Close Nominations and Elect Vice Chair**

Chair Eisen thanked the Board and opened nominations for Vice Chair. Board Member Burmeister nominated Paul Bryson for Vice Chair. Mr. Bryson accepted the nomination. With no further nominations, Chair Eisen closed nominations and asked for a motion.

**A motion was made by Benson, seconded by Burmeister, to elect Paul Bryson as Vice Chair of the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Burmeister, Bryson, Eisen and Benson

**Absent:** 1 - Stillwell

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

[2026-0020](#)

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Chair Eisen asked for approval of the meeting minutes for a case known as BZA-0002-2025, which involved a hearing regarding a pool house at a residential property that took place in October 2025.

**A motion was made by Burmeister, seconded by Bryson, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Burmeister, Bryson, Eisen and Benson

**Absent:** 1 - Stillwell

**F. ADJOURNMENT:**

*With no further business before the Board, Chair Eisen adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.*

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Jeremy A. VanMeter  
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the Board of Zoning and Building  
Appeals, this  
day of 2026.*

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Lorne Eisen

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