

BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH

RESOLUTION 2026-19

PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT APPOINTMENT FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mayor Gubitosi offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services for a **Public Defender** for the calendar year 2026 pursuant to provisions **N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5**; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has, through the non-fair and open process, publicly advertised for a Request for Proposals and Qualifications and said requests for Professional Services were received in the Office of the Municipal Clerk no later than 11:00 a.m. on October 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all proposals received and has determined that the Mayor and Council desires to authorize the execution of a professional services contract between the listed person(s)/firm(s) and the Borough for the year of 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach that:

1. **Clifford Yannone, Esq. of Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham** is hereby appointed the **Borough PublicDefender** and directed to engage the services for a period of one year effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding since the appointments involve members of recognized professions that are registered by law, therefore exempt under **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5**.
3. The Services rendered shall be in compliance with the State of New Jersey.
4. A copy of this resolution and the contract shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk.
5. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the newspaper as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Seconded by Councilperson DeNoble and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DeNoble	X			
Ms. Greenblatt	X			
Mr. Nowicki	X			
Mr. Karp	X			
Mayor Gubitosi	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Erica Kostyz, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body at the January 1, 2026 Council Business Meeting.


Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk