

**Cape Light Compact JPE
Screening Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

The Cape Light Compact JPE Preliminary Screening Committee met on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at 261 Whites Path, Unit 4, South Yarmouth, MA. The meeting was held as a hybrid meeting (in-person and through remote participation) through a Zoom videoconference for members of the Board with audio call-in available for members of the public, pursuant to St. 2025, c. 2, which, among other things, extends the temporary provisions pertaining to remote meetings of public bodies under the Open Meeting Law to June 30, 2027.

Participating In-Person Were:

1. Colin Odell, Chair, Brewster
2. Tom McNellis, Secretary, Eastham
3. Valerie Bell, Harwich
4. David Jacobson, Orleans

Participating Remotely Were:

1. Bill Doherty, Vice-Chair, Bourne Alternate
2. Nicola Blake, West Tisbury

Absent Were:

1. Tim Carroll, Chilmark

Staff:

Melissa Allard, Senior Administrative Coordinator

Public Participants:

None.

Colin Odell called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Public Comment:

No written comments were received in advance of the meeting and no members of the public were present for public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Screening Committee considered the November 6, 2025 and November 18, 2025 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Valerie Bell moved the Committee to accept the minutes and release them, seconded by Nicola Blake.

Bill	Doherty	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Tom	McNellis	Eastham	Yes

Nicola	Blake	West Tisbury	Yes
--------	-------	--------------	-----

Motion carried in the affirmative (5-0-0)

David Jacobson joined the meeting at 1:02PM.

The Screening Committee voted to authorize Tom McNellis to approve the final March 11, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Bill	Doherty	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Tom	McNellis	Eastham	Yes
David	Jacobson	Orleans	Yes
Nicola	Blake	West Tisbury	Yes

Motion carried in the affirmative (6-0-0)

OPEN SESSION VOTE ON ENTRY INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. C. 30A §§21(A) (8) TO DISCUSS MATTERS BELOW, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Colin Odell at 1:04PM moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A s. 21(a)(8) to review executive session meeting minutes from the preliminary screening committee dated November 6, 2025 and November 18, 2025 where the chair had declared that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants, not to return to open session. Seconded by Valerie Bell.

Bill	Doherty	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Tom	McNellis	Eastham	Yes
David	Jacobson	Orleans	Yes
Nicola	Blake	West Tisbury	Yes

Motion carried in the affirmative (6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Allard

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS:

- Meeting Notice/Agenda
- November 6, 2025, Open Session Minutes
- November 18, 2025, Open Session Minutes