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AC Housing Authority names new exec. director

High-rise residents complain about malfunctioning elevators

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ATLANTIC CITY — The Atlantic City Housing Authority is undergoing a leadership change. The authority's Board of Commissioners appointed William

Garrett to lead the agency during its meeting Thursday morning. Garrett replaces Tom Sahlin, who resigned earlier this month, officials said.

Garrett, who is an employee of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, has been an executive



Sahlin

director at a number of troubled agencies, including the Indianapolis Housing Authority, HUD officials said during the meeting.

Federal officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Sahlin said the main reason he stepped down was to establish a better work-life balance.

"When I began my employment at ACHA almost three years ago, I knew that there would be

significant challenges given the overall condition of the agency at that time — but with those challenges came an opportunity to help effectuate a positive change for the residents we serve," Sahlin said in a statement. "I will forever appreciate having had the privilege of working with a group of individuals who care deeply about the well-being of our residents."

Sahlin was appointed executive director in October 2023 after the

authority fired the previous executive director, Matt Doherty.

"While ACHA was able to make many positive strides in almost three years, the work is far from done," Sahlin said.

HUD took over the authority five months ago after determining the local agency could not overcome the issues that had plagued it over the years.

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HEAD COACH VS. CANCER



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Holy Spirit baseball coach Mike Edwards calls a play Wednesday during a game against Buena Regional in Absecon.

Baseball tournament's longtime organizer leading Spirit into battle

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The 14th annual Downbeach Coaches vs. Cancer Classic is even more meaningful for founder Mike Edwards this year.

It will be the first time in the high school baseball event's history that he will be a head coach. Edwards, an Upper Township resident, will lead his alma mater Holy Spirit against Spotswood on Sunday.

That's not all.

Edwards' 10-year-old twin sons,

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Camden and Lincoln, will play in one of the event's two Little League games this weekend. His wife, Ali, and 14-year-old

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daughter Finley will be at the field all weekend to help staff the event.

It all makes Edwards think of his mom, Kathleen Edwards, who died of ovarian cancer in 2004 and is the one of the primary inspirations for the event.

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Atlantic City plants some trees.

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Longtime Press reporter Jackson dies at 63



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There were two things Vincent Jackson knew better than anybody: a happy wife means a happy life, and Prince was one of the all-time greatest musical artists. Jackson, a staff writer for

The Press of Atlantic City who spent 21 years covering entertainment and the last five in the news department, died April 13 in Florida. He was 63.

Over his career, he moved from reviewing concerts by legends like Bruce

Springsteen and Bob Dylan to covering Black Lives Matter protests and municipal meetings.

Those who knew Jackson say his trailblazing spirit still guides how they live.

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DOJ drops Powell probe.

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