

Meeting Minutes of January 20th, 2022

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. In the absent of Chairperson DeAugustine, Vice Chairperson/Secretary Ms. Burgess was in the chair for 2 mins and 45 sec. Chairman DeAugustine joined and continued along with the order of the meeting.

The Executive Director read the following statement:

Pursuant to Section #5, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting has been provided to the public by posting and maintaining the annual notice of the regular meetings of the Joint Meeting on the bulletin board of the Maplewood Municipal Building, by mailing the annual notice of the regular meetings for 2022 to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and to the offices of the Municipal Clerks of the 11 member municipalities of the Joint Meeting and to the City Clerk of the City of Elizabeth and to the County Clerks of the Counties of Essex and Union all on December 22nd, 2021 and provided special notice of the virtual meeting to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and the offices of the Municipal Clerks of the 11 member municipalities of the Joint Meeting and to the City Clerk of the City of Elizabeth and to the County Clerks of the Counties of Essex and Union as published on December 22nd, 2021.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Dafis, Florio, Petrosky, Haskins, DeAugustine, Leneus, Epps, Ramos and Rutherford; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Burgess.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson, Ms. DeFrancis; Messrs. Dowhan, Gonzalez, Barry and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC; R. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck; H. Johnsen, J. Bonaccorso and N. Towers of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC.; Julie Needham of NW Financial; Everett Johnson of Bond Counsel; Sarah Aubrey Selenski of Aubrey Group. Absent: Mr. Phillips.

Director Johnson introduced new board members, Dean Dafis (Maplewood), Bergson Leneus (East Orange), Craig Epps (Hillside) and Tara Prupis (Millburn).

Chairman DeAugustine led the nomination for new Chairperson.

Mr. Florio nominated Mr. Ramos for Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Burgess. All in favor of nomination, nays, none.

Director Johnson led the swearing in of the newly elected Chairperson, Mr. Ramos.

Chairperson, Ramos led the nomination for Vice Chairperson/Secretary.

Mr. Ramos nominated Mr. Florio for Vice Chairperson/Secretary, seconded by Ms. Burgess. All in favor of nomination, nays, none.

Director Johnson led the swearing in of the newly elected Vice Chairperson/Secretary, Mr. Florio.

Chairperson, Ramos led the nomination for Treasurer.

Mr. Ramos nominated Mr. Rutherford for Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Florio. All in favor of nomination, nays, none.

Director Johnson led the swearing in of the newly elected Treasurer, Mr. Rutherford.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Leneus, Amending Designation of Newspapers was adopted. Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Florio, Designation of Banks was adopted. Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Epps, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Bank Signatories was adopted. Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Epps, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none. Abstention; Mr. Leneus.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Mr. Ramos, stated that the Committee met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorizing Grant Writing Services (R-012/22), Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Foley Power System through the National Joint Powers Alliance (R-013/22), Resolution Authorizing Payment for Professionals Following Phase II Closing-Flood Mitigation Project (R-014/22), Resolution Amending Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Non Bacterial Biological Enhancer for Anaerobic Digester Gas Production (R-015/22). Resolution Appointing Temporary Purchasing Agent (R-016/22).

On motion by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution (R-012/22) Awarding Contract to Aubrey Group, LLC was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution (R-013/22) Awarding Contract to Foley Systems through the National Joint Powers Alliance was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-014/22) Authorizing the

Payment of Invoices from Certain Professionals in Connection with the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project and the Construction Financing Program Note Closing with the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-015/22) Amending Contract with JSH International, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering Non Bacterial Biological Enhancer for Anaerobic Digester Gas Production was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Ms. Fox, Resolution (R-016/22), Appointing Hanifa Z. Johnson as the temporary Purchasing Agent was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the Treatment Plant Report, Industrial Pretreatment Report, and Financial Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Epps, the General Counsel Report, (Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC), the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC), the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s) (Hamlin & Ridley, and Antonelli Kantor, P.C. No Report), the Engineering Report, and the CSO Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nay, none.

There was correspondence - A letter was received with a summary of LLOC Enforce Mandate from Hall & Associates. A letter was sent to the City of Elizabeth in regards to their Fourth Quarter Adjustment; and seven (7) Board Member Appointment Letters were received.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Fox, the Correspondence having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matter with a five minute limit. On motion to open public comments by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Ramos. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Rutherford. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-007/22) Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-008/22),

Appreciation to Alicia Holman, Resolution (R-009/22), Appreciation to Donald DeAugustine, Resolution (R-010/22), Appreciation to Victor DeLuca, and Resolution (R-011/22), Appreciation to Richard Wasserman were adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Florio, Rutherford and Epps; nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

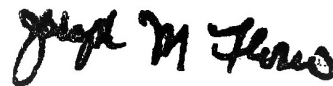
There was no new business.

The Next Meeting is on February 17th, 2022.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the public is permitted to be excluded from a meeting in certain circumstances and the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist as the general nature of the subject matter in closed session was to discuss a presentation of the Iowa League of Cities Eighth Circuit Mandate done by Mr. Elnardo J. Webster - IWWT and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date. On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Ms. Fox at 4:46pm, the Board entered into close session. On motion all in favor, nays, none. On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Rutherford at 5:09pm, the Board exited closed session and opened the meeting back up to the public. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Fox, the meeting then adjourned at 5:11pm to meet again on February 17th, 2022 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph M. Florio".

Joseph M. Florio
Secretary