Board Meeting of December 18, 2025

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson Florio was in the chair.

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 2025 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 January 4th, 2025.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Krakoviak, Petrosky, Florio, and Leneus (joined @ 4:07 pm). Ms. Collum, Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, and Ms. Romano. Absent: Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Hamlet and Mr. Ramos.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. F. Bonaccorso, A. Akinokun, J. Volpe, J. Kelly and L. Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; J. Noble McDonnell Esq., and E. Webster Esq. of Connell Foley LLP; J. Burke Esq. of Antonelli Kantor Rivera; N. Towers, H. Sicknick and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting; David Leun of CDM Smith; Julie Needham of Echo Valley Advisors, LLC; and Everett Johnson of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer.

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Ms. Collum, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Ms. Romano, the Treasurer's report was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The Chairperson asked if there were any questions from the Board or any additions from the staff for the following reports:

Staff Reports –The Treatment Plant, Industrial, Pretreatment, and Financial Reports.

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Ms. Frederic, all Staff Reports having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The Chairperson asked if there were any questions from the Board or any additions from the professionals for the following reports:

Professionals Reports - General Counsel Report, (Connell Foley, LLP), the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Antonelli Kantor Rivera), the Special Conflict and Pretreatment

Violations Counsel Report(s) (Antonelli Kantor Rivera), the Engineering Report (CME Associates), and the CSO Report (CDM Smith).

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, second by Ms. Collum, all Professional Reports having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Director Johnson asked the Board members if there were no questions in regard to the 2026 budget, she would like it to be put up for approval.

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution R-108/25 Approval of 2026 Budget was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, Ms. Romano and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

In the absence of P&P Committee Chair, Mr. Ramos, Chairperson Florio stated that all the P&P Agenda Resolutions (R-109/25 – R-148/25) have been reviewed by the Committee and are recommended for approval by the Board as a part of a consent agenda. A brief explanation of each resolution will be given before the conclusion of this meeting.

The Chairperson read the following the statement:

All agenda items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be non-controversial by the Board and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for separate roll call vote, in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

The following verbal report was given (A brief explanation of each resolution was provided by Director Johnson): Resolution (R-109/25) Annual Notice of Meetings, Resolution (R-110/25) Awarding Contract for General Engineering Services, Resolution (R-111/25) Tabled, Resolution (R-112/25) Awarding Contract for General Counsel, Resolution (R-113/25) Awarding Contract for Labor and Employment Counsel, Resolution (R-114/25) Awarding Contract to Antonelli Kantor Rivera to serve as Pretreatment Violations Counsel, Resolution (R-115/25) Awarding Contract to serve as Special Conflict Counsel, Resolution (R-116/25) Awarding Contract to Suplee, Clooney & Company for Auditing Services, Resolution (R-117/25) Awarding Contract for Insurance Broker Services, Resolution (R-118/25) Awarding Contract for Bond Counsel, Resolution (R-119/25) Awarding Contract for Financial Advisor Services, Resolution (R-120/25) Awarding Contract for Grant Writing Services, Resolution (R-121/25) Awarding Contract to Governance & Fiscal Affairs, LLC for QPA Services, Resolution (R-122/25) Awarding Contract to Kelly and Kairu to serve as Acting Director of Finance and Administration, Resolution (R-123/25) Amending Contract with CME Associates for Additional Construction Administration Services for the Flood Mitigation Facilities Projects – Phase III Main Plant Site Wall, Resolution (R-124/25) Amending Contract with Antonelli Kantor Rivera for Labor and Employment Counsel, Resolution (R-125/25) Amending Contract with Remington and Vernick Engineers (RVE) for Temporary C4 Coverage, Resolution (R-126/25) Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials for 2026, Resolution (R-127/25) Awarding Contract to

All American Sewer Service, Inc. for Providing Cleaning Equipment Rental, CCTV Inspection and Related Services to the JMEUC Wastewater Plant & Sludge Dewatering Facilities on an “As Needed” Basis, Resolution (R-128/25) Awarding Contract to Montana Construction Corporation Inc. for Providing Excavation & Repair Services on an "As Needed" Basis to the JMEUC Trunkline Collection, Manholes & Flow Monitoring Systems, Resolution (R-129/25) Awarding Contract to J. Fletcher Creamer for Providing Excavation & Repair Services on an "As Needed" Basis to the Joint Meeting's Wastewater Treatment Facility & Biosolids Facilities, Resolution (R-130/25) Awarding Contract to Petroleum Traders for Furnishing and Delivering approximately 200,000 Gallons of No. 2 Fuel Oil, Resolution (R-131/25) Awarding Contract to Dave Heiner Associates for Furnishing and Delivering Proprietary Moyno Spare Pump Parts, Resolution (R-132/25) Awarding Contract to Kuehne for Furnishing and Delivering of 15% Sodium Hypochlorite, Resolution (R-133/25) Awarding Contract to Cintas for Furnishing and Delivering New Work Uniforms on a Rental Basis, Resolution (R-134/25) Awarding Contract to Foley Power Systems through Sourcewell, Resolution (R-135/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Cypreco Industries, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Digester Elevator Modernization, Resolution (R-136/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Pumping Services, Inc. for Main Sewage Pump No. 2 Variable Frequency Drive Furnish, Deliver, Install and Start-Up Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. B471-15 & B454-8, Resolution (R-137/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Aurora Environ for Vessel 301 & 302 Replacement Under NJ State Contract # 42274, Resolution (R-138/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Airgas USA, LLC for the Leasing of Gas Cylinders, Welding Supplies and Gases, Resolution (R-139/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Ineltech Corporation for Providing Preventive Maintenance Services, Parts, Repairs and Emergency Repairs for the ANVIC Controllers of MSP1 and MSP3 and the VFD Controllers of MSP2, MSP4 AND MSP5 for 2026, Resolution (R-140/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Foley Inc. for Cogen Engine #1 Parts Under Sourcewell National Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. 092222-CAT, Resolution (R-141/25) Extending Contract to Marubeni America Corporation for Furnishing and Delivering Potassium Permanganate, Resolution (R-142/25) Extending Contract to Catalytic Combustion Corporation for Furnishing and Delivering Exhaust Catalyst Elements, Resolution (R-143/25) Amending the Right of Access Agreement with Croda Inc., Resolution (R-144/25) Cooperative Pricing Purchases for 2026, Resolution (R-145/25) Authorizing the participation in the Financial Incentive Program (SHBP), Resolution (R-146/25) Appointing Nathan N. Rogers as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Year 2026, Resolution (R-147/25) Pay Increase for Non-Union Employees, Resolution (R-148/25) Pay Increase for Board Members.

Ms. Collum asked to be briefed on the general JMEUC bidding process and specifically about R-127-25 and R-130-25.

Mr. Volpe responded in detail with the process in which bidding is conducted at the JMEUC.

Mr. Volpe explained that the budget & finance team are satisfied with the numbers that came in and that it was competitive.

Mr. Krakoviak inquired about the process utilized to choose professional services vendors from year to year, and vet their contract increases.

Mr. Volpe explained that all professional contracts are done in a fair and open process (competitive contracting). An evaluation team reviews, analyzes and scores qualifications/proposals. A recommendation is then given to the P&P committee before moving to the Board. In addition, Mr. Webster further explained that changes in scope of services influences contract increases.

Mr. Krakoviak inquired about how long the existing auditing firm had been retained and suggested that the best practice is to switch the firm at some point. Contractually, the firm is supposed to be different every three (3) years.

Mr. Krakoviak inquired about the Insurance Broker (specifically compensation), and requested that next year the percent compensation approved by the Board and what the Broker will actually receive from the Insurance Company be made public. Ms. Collum agreed this would be good practice.

Chairperson Florio then asked the Board if they had any other questions or concerns for any of the above resolutions. Chairperson Florio then proceeded to ask for a motion and a second.

On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Collum, Resolutions (R-109/25 – R-148/25) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Mr. Krakoviak, Resolution (R-111/25) was tabled. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-107/25) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

There was no correspondence.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to go into public comment. On motion to open public comments by Ms. Adams and Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the public comment portion of the meeting was opened. The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matters with a five-minute limit. Hearing no one, the public comment session was declared closed. The Chairperson asked for a motion to close public comment. On motion to close public comment by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Collum and Mr. Petrosky. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, Next Meeting date is January 15, 2026.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Frederic and Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Adams, the meeting then adjourned at 4:51 pm. The next meeting scheduled is January 15, 2026, unless the Chair provides other notice. On motion all in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Joseph M. Florio