Board Meeting of February 20th, 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. Petrosky, Leneus, Ramos, Krakoviak and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Collum (joined @ 4:12pm), Ms. Frederic (joined at 4:18pm) and Ms. Hamlet (joined at 5:12pm).

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Akinokun, Kelly, Volpe, Kairu, Phillips and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster, Esq., J. Noble, Esq. of Connell Foley LLP; J. Burke, Esq. of Antonelli Kantor Rivera; H. Johnsen, N. Towers and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting; Julie Needham of Echo Valley Advisors; David Leun of CDM Smith, and Robert C. Scrivo of Mandelbaum Barrett PC.

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

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

In accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975, permitting the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and as the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist as the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is **Employees/Personnel** and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date. On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Bonanno, the Board entered into close session at 4:12pm. On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the Board exited closed session at 5:15 pm and opened back up meeting to the public.

Ms. Needham gave a brief explanation on the Financial Overview of Capital Projects 2025-2028 to the Board Members and answered any questions or concerns Board Members may have had.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Mr. Krakoviak, the Treatment Plant Report, the Industrial Pretreatment Report, the 2024 Clean Water Enforcement Report, the Financial Report and the Financing Overview of Capital Projects 2025-2028 having been mailed to the Board members and were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Krakoviak, the 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) having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There were correspondences in the form of Board Member Appointment Letters from East Orange, Hillside and West Orange.

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. Collum, seconded by Mr. Ramos, the public comment portion of the meeting was opened. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Frederic. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chairman Ramos stated that the Committee met, discussed, and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution (R-021/25) Authorizing 2025 Committee Appointments, Resolution (R-022/25) Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Reject Bids and to Negotiate a Contract for Dewatering Elevator Replacement/Modernization Project, Resolution (R-023/25) Authorization to Award a Contract Through Negotiations to West End-KB Builders and Developers for Dewatering Elevator Replacement/Modernization Project, Resolution (R-024/25), Authorization to Award Proprietary Bid to Alfa Laval for Repairing and Delivering (1) One Alfa Laval Centrifuge Rotating Assembly, Resolution (R-025/25), Authorization to Award a Contract to Koester Associates for Furnishing and Delivering Digester Heat Exchanger Parts, Resolution (R-026/25) Authorization to Award a Contract to Norit Americas Inc. for Cogeneration Facility Supply and Delivery of Activated Carbon Media for Hydrogen Sulfide Removal for Vessels # 301/302, Resolution (R-027/25) Authorization to Award a Purchase Order to United Fire Protection Corporation for Thickener Fire Alarm Panel Relocation, Resolution (R-028/25) Authorization to Award a Purchase Order to JVS Industrial and Commercial Contractors, Inc. for Aeration Tank New Agitator Fabrication, Resolution (R-029/25) Authorization to Award a Purchase Order to Circuit Breaker Sales NE (A Group CBS Company) for Cogen 4.16KV 1200A Recondition/Repair, Resolution (R-030/25) Authorizing Change Order No. 1 with Anselmi & Decicco, Inc. for Phase II (Co-Generation Upgrade) of the FEMA Flood Mitigation Project, Resolution (R-031/25) Amending Contract with H2M Architect & Engineering Services for Bidding Support and Construction Administration for

the Elevator Modernization/Replacement Project in the Sewer Digester Plant Building, Resolution (R-032/25) Authorizing Execution Administrative Compliance Agreement with The State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Resolution (R-033/25) Amending Resolution R-005-25 Adding Additional Financial Institution, Resolution (R-034/25) Approving Employment Agreement for Executive Director.

Chairman Florio reads the consent agenda to move the following Resolutions as a group: Resolution (R-021/25) 2025 Committee Appointments, Resolution (R-022/25) Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Reject Bids and to Negotiate a Contract for Dewatering Elevator Replacement/Modernization Project, Resolution (R-023/25) Awarding Contract Through Negotiations to West End-KB Builders and Developers for Dewatering Elevator Replacement/Modernization Project, Resolution (R-024/25) Awarding the Proprietary Bid to Alfa Laval for Repairing and Delivering (1) One Alfa Laval Centrifuge Rotating Assembly, Resolution (R-025/25) Awarding Contract to Koester Associates for Furnishing and Delivering Digester Heat Exchanger Parts, Resolution (R-026/25) Awarding a Contract to Norit Americas Inc. for Cogeneration Facility Supply and Delivery of Activated Carbon Media for Hydrogen Sulfide Removal for Vessels # 301/302, Resolution (R-027/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to United Fire Protection Corporation for Thickener Fire Alarm Panel Relocation, Resolution (R-028/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to JVS Industrial and Commercial Contractors, Inc. for Aeration Tank New Agitator Fabrication, Resolution (R-029/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Circuit Breaker Sales NE (A Group CBS Company) for Cogen 4.16KV 1200A Recondition/Repair, Resolution (R-030/25) Authorizing Change Order No. 1 with Anselmi & Decicco, Inc. for Phase II (Co-Generation Upgrade) of the FEMA Flood Mitigation Project, Resolution (R-031/25) Amending Contract with H2M Architect & Engineering Services for Bidding Support and Construction Administration for the Elevator Modernization/Replacement Project in the Sewer Digester Plant Building, Resolution (R-032/25) Authorizing Execution Administrative Compliance Agreement with The State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Resolution (R-033/25) Amending Resolution R-005-25 Adding Additional Financial Institution and Resolution (034/25) Approving Employment Agreement for Executive Director.

On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Collum, Resolutions (R-021/25), (R-022/25), (R-023/25), (R-024/25), (R-025/25), (R-026/25), (R-027/25), (R-028/25), (R-029/25), (R-030/25), (R-031/25), (R-032/25), (R-033/25) and (R-034/25) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Ramos, Krakoviak and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, and Ms. Hamlet; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Bonanno & Mr. Krakoviak, Resolution (R-020/25) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Ramos, Krakoviak and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, and Ms. Hamlet; nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on March 20, 2025

There being no further business on motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the meeting then adjourned at 5:59 pm to meet again on March 20, 2025, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.