Board Meeting of January 16th, 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. Collum, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Hamlet and Ms. Frederic (joined at 4:05pm).

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Akinokun, Kelly, Barry, 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; N. Towers and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting; Julie Needham of Echo Valley Advisors; David Leun of CDM Smith; Everett Johnson of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer and Nathan Burroughs of Taurus Advisory Group.

Director Johnson Introduced new board members, Lisa Bonanno (Hillside), Delia Hamlet (Summit) and Joe Krakoviak (West Orange).

Mr. Webster led the re-nominations for Chairperson (R-001/25), Vice Chairperson /Secretary (R-002/25) and Treasurer (R-003/25) for a second term.

The nominations for Chairperson (R-001/25), Vice Chairperson/Secretary (R-002/25) and Treasurer (R-003/25) were moved as a group. On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Bonanno, the re-nominations for a second term for Chairperson (R-001/25), Vice Chairperson/Secretary (R-002/25) and Treasurer (R-003/25) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Ramos, Krakoviak and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Hamlet and Ms. Bonanno; nays, none.

Director Johnson led the swearing-in for the returning elected Chairperson, Vice Chairperson/Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-004/25) Designation of Newspaper was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Bonanno & Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-005/25) Designation of Banks was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Adams, Resolution (R-006/25) Bank Signatories was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Adams, Resolution (R-007/25) Cash Management Plan was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Adams, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none. Abstentions: Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Hamlet and Mr. Krakoviak.

On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Romano, the Treasurer's report was adopted. 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-012/25) Rejecting all bids for Cogeneration Facility Supply and Delivering of Activated Carbon Media for Hydrogen Sulfide Removal for Vessel 301/302, Resolution (R-013/25) Providing Dewatering Facility Elevator Yearly Maintenance Under Union Cooperative Purchasing Contract BA# 10-2021, Resolution (R-014/25) Providing Digester Recirculation Pump Parts under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. B414-18, Resolution (R-016/25) C.O. Miscellaneous Building Rehabilitation and Final Close Out of the Project, Resolution (R-015/25) Extending Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Dry Bulk Polymer, Resolution (R-018/25) Authorizing a Contract to Taurus Advisory Group, LLC for Energy Agent and Procurement Consultant Services.

Chairman Florio requested to vote the following Resolutions as a group: Resolution (R-012/25) Rejecting All Bids Submitted for Cogeneration Facility Supply and Delivering of Activated Carbon Media for Hydrogen Sulfide Removal for Vessel 301/302, Resolution (R-013/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Kone, Inc. for Dewatering Facility Elevator Yearly Maintenance Under Union Cooperative Purchasing Contract Ba# 10-2021, Resolution (R-014/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Rapid Pump & Meter Services Co. for Digester Recirculation Pump Parts Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. B414-18, Resolution (R-016/25) Authorizing Change Order No. 1 with Anselmi & Decicco, Inc. for Miscellaneous Building Rehabilitation and Final Close Out of the Project, Resolution (R-015/25) Extending Contract to Polydyne Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Dry Bulk Polymer, Resolution (R-018/25) Authorizing a Contract to Taurus Advisory Group, LLC for Energy Agent and Procurement Consultant Services. On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolutions (R-012/25), (R-013/25), (R-014/25), (R-016/25), (R-015/25) and (R-018/25) 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. Romano, the Treatment Plant Report, the Industrial Pretreatment Report, the Financial Report and 2025 Annual Assessment Report having

been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Romano, 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 Maplewood, Millburn, Roselle Park, Summit, Union and West Orange. On motion by Ms. Bonanno, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the correspondences in the form of Board Member Appointment Letters were adopted. 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. Romano, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, 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. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Romano. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Bonanno, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-008/25) 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.

On motion by Ms. Hamlet, seconded by Mr. Krakoviak, Resolutions (R-010/25) Appreciation to Gregory Vartan and (R-011/25) Appreciation to Bill Rutherford were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-009/25) 2025 First Quarter Assessment 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.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Romano & Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-019/25) Authorizing the Executive Director to sign Energy Supply Contracts with winning bidders in the Online Energy Auctions for 2025 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.

On motion by Ms. Bonanno, seconded by Ms. Romano & Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-017/25) Appreciation to Robert Rios 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. Romano, seconded by Ms. Adams, the Board entered into close session at 4:37pm. On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Florio, the Board exited closed session at 5:29 pm and opened back up meeting to the public.

There was no unfinished business.

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

There being no further business on motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Adams, the meeting then adjourned at 5:31 pm to meet again on February 20, 2025, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.