Board Meeting of March 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, Ramos, Krakoviak, Florio and Leneus (joined @4:04pm); Ms. Adams, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Collum, and Ms. Frederic (joined at 4:16pm).

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Akinokun, Kairu, Phillips and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; 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, and Everett Johnson of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer.

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

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Bonanno, 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-036/25) Authorizing 2025 Second Quarter Assessment, Resolution (R-037/25) Authorizing Amending Contract with Colliers Engineering & Design for Planning and Design Engineering Services for the Primary Settling Tank Upgrades, Resolution (R-038/25) Authorizing Amending Contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers for Planning and Design Engineering Services related to the Digester No. 3 Rehabilitation, Resolution (R-039/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Exchanger, Inc. for Providing S/N: 0807-B10556 Replacement Parts, Resolution (R-040/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Motion Industries Inc. for Primary Tank Cross Collector Gearbox/Motors under Sourcewell Contract # 091422-MII, Resolution (R-041/25) Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Several Loan Agreements and Further Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Several Escrow Agreements, All Pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2025 New Jersey Water Bank Construction Financing Program for the permanent financing of the 2019 CIP.

The Chairman then asked if there were any questions from the Board or any additions from the staff and professionals to the following reports:

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

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). There were no questions from the Board and no additions from the staff, or professionals.

The Board opted to vote on Staff and Professional Reports and Resolutions by consent agenda.

The Chairman read the following statement:

All 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 member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for a 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 Executive Director provided explanations for Resolutions (R-036/25) – (R-041/25).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Romano, all Staff and Professional Reports having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed, and Resolutions (R-036/25) – (R-041/25) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Ramos, Krakoviak and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, Ms. Romano, and Ms. Bonanno; nays, none

On motion by Ms. Bonanno, seconded by Ms. Collum, Resolution (R-035/25) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Ramos, Krakoviak and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, Ms. Romano and Ms. Bonanno; nays, none.

There was no correspondence.

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 Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Collum, 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 Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Petrosky. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on April 17, 2025

There being no further business on motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Romano, the meeting then adjourned at 4:21 pm to meet again on April 17, 2025, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.