Board Meeting of October 16, 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. Ramos, Krakoviak, Petrosky, Florio and Leneus (joined @ 4:06 pm); Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Collum, Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano and Ms. Hamlet. Absent: Ms. Adams

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. F. Bonaccorso, A. Akinokun, J. Kelly and L. Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; J. Noble McDonnell 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, Julie Needham of Echo Valley Advisors, David Leun of CDM Smith.

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Ms. Frederic, 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 Chairman 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 Ms. Romano, second by Ms. Collum, 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 Chairman 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 Ms. Romano, 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.

P&P Committee Chair Ramos stated that all the P&P Agenda Resolutions (R-089/25 – R-094/25) 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 Chairman 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 was further discussion of prior to the vote upon request of the Chairman was removed for further discussion and a separate roll call vote 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-089/25) Amending Contract to CME Associates for General Engineering, Resolution (R-090/25) Awarding Contract to Remington and Vernick Engineers (RVE) for Temporary C4 Coverage, Resolutions (R-091/25) Awarding Contract to CDM Smith for Professional Engineering Services for CSO Support Services – Final 2025 NJPDES Permit, Resolution (R-092/25) Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials --- Laboratory Building Elevator Repair, Resolution (R-093/25) BLANK, Resolution (R-094/25) Amending Contract with Foley Power System through Sourcewell.

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

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Collum, Resolutions (R-089/25 – R-094/25) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Romano, Ms. Collum and Ms. Hamlet; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Collum, Resolution (R-088/25) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Collum and Ms. Hamlet; nays, none.

There was correspondence for the Elizabeth Third Quarter Adjustment Bill.

The Chairperson asked for a motion to go into public comment. On motion to open public comments by Mr. Ramos, 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. Romano. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

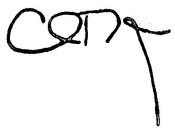
There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, Next Meeting date is November 13, 2025, and League of Municipalities (November 18-20, 2025) & AEA Conference (November 17-18, 2025).

Mr. F. Bonaccorso gave a brief description of what the AEA conference is to the Board.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Bonanno, seconded by Ms. Romano, the meeting then adjourned at 4:28 pm. The next meeting scheduled is November 13, 2025, unless the Chair provides other notice. On motion all in favor to adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary
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