Board Meeting of September 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. Ramos, Krakoviak, Petrosky, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Adams, Ms. Frederic and Ms. Hamlet. Absent: Ms. Collum, and Ms. Romano

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Akinokun, Kairu, Volpe, and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster, Esq. of Connell Foley LLP; S. Ram, 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 and Phil LiVecchi of PLG Consulting.

On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the minutes of the last meeting (June 26,2025) were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Adams, the Treasurer's report for (July, August & September Packets) 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 staff for the following reports:

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

On motion by Ms. Bonanno, second by Mr. Ramos, all Staff Reports for (July, August & September Packets) 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 Mr. Ramos & Mr. Krakoviak, second by Ms. Frederic, all Professional Reports for (July, August & September Packets), having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Director Johnson announced that she will be sending out an email to the Budget & Finance Committee members with various dates to meet as soon as the week of October 6, 2025.

Director Johnson requested that Mr. Webster give a brief explanation of the full "Status Overview of Capital Projects" reports that was provided in the Board meeting packet.

Mr. Webster expressed to the Board Members that their finance representative can contact the team if they need further explanations or clarifications on the report.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-074/25) Awarding Contract to CME Associates for Co-Generation Maintenance Platforms – Planning & Design, NJIB Project Report & Permitting and Construction Administration was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, and Ms. Hamlet; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-075/25) Amending Contract with CME Associates for Effluent Pumping Station – Phase I – Construction Administration was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, and Ms. Hamlet; nays, none.

Chairman Florio asked Director Johnson to read the consent agenda statement on his behalf.

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 (R-074/25 & R-075/25) prior to the vote upon request of the Chairman. (R-074/25 & R-075/25) 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-073/25) Fourth Quarter of 2025 Assessment, Resolution (R-076/25) Authorizing the Payment of Invoices from Certain Professionals in Connection with the 2025 Capital Improvement Program Note Closing with The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, Resolution (R-077/25) Awarding a Contract to ADS Environmental Services for Providing Wastewater Flow Meter & Rain Guage Replacement, Maintenance, Repair & Calibration Service, Resolution (R-078/25) Awarding Contract to Spectraserv Inc. for Digester No. 2 Cleanout, Resolution (R-079/25) Awarding the Proprietary Bid to Komline–Sanderson Corp. for Furnishing & Delivering Gravity Belt Spare Parts, Resolution (R-080/25) Rejecting All Bids for Digester Elevator Modernization, Resolution (R-081/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Grant Engineering & Construction Group, LLC for providing Bar Screen Structural Repair in the Screen House Facility, Resolution (R-082/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Peaker

Services, Inc. for Providing Cogen E6 Module Replacement & Update, Resolution (R-083/25) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Preferred Local Government for Providing Fire Hydrant System Assessment, Resolution (R-084/25) Extending Contract with Polydyne, Inc. for Providing and Delivering Aqueous Control Solutions for Struvite Control, Resolution (R-085/25) Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to Office of New Jersey State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, Resolution (R-086/25) Authorizing Adjustment to Bid Threshold Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(c) From $44,000 to $53,000.

Chairman Florio then asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns for any of the above resolutions.

Mr. Krakoviak responded by asking for clarifications on the distribution of the capital fees as West Orange was not on the list for reimbursement and it was explained by Ms. Needham that West Orange paid their assessment in cash, did not borrow from the IBank and therefore, was not due for a reimbursement.

Chairman Florio then proceeded and asked for a motion and a second.

On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolutions (R-073/25), (R-076/25 – R-087/25) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, Ms. Bonanno and Ms. Hamlet; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-071/25) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, and Ms. Hamlet; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Krakoviak, seconded by Ms. Adams, Resolution (R-072/25) Memorializing the Executive Director's Authority to Pay All Bills Incurred Between June 27 Through August 21, 2025, were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Krakoviak, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Adams, and Ms. Hamlet; nays, none.

There were correspondences in the form of a member appointment letter from the City of Newark and the Elizabeth Second Quarter Adjustment.

Chairman Florio asked Director Johnson to continue with the items on the meeting's agenda.

The Vice Chairperson asked for a motion to go into public comment. On motion to open public comments by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Adams, the public comment portion of the meeting was opened. The Vice 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 Vice Chairperson asked for a motion to close public comment. On motion to close public comment by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Frederic and Ms. Adams. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

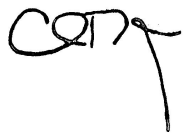
There was no closed session.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, Next Meeting date is October 16, 2025, and a facility tour with Board Members will be on September 23, 2025.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Adams, the meeting then adjourned at 4:46 pm. The next meeting scheduled is October 16, 2025, unless the Chair provides other notice. On motion all in favor to adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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