Board Meeting of March 19, 2026

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson Ramos 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 2026 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 December 26, 2025.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Petrosky, Serruto, Crisafulli, Florio, Joyner, Leneus and Ramos. Ms. Frederic and Ms. Adams. Absent: Ms. Collum and Mr. Krakoviak.

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

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Serruto, February 19, 2026, minutes were adopted. On motion, all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the Treasurer's report was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The Chairperson 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 Mr. Petrosky, second by Ms. Frederic, 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 Chairperson 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. Adams, second by Mr. Petrosky, 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 stated that all the P&P Agenda Resolutions (R-029/26 – R-041/26) 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.

Chairperson Ramos read the following statement:

All agenda 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 a member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for 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 following verbal report was given (A brief explanation of each resolution was provided by Director Johnson): Resolution (R-029/26) 2026 Second Quarter Assessment, Resolution (R-030/26) Amending Contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers to Provide Professional Engineering Services for Collection System including Class C-4 Temporary Licensed Operator Services, Resolution (R-031/26) Amending Contract with Echo Valley Advisors, LLC for Financial Advisory Services, Resolution (R-032/26) Awarding the Bid and Authorizing a Contract to CAP Elevator, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering Laboratory Elevator Repair, Resolution (R-033/26) Awarding the Bid and Authorizing a PO to Dave Heiner Associates, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Hypo Pump Parts, Resolution (R-034/26) Awarding the Bid and Authorizing a Contract to CarbUSA LLC for Cogeneration Facility Supply and Delivery of Activated Carbon Media for Hydrogen Sulfide Removal for Vessels 301/302, Resolution (R-035/26) Authorizing a PO to Endress+Hauser C/O Eastern Controls, Inc. for Digester Tanks Gas Flow Meters Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing Contract B445-14, Resolution (R-036/26) Authorizing a PO to Cintas Fire Protection for Cogen Replacement Fire Alarm System Under Omnia Partners Contract No. 001299, Resolution (R-037/26) Authorizing The Issuance of a Clean Irrevocable and Continuous Letter of Credit from Connect One Bank to PMA Companies for Participation in The Large Deductible Program for Worker Compensation, Resolution (R-038/26) Appointing Malika Johnson as the Public Agency Compliance – Appointing Malika Johnson as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Year 2026, Resolution (R-039/26) Appreciation to Christine Ginn, Resolution (R-040/26) Appreciation to Nathan Rogers, Resolution (R-041/26) Appreciation to Grecia Quintero.

On motion by Mr. Serruto, seconded by Mr. Joyner, Resolutions (R-029/26 – R-041/26) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Leneus, Crisafulli, Serruto, Florio, Joyner and Ramos; Ms. Frederic and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-028/26) Payment of

Bills was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none

There was correspondence in the form of Board member appointment letter from Maplewood.

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

In accordance with Section 7 and 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 **Contracts/Litigation and Employees/Personnel** and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date. On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the Board entered into closed session at 4:20 pm. On motion by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Florio, the Board exited closed session at 5:10 pm and opened back up meeting up the public.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, Next Meeting date is April 16, 2026.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Joyner, the meeting then adjourned at 5:12 pm. The next meeting scheduled is April 16, 2026, unless the Chair provides other notice. On motion all in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M Florio

Secretary
Joseph M. Florio