

TO: Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary  
Atlantic County Utilities Authority

FROM: Honorable Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive

RE: Minutes of Meeting – April 16, 2026

I. The Minutes of the above referenced meeting were submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:41A-37 et seq. on April 17, 2026,

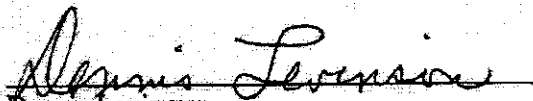
- (a)  by the end of the fifth business day following the meeting.
- (b)  as soon as practicable following the meeting where emergency action has been taken.
- (c)  beyond the statutory period for submission.

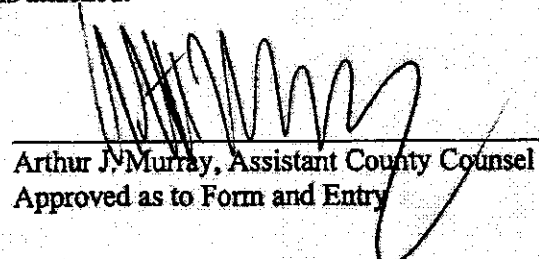
II. I hereby return the Minutes of the above referenced meeting to the Authority and to the Board of County Commissioners, on the date set forth above, which is

- (a)  within ten days of delivery.
- (b)  within twenty-four (24) hours of delivery where the action at the meeting was deemed by the Authority to be in response to an emergency situation.

III. The following action is taken on the Minutes:

- (a)  Approved in all respects.
- (b)  Vetoed in all respects. A written explanation of the reasons for the veto is attached.
- (c)  Approved in part and vetoed in part.  
The specific items which are vetoed and a written explanation of the reasons for the veto or vetoes is attached.

  
Dennis Levinson  
Atlantic County Executive

  
Arthur J. Murray, Assistant County Counsel  
Approved as to Form and Entry

Date: 4/21/26  
cc: Tara Silipena, Clerk to the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners  
ATTACHMENTS:  Minutes  
 Veto Message

**ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**April 16, 2026 – 3:00 PM**

**6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ**

**PRESENT FOR THE AUTHORITY**

Marvin Embry	Chair
Fred Akers	Member - Zoom
Judy Ward	Member - Zoom
Alex Marino	Member
Michael Pullia	Member
Matthew DeNafo	President
Greg Seher	Vice President of Solid Waste
Linda Bazemore	Vice President of Administration & Finance/CFO
James Rocco	Vice President of Centralized Maintenance & Asset Management
Oren Thomas	Procurement & Contracts Manager
Fredy Flores	Computer Analyst
Brendan Gibbons	Computer Analyst
Lisa Duffner	Executive Assistant/Board Secretary
Sonia Chowdhury	Executive Assistant/Asst. Board Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT**

Keith Davis, Esq.	Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein
Stephanie E. Farrell, Esq.	Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein - Zoom
Arthur J. Murray, Esq.	Atlantic County Law Department - Zoom

James Bertino, Liaison                      Atlantic County Board of Commissioners - absent

Chairman Embry called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and announced that the notice of the 2026-2027 Meeting Schedule was mailed to The Press of Atlantic City, The Star Ledger, the Clerk of Atlantic County, and the Clerk of the Atlantic County Board of Commissioners on February 20, 2026, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, *et seq.* and it was posted on the bulletin board of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority in the administration building and Notice of Live Streaming of this meeting was mailed to the Clerk of Atlantic County, and the Clerk of the Atlantic County Board of Commissioners, and also posted on the ACUA's Public Website, on March 27, 2026, and both notices were posted on the bulletin board of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority in the administration building.

Flag Salute

Roll call was taken by Lisa Duffner which reflected a quorum was present.

Chairman Embry	present
Fred Akers	present - Zoom
Laura Pfrommer	absent
Judy Ward	present - Zoom
Maria Mento	absent
Alex Marino	present
Mickey Pullia	present

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2026, MEETING** – voted on and approved by all members.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**BOARD COMMENT:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**ALL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.**

**RESOLUTION COMMENTS:**

**Resolution 26-4-98:** Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between Stockton University and the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for Maintenance & Operation of Pumping Stations. Annual revenue for the first year is approximately \$60,425.00. The contract term is for a 3-year-period, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

Explanation: For the maintenance and operation of various pumping stations at Stockton University.

Mr. Marino recused himself from the vote.

**Resolution 26-4-107:** Authorizing a contract amendment to a professional services contract with CME Associates for the ACUA Landfill Final Cap Phase 2 Quality Control Inspection Services. Amount of increase is \$104,952.00. (*Aggregate amendment amount exceeds 20% limitation.*)

Explanation: For additional on-site inspection and soil laboratory testing in accordance with the NJDEP's quality control inspection requirement. This will close out the contract.

Chairman Embry had a question regarding the awarding of contracts. He asked if a company submits a low bid on a contract, and the ACUA awards them the contract, how does the ACUA prevent the company from requesting more money later on? Mr. DeNafo responded that the bid has to be substantiated. For example, if it is for quantity, the bidder has to be able to provide the backup.

Mr. DeNafo said he had a few items that he would like to update the Board on. He updated the Board on a small leak at the Somers Point Pump Station. Mr. DeNafo reminded the Board that the ACUA's Earth Day Event will be held on Sunday, April 26th, 2026, from 10 am to 4 pm. He said a lot of work has gone into preparing for the event and getting the park ready, which was not as easy this year due to all of the inclement weather we had over this past winter. Nevertheless, Mr. DeNafo said the ACUA is very excited to open our doors to the community as we do every single year, and this is the 34th year. Mr. DeNafo also advised the Board that tours of the ACUA's landfill site were given to six members of the Atlantic County Board of Commissioners last week. It was the first time visiting the site for two (2) of the Commissioners, and they said they were very impressed with what the Authority does and the scale of what we do. Mr. DeNafo provided a brief update on the timeline with the litigation with BAL.

Since there were no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary