TO: Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary
Atlantic County Utilities Authority

FROM: Honorable Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive

RE: Minutes of Meeting – October 15, 2026

I. The Minutes of the above referenced meeting were submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:41A-37 et seq. on October 16, 2026,

(a) X 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) X 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) X 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: 10/22/26
cc: Tara Silipena, Clerk to the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners
ATTACHMENTS: x Minutes
_ Veto Message

ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
October 15, 2026 – 3:00 PM
6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

PRESENT FOR THE AUTHORITY

Marvin Embry	Chair
Fred Akers	Member
Laura Pfrommer	Member
Maria Mento	Member
Alex Marino	Member
Michael Pullia	Member
Matthew DeNafo	President
Joseph Pantalone	Vice President of Wastewater
Greg Seher	Vice President of Solid Waste - Zoom
Linda Bazemore	Vice President of Administration & Finance/CFO
James Rocco	Vice President of Centralized Maintenance & Asset Management
Thomas Ganard	Chief Engineer
John Conover	Deputy Chief Engineer
Sharon Hunt	Director of Human Resources
Oren Thomas	Procurement & Contracts Manager
Fredy Flores	Computer Analyst
Lisa Duffner	Executive Assistant/Board Secretary
Sonia Chowdhury	Executive Assistant/Asst. Board Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Stephanie E. Farrell, Esq.	Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein
Arthur J. Murray, Esq.	Atlantic County Law Department - Zoom
Maya Swift	Member of the Public
Isaac Katz	Member of the Public
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 September 24, 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
Laura Pfrommer	present
Judy Ward	absent
Maria Mento	present
Alex Marino	present
Mickey Pullia	present

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, MEETING – voted on and approved by all members.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ALL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION COMMENTS:

Resolution 26-10-247: Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and the Somerset-Raritan Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (SRVRSA) for Sludge Disposal Services. Contract term is January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027. Estimated revenue to the Authority is $5,000.

Explanation: The SRVRSA will use the ACUA as an alternative for sludge disposal services for a 1-year period.

Mrs. Pfrommer asked how often the SRVRSA has used the ACUA for alternative sludge disposal. Mr. Pantalone replied that it is not very often. He said this is just a contingency contract in case SRVRSA needs sludge disposal.

Resolution 26-10-253: Authorizing an extension to the contract with Polydyne, Inc. for the Supply of Polymer Flocculants, Bid No. 2025-ITB-28. Amount is not to exceed $214,200.00.

Explanation: The Authority is exercising the option to extend the contract for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027.

Chairman Embry asked if the $214,200.00 amount to extend the contract is the same amount as the original contract. Mr. Pantalone responded that it is the same pricing as the original contract was last year.

Resolution 26-10-254: Authorizing an extension to the contract with Kuehne Chemical Co., Inc., for the Supply of Sodium Hypochlorite 15%, Bid No. 2025-ITB-26. Amount is not to exceed $653,320.00.

Explanation: The Authority is exercising the option to extend the contract for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027.

Resolution 26-10-255: Authorizing an extension to the contract with Kuehne Chemical Co., Inc., for the Supply of Sodium Hypochlorite 20%, Bid No. 2025-ITB-27. Amount is not to exceed $77,120.00.

Explanation: The Authority is exercising the option to extend the contract for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027.

Mr. Pantalone stated, regarding the two (2) resolutions for contract extensions with Kuehne Chemical Co. (Resolutions 26-10-254 and 26-10-255), it should be noted that the prices did go up by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), however, the Authority's quantities stayed the same.

Resolution 26-10-258: Authorizing a contract amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT) for the Purchase of Clean-Fill Material to be used at the Authority's Landfill. Amount of increase is $120,000.

Explanation: For an additional 30,000 tons of clean-fill material from ACIT at a proposed rate of $4.00 per ton for delivery, at a total cost of $120,000, represents a 70% savings in cost to the ACUA, and an expected $284,700 total savings for the cost of material in this quantity.

Mrs. Pfrommer commented that this is a very good deal for the Authority. Mr. DeNafo agreed stating it helped both the Authority and the ACIT. He said ACIT is saving approximately $1 million because the cost for them to move material would have been much higher.

Resolution 26-10-268: Authorizing an Alternate Method Contract with Humana for Medicare Advantage Health Insurance Coverage, as an Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii), for medical coverage for the ACUA's Medicare-eligible retirees, with Benistar serving as the Third-Party Administrator (TPA). Contract term is January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027. Amount not to exceed $450,000.

Explanation: Due to Braven Health coverage no longer available for renewal in 2027, this resolution authorizes coverage by Humana for Medicare Advantage Health Insurance Coverage, with Benistar as TPA, for the Authority's Medicare-eligible retirees.

Ms. Mento asked what the cost savings is between Humana compared to Braven. Mr. DeNafo responded that Humana is approximately 6% less, and Braven is no longer being offered. In addition, the Authority had received another quote through Aetna. However, Aetna's cost was 47% higher, and they could not provide the Authority coverage until February 1st. (The Authority needed coverage to begin on January 1st.)

Ms. Mento recused herself from the vote.

Resolution 26-10-269: Authorizing an Alternate Method Contract with Express Scripts for Retiree Prescription Drug Coverage, as an Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii), with Benistar serving as the Third-Party Administrator (TPA). Contract term is January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027. Amount not to exceed $420,000.

Explanation: Express Scripts will provide prescription drug coverage in 2027 for the Authority's Medicare-eligible retirees.

Ms. Mento recused herself from the vote.

Resolution 26-10-272: Authorizing payment of certain expenditures $10,247,468.94

Ms. Mento recused herself from the vote.

Mr. DeNafo acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Bazemore for all of the work that she, Sharon Hunt and the entire Human Resources Team did to obtain the health insurance and prescription coverage for the Authority's retirees. He said it was quite a bit of work and very time-consuming, but they all did an excellent job. He also pointed out that other organizations have reached out to the Authority for information.

Mr. DeNafo announced that on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., the Authority and PolyGone will have a Microplastics Phase II Grand Opening Event at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Regarding recent emergencies, Mr. DeNafo stated that some grating will need to be replaced at the Authority's English Creek Pump Station, and this item will probably be on the Board's Agenda in November. Also, there was a small issue regarding an air relief on Shore Road and Wilson Avenue in Linwood which was resolved within a few hours.

Ms. Mento asked if cards will be mailed out to the retirees regarding the new Humana Health Insurance and Express Scripts. Mr. DeNafo responded that there will be. He added that the new insurance will not go into effect until January 1, 2027. There was some further discussion on the cost. Mr. DeNafo stated that the cost per retiree is approximately $290 per month.

Mr. DeNafo announced that the Authority had their Egg Harbor City Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony last week on October 8th to celebrate the comprehensive upgrades to the Egg Harbor City Pump Station, and it was a successful event with a very good turnout.

Chairman Embry asked if there were any further questions or comments. Since there were none, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary