

TO: Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary
Atlantic County Utilities Authority

FROM: Honorable Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive

RE: Minutes of Meeting – March 19, 2026

I. The Minutes of the above referenced meeting were submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:41A-37 et seq. on March 20, 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: 3/23/26
cc: Tara Silipena, Clerk to the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners
ATTACHMENTS: Minutes
 Veto Message

ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
March 19, 2026 – 3:00 PM
6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

PRESENT FOR THE AUTHORITY

Marvin Embry	Chair
Fred Akers	Member
Alex Marino	Member
Michael Pullia	Member
Judy Ward	Member
Maria Mento	Member
Matthew DeNafo	President - Zoom
Joseph Pantalone	Vice President of Wastewater
Greg Seher	Vice President of Solid Waste
Linda Bazemore	Vice President of Administration & Finance/CFO
James Rocco	Vice President of Centralized Maintenance & Asset Management
Thomas Ganard	Chief Engineer
Oren Thomas	Procurement & Contracts Manager
Brittany Poplawski	Senior Systems Analyst
Fredy Flores	Computer Analyst
Lisa Duffner	Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Keith Davis, Esq.	Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein
Stephanie E. Farrell, Esq.	Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein - via Zoom
Arthur J. Murray, Esq.	Atlantic County Law Department - via 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 Press of Atlantic City, The Star Ledger, the Clerk of Atlantic County, and the Clerk of the Atlantic County Board of Commissioners on February 25, 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	absent
Judy Ward	present - attended the meeting at 3:05 pm
Maria Mento	present
Alex Marino	present
Mickey Pullia	present

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2026, MEETING – voted on and approved by all present members, except for Mr. Pullia, who abstained from the vote.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

BOARD COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ALL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION COMMENTS:

Resolution 26-3-85: Authorizing award of contract to Foley CAT for the purchase of one (1) new 2026 Caterpillar 740 Articulated Dump Truck through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing System. Cost is \$785,000.00.

Explanation: The vehicle will be utilized for everyday activities at the landfill.

Resolution 26-3-86: Authorizing award of contract to Foley CAT for the purchase of one (1) new 2026 Caterpillar 966 Wheel Loader through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing System. Cost is \$571,000.00.

Explanation: The vehicle will be utilized for everyday activities at the landfill.

Mr. Marino asked what the longevity is of the Articulated Dump Truck and the Caterpillar 966 Wheel Loader. Mr. Rocco responded that they average ten (10) years.

Resolution 26-3-96: Authorizing payment of certain expenditures: \$7,579,043.52

Ms. Mento recused herself from the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Davis announced to the Board that they would be going into a Closed Session to discuss a potential resolution of an insurance claim and, when the matter is no longer in dispute, the Minutes of the Closed Session will become available for public inspection.

A motion was made by Chairman Embry, and seconded by Mr. Akers, to enter into an Executive Session. By a roll-call vote of 6-0-0, the Board unanimously agreed to enter into an Executive Session at 3:16 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Embry asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. DeNafu thanked the Board for reappointing him as President of the ACUA and for extending his contract longer. He said he truly enjoys working at the ACUA and appreciates that the Board has confidence in him to continue as the ACUA's President.

Since there were no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary