

TO: Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary  
Atlantic County Utilities Authority

FROM: Honorable Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive

RE: Minutes of Meeting, September 17, 2026

I. The Minutes of the above referenced meeting were submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:41A-37 et seq. on September 18, 2026,

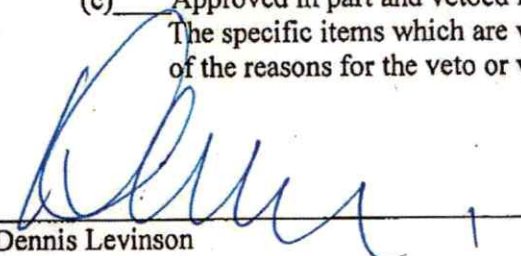
- (a) ☒ by the end of the fifth business day following the meeting.
- (b) ☐ as soon as practicable following the meeting where emergency action has been taken.
- (c) ☐ beyond the statutory period for submission.

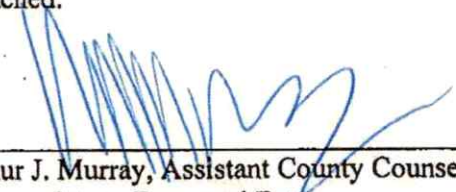
II. I hereby return the Minutes of the above referenced meeting to the Authority and to the Board of County Commissioners, on the date set forth above, which is

- (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: 9/23/26

cc: Tara Silipena, Clerk to the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners

ATTACHMENTS: ☒ Minutes  
☐ Veto Message

**ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**September 17, 2026 – 3:00 PM**  
**6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ**

**PRESENT FOR THE AUTHORITY**

|                    |                                                              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Marvin Embry       | Chair                                                        |
| Fred Akers         | Member                                                       |
| Judy Ward          | Member - Zoom                                                |
| 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                                |
| 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                                       |
| 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           |
| 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 August 26, 2026, and both notices were posted on the bulletin board of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority in the administration building.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2026, MEETING -** Voted on and approved by all Board members, except for Mrs. Pfrommer and Mr. Marino 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 26-9-231:** Authorizing the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement for Commodity Resale between the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and the Absecon Board of Education for the purchase of motor fuels (ie - gasoline, diesel and biodiesel), for a five (5)-year period, beginning September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2031. Estimated revenue to the Authority is \$7,500.

Mrs. Pfrommer commented on the amount of revenue stating it was low for a 5-year agreement. Mrs. Bazemore stated revenue is based on usage, and the Authority will make an estimation of the amount. Mr. DeNafo also pointed out that the Authority had provided fuel to the Absecon Rescue Squad in the past, but they are no longer in service, and this affects revenue.

Chairman Embry asked why the Board of Education would have the need for vehicles. Mr. Pullia, who currently serves on the Hammonton School Board, stated that vehicles are often needed for different departments at schools, such as the Grounds Department or the Truant Office.

**Resolution 26-9-232:** Authorizing the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement for Commodity Resale between the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) for the purchase of motor fuels (ie - gasoline, diesel and biodiesel), for a five (5)-year period, beginning September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2031. Estimated revenue to the Authority is \$105,000.

Ms. Mento asked if the CRDA is coming from Atlantic City to purchase motor fuels. Mr. DeNafo stated the CRDA goes to the Authority's Wastewater Division in Atlantic City.

**Resolution 26-9-234:** Authorizing the award of a contract to Willier Motor Repair Co., Inc. for Various Manufacturer Pumps and Motors for Repairs, Replacement and Installation, through the Passaic Valley/North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System. Amount is not to exceed \$195,000.00 for the contract term September 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027.

Explanation: To supply and replace needed equipment at pump stations.

Chairman Embry asked why the contract term ended on July 31<sup>st</sup> and not August 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. DeNafo said it is simply a matter of how long the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Contract Pricing remains valid.

**Resolution 26-9-237:** Authorizing the approval and adoption of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority Health Benefits Plan Document, effective September 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, in connection with the Authority's transition to a self-funded health benefits program, administered by Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey.

Ms. Mento recused herself from the vote. She also thanked Mrs. Bazemore for providing her with a summary of the Authority's Health Benefits Plan Document.

**Resolution 26-9-238:** Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA) to perform certain administrative services. Contract term is retroactive from July 17, 2026, to July 16, 2027. Estimated revenue to the ACUA is \$5,000.

Explanation: The ACUA will perform Purchasing, Safety & Training, and HR processing services for the ACIA.

Mrs. Pfrommer abstained from the vote.

**Resolution 26-9-239:** Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a Note to the I-Bank and the Execution and Delivery Thereof to the I-Bank as related to the ACUA Microplastic Collection System Phase 2 Improvement, Project #S340809-33. *(County Executive Pre-Approval is required.)*

Explanation: The Authority is authorizing the issuance and sale of a Note to the I-Bank to evidence and secure the CFP Loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 and authorizing the execution and delivery thereof in connection with the Authority's participation in the CFP Loan Program.

Chairman Embry asked if there could be an explanation on how the \$2,000,000 is being reimbursed to the Authority. Mrs. Bazemore responded and stated that the reimbursement will be funded by an Emergent Contaminants Grant through the State of New Jersey.

Chairman Embry asked Mr. Pantalone if the \$2,000,000 will be used for improvements at the Wastewater Facility. Mr. Pantalone said it will be used to automate Polygone's pilot program, which is now decommissioned.

**Resolution 26-9-244:** Authorizing payment of certain expenditures \$5,623,928.23 .

Ms. Mento recused herself from the vote.

Chairman Embry asked if anyone had any further questions or comments. Mr. DeNafo announced that invitations were sent out to the Board regarding the Microplastics Ribbon Cutting will be on October 20, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Mr. DeNafo also mentioned that on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, he will be interviewed by Andy Garcia regarding the microplastics project.

Chairman Embry again asked if there were any further questions or comments. Since there were none, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary