TO: Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary
Atlantic County Utilities Authority

FROM: Honorable Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive

RE: Minutes of Meeting – July 16, 2026

I. The Minutes of the above referenced meeting were submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:41A-37 et seq. on July 17, 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
Dennis Levinson
Atlantic County Executive

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

Date: 7/21/26
cc: Tara Silipena, Clerk to the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners
ATTACHMENTS: x Minutes
_ Veto Message

ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
July 16, 2026 – 3:00 PM
ACUA Wastewater Treatment Plant
1801 Absecon Blvd, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

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
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
John Conover	Deputy Chief Engineer
Oren Thomas	Procurement & Contracts Manager
Fredy Flores	Computer Analyst
Brendan Gibbons	Computer Analyst
Ryan Mahoney	Digital Media Specialist
Lisa Duffner	Executive Assistant/Board Secretary
Sonia Chowdhury	Executive Assistant/Asst. Board Secretary
Donald Gregory	ACUA Driver Collections

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 June 23, 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	present - Zoom
Maria Mento	present
Alex Marino	present
Mickey Pullia	present

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2026, MEETING – voted on and approved by all members, except Chairman Embry and Mrs. Ward who both abstained from the vote.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

On behalf of the Authority, Mr. DeNafo thanked Donald Gregory, Driver Collections, who is retiring as of August 1, 2026. He presented Mr. Gregory with a certificate in appreciation of his 36 years of dedicated service with the ACUA. Mr. DeNafo wished Mr. Gregory all the best in his retirement.

On behalf of the Authority, Mr. DeNafo also thanked Terrance Roberts, Mechanic II, who retired as of July 1, 2026. Mr. Roberts was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. DeNafo said that Mr. Roberts will receive a certificate in appreciation for his 8 years and 10 months of service to the ACUA, and he wished him all the best in his retirement.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Embry also wished Mr. Gregory and Mr. Roberts a happy retirement.

BOARD COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ALL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION COMMENTS:

Resolution 26-7-173: Authorizing an Agreement with the County of Atlantic to Administer the 2026 Clean Communities Program. The total grant amount is $153,815.58. A portion of this grant, in the amount of $20,000.00, will go to the County of Atlantic. Funds awarded to the ACUA will total $133,815.58.

Explanation: The ACUA is administering the Clean Communities Program for the 18-month period January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, using grant funds awarded to Atlantic County.

Mrs. Pfrommer commented that this is an awesome program.

Resolution 26-7-176: Authorizing the award of a contract in Bid No. 2026-ITB-17, for Microplastics Collection System Phase 2 Improvements, to West Bay Construction, Inc. Amount is not to exceed $1,530,000.00.

Explanation: Awarded to lowest responsible bidder. The award of this contract is subject to approval by the NJDEP/Infrastructure Bank. The cost of this contract is eligible for a principal forgiveness grant from the Infrastructure Bank.

Chairman Embry asked if this bid award is regarding the PolyGone System, and Mr. DeNafo replied that it is and that it is Phase 2 of the project. Phase 1 was a pilot project, which PolyGone funded through grants they received. Mr. DeNafo said, for the past couple of years, PolyGone has been working on Phase 2 of the project, which is for permanent installation and is almost fully-automated. He added that the ACUA applied for two (2) grants for this project through the I-Bank.

Resolution 26-7-191: Authorizing payment of certain expenditures: $6,712,631.90

Ms. Mento recused herself from the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Embry announced to the Board that they would be going into a Closed Session to discuss the current litigation regarding Bel Aire Lakes. When this matter is no longer in dispute, the Minutes of the Closed Session will become available for public inspection.

A motion was made by Ms. Mento, and seconded by Mrs. Pfrommer, to enter into an Executive Session. By a roll-call vote of 7-0-0, the Board unanimously agreed to enter into an Executive Session at 3:25 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 4:09 p.m. and then entered into Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION:

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Embry stated that he wished to acknowledge and thank Ryan Mahoney, Digital Media Specialist, who did an outstanding job on the ACUA's 2025 Annual Report. Mr. DeNafo added that Mr. Mahoney does a tremendous job on the annual report each year, and that these reports are something you would see prepared by a Fortune 500 company. He said the reports are top-notch, and they are something that Mr. Mahoney has always done for the Authority. Mr. Marino commented that the annual report is incredibly professional. He also said that he advises people to go to the ACUA website because there is quite a bit of information on there. Chairman Embry asked Mr. Mahoney why the report comes out in July each year, instead of earlier in the year. Mr. Mahoney thanked the Board and Mr. DeNafo and responded that, at the beginning of the year, the ACUA is preparing for their annual Earth Day event and, in addition to that, not all of the numbers needed for the report are in until June.

Mr. Akers wanted to recognize that today's Board meeting had a one-hundred percent attendance among the Board members. Chairman Embry added that he understands there are times when Board members cannot attend meetings. However, it is greatly appreciated when they can attend in person. Mr. DeNafo also thanked the Board members for attending and participating in today's meeting.

Chairman Embry asked if there were any further questions or comments. Since there were none, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Duffner

Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary