

TO: Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary
Atlantic County Utilities Authority

FROM: Honorable Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive

RE: Minutes of Meeting – August 21, 2025

I. The Minutes of the above referenced meeting were submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:41A-37 et seq. on August 22, 2025.

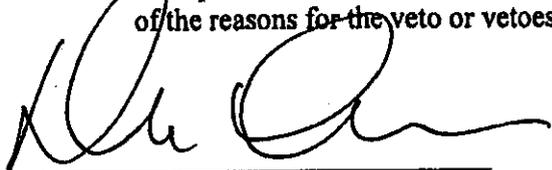
- (a) by the end of the fifth business day following the meeting.
- (b) as soon as practicable following the meeting where emergency action has been taken.
- (c) beyond the statutory period for submission.

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: 8/15/25

cc: Tara Silipena, Clerk to the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners
ATTACHMENTS: Minutes
 Veto Message

ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

August 21, 2025 – 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 - Zoom
Alex Marino	Member
Matthew DeNafo	President
Joseph Pantalone	Vice President Wastewater
Gary Conover	Vice President of Solid Waste
Linda Bazemore	Vice President of Administration & Finance/CFO
Thomas Ganard	Chief Engineer
Oren Thomas	Procurement & Contracts Manager
Brittany Poplawski	Senior Systems Analyst
Lisa Duffner	Executive Assistant/Board Secretary
Sonia Chowdhury	Executive Assistant/Assistant Board Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Stephanie E. Farrell, Esq.	Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein - Zoom
Arthur J. Murray, Esq.	County Counsel – Zoom
Scott Rabenstein	Marsh McLennan Agency

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 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule was mailed to The Press of Atlantic City, The Daily Journal, the Clerk of Atlantic County, and the Clerk of the Atlantic County Board of Commissioners on February 25, 2025, 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 July 23, 2025, 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, Board Secretary, which reflected a quorum was present.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON JULY 17, 2025 – voted on and approved by all members.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ALL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION COMMENTS:

Resolution 25-8-177: Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the City of Millville and the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for Certain Solid Waste, Bulky Waste, and Recycling Collection Services for the contract term January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2030. Estimated annual revenue in Year 1 to the Authority is \$1,338,438.72.

Ms. Mento asked if this contract went out to bid. Mr. Conover responded that it did not as the City of Millville opted not to as they are satisfied with the ACUA's services.

Resolution 25-8-178: Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between Egg Harbor City and the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for Certain Solid Waste, Bulky Waste, Yard Waste, and Recycling Collection Services, which includes the purchase and billing of trash and recycling carts, for the contract term September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026. Estimated annual revenue to the Authority is \$338,815.09 (not including tip fees and pull charges).

Ms. Mento asked if this contract went out to bid. Mr. DeNafo responded that it did not as Egg Harbor City opted not to as they are satisfied with the ACUA's services.

Resolution 25-8-179: Authorizing an Agreement with the County of Atlantic to Administer the 2025 Clean Communities Program. The total grant amount is \$165,216.81. 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 \$145,216.81.

Explanation: The ACUA is administering the Clean Communities Program for the 18-month period January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, using grant funds awarded to Atlantic County.

Mrs. Pfrommer commented that the Clean Communities Program is an outstanding program, and Ms. Mento concurred. Ms. Mento asked how much Atlantic County and the Authority received in grant funds for this program. Mr. Conover replied approximately \$18,000.00 went to Atlantic County and \$151,581.61 went to the Authority in 2024, and an estimated \$20,000.00 will go to Atlantic County and \$145,216.81 will go to the Authority in 2025.

Resolution 25-8-184: Authorizing the award of an Emergency Contract to Arthur Henry, Inc., for repair of the Ventnor-Margate Force Main in Ventnor easement. Amount is \$96,159.28.

Explanation: For emergency repair in Ventnor easement.

Ms. Mento abstained from the vote.

Resolution 25-8-194: Authorizing the receipt of competitive bids through Internet Auction Site for the sale of surplus equipment.

Explanation: Sale of equipment that is no longer used by the Authority.

Mr. Marino asked how much annual revenue the Authority receives from the sale of the surplus equipment. Mr. Rocco replied it varies each month, but last month (July), the approximate revenue was \$20,000.

Resolution 25-8-196: Authorizing Healthcare Coverage Payments for Retirees Who Meet Specific Conditions.

Explanation: This resolution replaces the NJS HB resolution passed by way of Resolution #00-11-171 authorizing payment for health care coverage for retirees meeting specific conditions.

Ms. Mento recused herself from the vote.

Resolution 25-8-198: Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the Provision of Health Insurance Benefits and Prescription Coverage, through Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey and Braven Health, for the contract period beginning September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

Explanation: To permit qualified, active employees and retirees of the ACIA to enroll in the ACUA's health insurance and prescription coverage plans. The ACUA shall bill the ACIA at the same rates that Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey and Braven Health charges the ACUA for its employees and retirees who participate.

Mrs. Pfrommer abstained from the vote.

Resolution 25-8-200: Amending Procurement Card Policy, retroactively back to July 1, 2025.

Explanation: Establishing authorized transaction limits to the list of allowable cardholders.

Ms. Mento abstained from the vote.

Resolution 25-8-201: Authorizing payment of certain expenditures: \$8,198,144.12

Ms. Mento recused herself from the vote.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Pfrommer thanked Mr. DeNafo and the ACUA for donating a bench in memory of a 14-year-old boy from Egg Harbor Township, who was riding an electric bike in Somers Point and was hit by a car. He subsequently passed away from his injuries. Mrs. Pfrommer said the young boy's family is also very grateful and appreciative to the ACUA for their kind gesture.

Mr. DeNafo announced that Andrew Berenato resigned last week from the ACUA Board due to family and work commitments. Mr. DeNafo said that Mr. Berenato had been on the ACUA Board for 13 years. Also, both his father and grandfather served on the Board. The County Executive has nominated Michael "Mickey" Pullia from Hammonton to replace Mr. Berenato.

Mr. DeNafo stated that there was a recent article in NJ.com regarding the Authority's landfill and other landfills in New Jersey. Mr. DeNafo said he believes the article was written fairly regarding the Authority.

Mr. DeNafo also advised the Board that the Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Project with Opal Fuels is underway. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony sometime during the first or second week of October. Mr. DeNafo stated that the Authority did not expect this to come online this year, although Opal Fuels anticipated coming online in August 2025.

Chairman Embry asked what the status was on the Authority's windmills. Mr. DeNafo said the Authority had a meeting last Thursday. The contract was up this upcoming March, and Leeward Renewable Energy, LLC, is looking to extend the contract at least another five years, with an option for an additional five years. Ms. Mento asked if the Authority knows the amount that they have saved by using the windmills over the years. Mr. DeNafo said it is \$7,384,900.00. However, he believes this amount is low, and it is actually between \$12 to \$15 million. Ms. Mento asked if this number includes the Renewable Energy Credits (RECS). Mr. DeNafo responded that wind does not get RECS. However, the solar array does receive them.

Mrs. Ward thanked Mr. DeNafo and his staff for meeting with Pleasantville regarding ways to assist them with a recycling audit. The Authority also provided cans for Pleasantville's bike path, and Mrs. Ward said she really appreciates the Authority's help and assistance.

Chairman Embry asked the Board if there were any further questions or comments. Since there were none, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Duffner, Board Secretary