

# UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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# Union County Utilities Authority February 11, 2015 Reorganization Meeting

General Counsel Kraig Dowd called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., in the meeting room of the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1 & 9 North, Rahway, New Jersey.

Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Joseph C. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Commissioners Badri, Eastman, Huff, Erdos, Jackus, People, and Kulish. Also present was alternate commissioner Lombardo.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Kahn and Kennedy. Also absent was alternate Commissioner Bonanno.

Others Present: Daniel Sullivan and Tom Brennan of the Authority's staff; Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Ed Trainia of CME; Freeholder Christopher Hudak; Deputy Clerk Lisa DaSilva and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Mr. Dowd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

### Election of Officers

Mr. Dowd opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Authority. Commissioner Huff nominated Commissioner Eastman as chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish. Commissioner Erdos moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Clerk then called the roll for the election of Commissioner Eastman as Chairman of the Authority. Commissioner Eastman was unanimously elected Chairman by a roll call vote. Chairman Eastman thanked the Commissioners.

Chairman Eastman opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Authority. Commissioner Kulish nominated Commissioner Erdos. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri. Commissioner People moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackus and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Clerk then called the roll for the election of Commissioner Erdos as Vice-Chairman of the Authority. Commissioner Erdos was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Eastman opened the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer of the Authority. Commissioner Kulish nominated Commissioner People. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erdos. Commissioner Erdos moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Clerk then called the roll for the election of Commissioner People as Treasurer of the Authority. Commissioner People was unanimously elected Treasurer by a roll call vote.

Chairman Eastman opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Authority. Commissioner Kulish nominated Commissioner Kennedy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People. Commissioner Erdos moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Clerk then called the roll for the election of Commissioner Kennedy as Secretary of the Authority. Commissioner Kennedy was unanimously elected Treasurer by a roll call vote.

## Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Erdos moved for the approval of the minutes of the public meeting of January 21, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting yes, except Commissioners Badri, Kulish and Lombardo who abstained.

## Communications

There were no communications.

## Report of Officers

There were no reports from the officers.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Public Session I

Finance and Budget Committee.

Commissioner Badri reported on the meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee. The Committee met and recommended approval of resolutions approving the payment of bills, designation of financial institutions and final adoption of the 2015 budget. Commissioner Badri moved the following resolutions, 1) Approving operating and resource recovery facility vouchers for processing and payment; 2) Approving Consulting and legal vouchers for processing and payment; 3) Designating certain financial institutions as official depositories for the monies of the Authority in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 for the year 2015; and 4) Authorizing the adoption of the annual budget for the fiscal year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erdos and were unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

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Personnel, Procurement and Insurance Committee

Commissioner Erdos reported on the meeting of the Committee and its recommendations. Commissioner Erdos moved the following resolutions: 1) Adopting a list of firms qualified to provide various services to the Authority pursuant to a request for qualification process; 2) Appointing and reappointing certain professionals and consultants to the Authority; 3) Appointing Kraig M. Dowd, Esq., of the firm Weber Dowd Law, LLC as General Counsel; and 4) Reappointing Joseph C. Bodek as qualified purchasing agent. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

#### **Public Information**

Commissioner Erdos reported on the meeting of the committee and its recommendations. Commissioner Erdos moved the following resolutions: 1) Establishing a meeting schedule for the period March 2015 through the Authority's reorganization meeting in February 2016; and 2) Designating the official newspaper for the Authority as the Union County Local Source and authorizing the use of the Home News Tribune, the Star Ledger, and LaVoz as supplemental newspapers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Policy, Ethics and By-Laws Committee

Commissioner Badri reported that the Committee recommended the re-adoption of the by-laws. Commissioner Badri moved the resolution readopting the bylaws of the Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erdos and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

## **Operations Committee**

There was no report from the Operations Committee.

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

There was no report from the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee.

**New Business** 

There was no new business.

**Public Comment** 

There was no public comment.

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Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Executive Session

There was no need for executive session.

Old/Unfinished Business

Mr. Sullivan reported that as a result of the special meeting, he and legal counsel would be meeting with Covanta to further discuss the matter, next week.

Public Comment by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chris Hudak

Freeholder Hudak congratulated the Chairman on his election.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Badri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erdos and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek

Clerk

Roy Eastman Chairman James Kennedy Secretary