



UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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RESOLUTION NO.: 50-2023

DATE: August 16, 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY APPROVING THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2023

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Bianka Vargas
Clerk of the Authority

APPROVED AS TO SUFFICIENCY OF FUNDS
[] YES [] NO [X] NONE REQUIRED

By: *Bianka Vargas*

By: *John Cuffa*

	PRESENT	ABSENT	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	MOTION	SECOND
Eastman, Treasurer	✓		✓			✓	
Figueiredo	✓		✓				
Jackus	✓		✓				
Kahn	✓		✓				
Holder	✓		✓				
McManus, Secretary		✓					
Rachlin	✓		✓				
Scutari, Vice Chairperson	✓		✓				✓
Szpond, Chairperson	✓		✓				
Alma, Alternate No. 1	✓						
Scott-Bey, Alternate No. 2	✓		✓				

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WHEREAS, the County of Union, New Jersey has previously developed the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with the New Jersey Solid Waste Management Act for the purpose of managing the disposal and/or recycling of solid waste generated in Union County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (formerly County Board of Chosen Freeholders) has designated the Union County Utilities Authority (the "Authority"), in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act, as the implementing agency for its Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., the Authority is permitted to exclude the public from that portion of its regular monthly meetings and/or special meetings in order to discuss matters pertaining to contracts, anticipated or pending litigation and personnel issues, among other bases for exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Authority separately maintains minutes of those portions of the meetings during which the public is excluded to memorialize the discussions that take place during these executive sessions from the discussions during the portions of the meetings open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the minutes for the public meeting held on July 19, 2023 have been reviewed by the Commissioners of the Authority for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Union County Utilities Authority as follows:

Section 1. The governing body of the Union County Utilities Authority has reviewed and hereby approves the Public Session minutes of July 19, 2023

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Union County Utilities Authority
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 19, 2023**

Chairman Szpond called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m., by way of the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1 & 9 North, Rahway, New Jersey. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom's virtual meeting online platform.

Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Bianka Vargas, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Commissioners Eastman, Figueiredo, Jackus, Kahn, Holder, McManus, People, Rachlin, Vice-Chair Scutari, Chairman Szpond, Alternate Commissioner Scott-Bey

Commissioners Absent: Alternate Commissioner Alma

Others Present: Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Acting Executive Director Linda Stender; Deputy Executive Director/Director of Administrative Services Lisa M. da Silva; Comptroller John Cuiffo; and Clerk Bianka Vargas.

Mr. Szpond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Vargas provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Chairman Szpond welcomed two new members to the Authority, Commissioner Figueiredo and Comptroller John Cuiffo.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jackus moved for approval of the Executive Session Minutes of May 17, 2023, and the Public and Executive Session Minutes of June 13, 2023, and June 21, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor.

Communications - There were no communications.

Report of Officers - There were no reports from the officers.

Finance and Budget Committee

Commissioner Eastman gave the report of the Finance and Budget Committee. The Committee recommended approval of the bill list. Commissioner Holder moved the following resolution: 1) Approving operating, consulting and legal vouchers for processing and payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

Commissioner McManus gave the report and recommendations of the Personnel/Procurement/Insurance Committee. In line with the recommendations Vice-Chair Scutari moved the following resolution: 1) Authorizing and ratifying the non-renewal of the Authority's policy with Met-Life for supplemental disability benefits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Commissioner Kahn gave the report and recommendations of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee. In line with the recommendations Vice-Chair Scutari moved the following resolution: 1) Recommending an Administrative Action Plan Amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan pertaining to the Union County Class B/C Recycling Facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rachlin and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor.

New Business

All Commissioners moved the resolution commending the dedicated public service of Commissioner Clifton People, Jr. The motion was seconded by all commissioners and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor.

Public Comment – no members of the public present

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Executive Session

There were no items for discussion in Executive Session.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session II

Old/Unfinished Business - There was no unfinished business.

Public Comment by Commissioners/County Commissioner Liaison Granados

Executive Director Stender informed the Board that the Authority is looking to change the health insurance they have been receiving from the County due to high costs, adding that next month, employees will see a significant increase in their premiums. She also indicated there will be more discussions soon.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Holder moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eastman and was unanimously ordered approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianka Vargas
Clerk

Ray Szpond
Chairman

Margaret McManus
Secretary

There was no Executive Session held on July 19, 2023