

RESOLUTION

OF THE

UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Resolution No.: 14-2024
 Date: March 20, 2024

Approved as to form:

Bianka Vargas, Clerk

Approved as to sufficiency of funds:

John Suffo, Acting Comptroller
 YES NO NONE REQUIRED

APPROVING THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024 AND THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2024

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 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 certain matters including, but not limited, to contracts, anticipated or pending litigation and personnel issues; 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 Special Meeting held on February 13, 2024, and the annual reorganization meeting held on February 20, 2024 have been reviewed by the Commissioners of the Authority for approval.

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

1. The governing body of the Union County Utilities Authority has reviewed and hereby approves the public session meeting minutes of the Authority's February 13, 2024, and February 21, 2024 meetings.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

	PRESENT	ABSENT	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	MOTION	SECOND
<i>Eastman</i>		✓					
<i>Figueiredo</i>	✓		✓				
<i>Holder</i>	✓		✓				
<i>Jackus</i>		✓					
<i>Kahn</i>	✓		✓				
<i>McManus</i>		✓					
<i>Rachlin</i>	✓		✓				✓
<i>Scutari</i>	✓		✓			✓	
<i>Szpond</i>	✓		✓				
<i>Alma, Alternate No. 1</i>	✓		✓				
<i>Scott-Bey, Alternate No. 2</i>	✓		✓				

**Union County Utilities Authority
Special Public Meeting
February 13, 2024**

Chairman Szpond called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.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 Lisa da Silva, Deputy Executive Director of the Authority.

Commissioners Present: Eastman, Figueiredo, Holder, Kahn, McManus, Rachlin, Alternate Commissioner Alma, Vice-Chair Scutari, Chairman Szpond.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Jackus and Alternate Commissioner Scott Bey.

Other Attendees: Acting Executive Director Linda Stender, Deputy Executive Director/ Director of Administrative Services Lisa M. da Silva, Comptroller John Cuiffo, Kraig Dowd, Esq., John Napolitano, Esq., and Marina Stinley, Esq. of Clearly Giacobbe, Alfieri and Jacobs, LLC, and , Ed Traina, Mohamad Sidhoum of CME Associates, and Union County Counsel Bruce Bergen.

Chairman Szpond appointed Alternate Commissioner Alma to sit in for absent Commissioner Jackus.

Mr. Szpond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lisa da Silva provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel- Public Session 1

a. Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

Commissioner McManus gave the report and recommendations of the Personnel/Procurement/Insurance Committee.

In line with the recommendations Commissioner Eastman moved the following resolution: Authorizing the Authority to separately obtain vision insurance coverage from VSP Vision Care. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor.

In line with the recommendations Commissioner Kahn moved the following resolution: Authorizing contract award to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. for non-processible waste disposal services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rachlin and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor.

**Union County Utilities Authority
Annual Reorganization Meeting
February 21, 2024**

General Counsel Kraig Dowd called the meeting to order at 5:31 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.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Eastman, Figueiredo, Holder, Jackus, Kahn, McManus, Rachlin, Alternate Commissioners Alma and Scott-Bey, Vice-Chair Scutari, Chairperson Szpond

Commissioners Absent: None

Other Attendees: Acting Executive Director Linda Stender; Deputy Executive Director/Director of Administrative Services Lisa M. Da Silva; Comptroller John Cuiffo; Kraig Dowd, Esq., Clerk Bianka Vargas.

Mr. Dowd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Vargas provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Election of Officers

Mr. Dowd opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Authority. Commissioner McManus nominated Commissioner Szpond. The motion was moved by Commissioner Rachlin and seconded by Commissioner Eastman. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Szpond was unanimously elected Chairman by a roll call vote.

Chairman Szpond took over chairing the meeting from Mr. Dowd.

Chairman Szpond opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Authority. Commissioner McManus nominated Commissioner Scutari. The motion was moved by McManus and seconded by Commissioner Eastman. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Scutari was unanimously elected Vice-Chair by a roll call vote.

Chairman Szpond opened the floor for nominations for the position of Treasurer of the Authority. Commissioner McManus nominated Commissioner Eastman. The motion was moved by McManus and seconded by Commissioner Rachlin. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Eastman was unanimously elected Treasurer by a roll call vote.

Chairman Szpond opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Authority. Vice-Chairperson Scutari nominated Commissioner McManus. The motion was seconded by

c. Public Information

Commissioner Holder gave the report, and recommendations of the Public Information Committee. Commissioner McManus moved the following resolutions: 1) Establishing a meeting schedule for the period March 2024 through the authority's reorganization meeting in February 2025; 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 La Voz as supplemental newspapers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

New Business - No new business to discuss.

Public Comment – No members of the public were 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

Linda Stender Congratulated Chairman Szpond and the other Commissioners on their appointments and thanked everyone for their support during her first year as the Authority Acting Executive Director. Stender also thanked John Cuiffo for the work he has done in helping reduce costs, improve efficiency and increase revenue for the Authority; discussing specific initiatives that have helped these efforts.

Old/Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

Public Comment by Commissioners/County Commissioner Liaison Granados-There were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Eastman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holder and was unanimously ordered approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianka Vargas

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Clerk

Raymond J. Szpond

Ray Szpond
Chairman

Margaret McManus

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Secretary