

RESOLUTION

OF THE

UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Resolution No.: 45-2024

Date: September 18, 2024

Approved as to form:

Branka Vargas, Clerk

Approved as to sufficiency of funds:

John Cuffo, Acting Comptroller
 YES NO NONE REQUIRED

APPROVING THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2024 AND THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 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 regular public meeting of August 18, 2024 and the public session minutes of the special meeting held on September 5, 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 regular monthly meeting held on August 18, 2024 and public session minutes of the Authority's special meeting held on September 5, 2024.
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
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 21, 2024**

Chairman Szpond 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, Holder, Jackus, Kahn, McManus, Rachlin, Alternate Commissioners Alma and Scott-Bey, Vice-Chairperson Scutari, Chairperson Szpond

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Figueiredo

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

Chairperson Szpond appointed Alternate Commissioner Alma to sit in for absent Commissioner Figueiredo.

Chairman Szpond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Vargas provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairperson Scutari moved the resolution approving the Public Session Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting held on July 17, 2024. The motion was seconded by Alternate Commissioner Alma 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.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel- Public Session I

a. Finance and Budget Committee

Vice-Chairperson Scutari gave the report of the Finance and Budget Committee. 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.

b. Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

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

In line with the recommendations Vice-Chairperson Scutari moved the following resolutions: 1) Designating authorized representative with respect to the Authority's use of njemgrants.org for grant applications; 2) Adopting a Deferred Compensation Plan to be administered by Empower Retirement, LLC; 3) Authorizing settlement agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holder and was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

New Business – Chairman Szpond informs the board there is a special meeting being planned for September 5th, 2024.

Public Comment – Public comment notice was read by Bianka Vargas, Clerk of the Authority. Member of the public Christopher Kolibas was present but declined to speak.

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 – Acting Executive Director Linda Stender discussed July tonnage numbers, noting 6 of the 7 months to date have exceeded numbers from prior years. Ms. Stender also updated the board members on the JIF and their most recent loss control inspection at the Authority.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bianka Vargas
Clerk

Ray Szpond
Chairman

Margaret McManus
Secretary

**Union County Utilities Authority
Special Public Meeting
September 5, 2024**

Chairman Szpond called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 Bianka Vargas, Clerk of the Authority.

Commissioners Present: Eastman, Kahn, McManus, Rachlin (via zoom), Alternate Commissioner Alma, Vice-Chair Scutari, Chairman Szpond.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Figueiredo, Holder, 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., Brian Bradley of RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Steven Rogut of Rogut McCarthy, LLC and Clerk Bianka Vargas

Chairman Szpond appointed Alternate Commissioner Alma to sit in for absent Commissioner Figueiredo

Chairman Szpond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bianka Vargas provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Communications – Ms. Stender discussed an incident that occurred at the Authority during a routine maintenance. She also discussed August tonnage numbers.

Report of Officers - There were no reports from the officers

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel- Public Session 1

a. Solid Waste and Recycling

Acting Executive Director Linda Stender gave the report and recommendations on a proposed resolution.

In line with the recommendations Commissioner Eastman moved the following resolution: 1) Supplemental Administrative Action Plan Amendment to the UCDSWMP pertaining to Castings of New Jersey, Inc.'s Class B Recycling Center in the Township of Hillside. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus 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

The board went into Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege, Real Property Lease and Potential Contract Negotiations.

Commissioner Eastman moved the motion for executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority moved into executive session at 5:47pm

Alternate Commissioner Alma moved to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McManus and unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The Authority returned to public session at 6:06pm.

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

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Alternate Commissioner Alma moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eastman and was unanimously approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianka Vargas
Clerk

Ray Szpond
Chairman

Margret McManus
Secretary