

# RESOLUTION

OF THE

## UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Resolution No.: 16-2026  
Date: February 18, 2026

Approved as to form:  
*Bianka Vargas, Clerk*  
Approved as to sufficiency of funds:

*John Cuiffa* Acting Comptroller

[ ] YES [ ] NO [ X ] NONE REQUIRED

### DESIGNATING A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT AND AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE AUTHORITY'S BID THRESHOLD

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9 et seq., allows local contracting units in New Jersey, such as the Union County Utilities Authority ("Authority") to appoint a Purchasing Agent to assist in discharging the duties and responsibilities of the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, local units who have appointed a Purchasing Agent are permitted to elect to be subject to the maximum bid thresholds as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

**WHEREAS**, the UCUA has and continues to contract with the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP to perform Financial and Accounting Consulting Services, including the provision of services in connection with the comptroller function set forth within the Authority's by-laws, on an ongoing basis and as otherwise required by the Authority; and

**WHEREAS** Lerch, Vinci & Bliss LLP employs Elizabeth M. Vasquez, who possess the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:32-4 (License # Q-1772); and

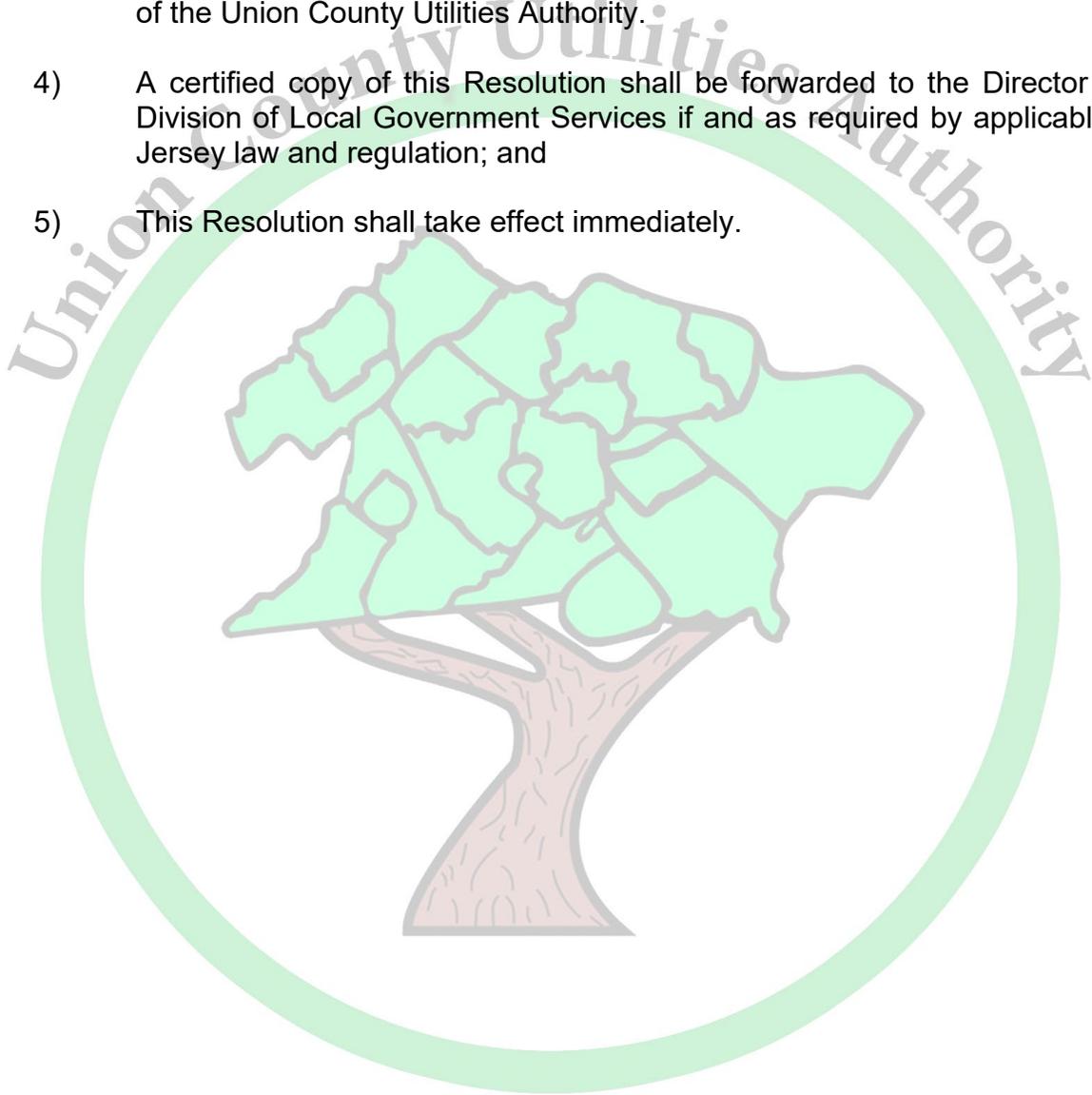
**WHEREAS**, the Authority is desirous to appoint an individual as the Qualified Purchasing Agent and to take advantage of the efficiencies afforded by the maximum bid thresholds under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners as follows:

- 1) Elizabeth M. Vasquez, through the Authority's contract with Lerch, Vinci & Bliss LLP, is hereby appointed as the Authority's Qualified Purchasing Agent, effective February 18, 2026 for a one (1) year term ending at the Authority's annual reorganization meeting in February 2027.
- 2) The Authority hereby increases its bid threshold to \$53,000.
- 3) The Qualified Purchasing Agent shall have the authority and responsibility to prepare public advertising for bids and to receive bids for certain goods and services subject to the public bid law that exceed the bid threshold of \$53,000 on behalf of the Union County Utilities Authority, and to award contracts

permitted through New Jersey statutes and in accordance with the regulations, forms and procedures promulgated by state regulatory agencies in the name of the Union County Utilities Authority.

- 4) A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if and as required by applicable New Jersey law and regulation; and
- 5) 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>	✓						