

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2025 AT THE AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LAFAYETTE, NEW JERSEY

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The following were present: Chairman Ronald Petillo, Vice Chairman John Drake, Commissioners Karl Meyer, Thomas Madsen, Andrea Cocula, Wayne Dietz, John Wesley, John Finkeldie, Mario Poggi, Executive Director Joseph Sesto, Comptroller Timothy Day, Wastewater Superintendent Timothy Phillips, Wallkill River Watershed Management Director Nathaniel Sajdak, General Counsel John Napolitano, Special Counsel Thomas Prol, and Recording Secretary Tara Kronski

Absent: Solid Waste Superintendent Jonathan Morris

2. PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING SUNSHINE LAW

Chairman Petillo stated that the meeting has been duly advertised, and notice given thereof, as required by P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

3. OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Petillo opened the meeting to public comment. There was no public comment. Chairman Petillo then closed the meeting to public comment.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Executive Director Sesto requested to add to the Closed Session Agenda a Personnel Report under himself. Commissioner Drake moved to approve the revised Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Meyer. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Madsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Drake. No discussions requested. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion carried.

6. MINUTES

Chairman Petillo requested a motion to approve/acknowledge the email distribution of the October 1, 2025 Pending Action Summary Sheets (PASS) to the County Commissioner Board in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-14(e). Commissioner Drake moved the PASS, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion carried.

The Open and Closed Minutes for the September 17, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were emailed to the Commissioners for their review.

7. BUSINESS

a. Wastewater Program

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Phillips reported that the Paulinskill Wastewater Facility's annual NJDEP inspection was conducted by a new compliance officer. The compliance officer took a tour of the facility and reviewed paperwork. The Facility is within compliance with no violations to report.

## **Watershed Director's Report**

Mr. Sajdak indicated that the WRWMG is in the busy season for public volunteer work. There are projects currently at High Point High School, Culver Lake Golf Course, and Sparta Township which is conducting a salt study with the assistance of Watershed Outreach Coordinator Kristine Rogers. Mr. Sajdak also brought attention to a handout that was promoting the North Jersey River Conference to be held at Centenary College. Ms. Roger is one of the moderators.

## **Comptroller's Report**

Mr. Day reported on the Septage, Sludge and Sewage Report through September 2025. He reported that septage is at 76% of annual projections, sludge is at 80% of annual projections, and hauled sewage is at 112% of annual projections. Overall, revenue is at 76% of annual projections which is slightly below projected estimate. The total for Upper Wallkill Plant connection fees is currently at \$232,954, which is over the anticipated amount projected. The Paulinskill Reclamation Facility connection fees are currently at \$3,375.

### **b. Solid Waste Program**

## **Comptroller's Report**

Mr. Day reviewed the tonnages and revenues through September 2025 for the Solid Waste Facility. Revenues are up 2.6% or \$289,000, and tonnage is up 2.5% or 2,292 tons compared to the same time last year.

### **c. General Authority Business**

## **Comptroller's Report**

Mr. Day reported on the FY2024 Audit and indicated that a draft Audit has been prepared, however there is a delay in obtaining information regarding final data on GASB 68 and GASB 75, which has to do with the pension liability and post-retirement benefit costs for the Authority. He reviewed a timeline on the Audit preparation. The draft document was completed by the SCMUAs Auditor at the end of March 2025, but the pension information was not received from the Division of Pensions until September. Mr. Cuva is scheduled to be at the next Authority Meeting to review the Audit and answer any questions.

### **d. Executive Session**

At 3:10 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved the adoption of the following resolution authorizing a Closed Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Finkeldie. On voice vote: Ayes (9), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo noted the Closed Executive Session should be approximately five (5) minutes and discussions shall include: Personnel Matter.

**#25-132 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved to close Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Finkeldie. On voice vote: Ayes (9), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo confirmed discussions held as specifically set forth in the resolution authorizing Closed Executive Session included: Personnel Matter.

e. Personnel Matters

None

8. Financial Transactions

a. Payment of Bills

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA – Chairman Petillo asked for a motion to approve the Financial Consent Agenda (FCA). On roll call:

Res #25-133 Financial Consent Agenda						
Commissioner	1st	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MEYER			X			
MADSEN	X		X			
COCULA			X			
DIETZ			X			
PETILLO			X			
DRAKE			X			
WESLEY			X			
FINKELDIE		X	X			
POGGI			X			

**#25-133 RESOLUTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA – BILL PAYING LIST**

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUEST

No Comments.

11. ADJOURN

At 3:17 p.m. Commissioner Drake moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Cocula, Secretary