

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2026 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 Thomas Madsen, Andrea Cocula, Wayne Dietz, John Wesley, Mario Poggi, Executive Director Joseph Sesto, Comptroller Timothy Day, Solid Waste Superintendent Jonathan Morris, Wastewater Superintendent Timothy Phillips, General Counsel John Napolitano, Special Counsel Thomas Prol, and Recording Secretary Tara Kronski

Absent: Commissioners Karl Meyer and John Finkeldie

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, no comments, he closed the meeting to public comment.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Prol administered the Oath of Office to Ronald Petillo for a 5-year term to the Board of Commissioners of the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority. Term appointment was made by the County Board of Commissioners and will run from February 4, 2026 – January 31, 2031.

Attorney Prol then administered the Oath of Office to John Wesley for a 5-year term to the Board of Commissioners of the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority. Term appointment was made by the County Board of Commissioners and will run from February 4, 2026 – January 31, 2031.

5. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Petillo requested a motion for approval of the Agenda. Commissioner Drake moved the approval of the Final Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. On voice vote: Ayes (7), Nays (0). The motion carried.

6. REORGANIZATION ACTIONS

Chairman Petillo passed the meeting chair to Executive Director Sesto for the purpose of nominations for the election of a Board Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary to serve for the year from February 4, 2026 until the next Reorganization Meeting of February 3, 2027. Mr. Sesto asked for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Authority's Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Dietz motioned to nominate Ronald Petillo for the position of Board Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. Mr. Sesto asked if there were any other nominations, there being none, he called for a roll call vote to appoint Ronald Petillo as the Board Chairman: Ayes (6) Commissioners Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Drake, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (1) Commissioner Petillo. The motion passed.

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Mr. Sesto requested a nomination for Vice Chairman of the Authority's Board of Commissioners for 2026. Commissioner Madsen nominated John Drake for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. Mr. Sesto asked if there were any other nominations, there being none, proceeded with a roll call vote to appoint John Drake as the Board Vice Chairman: Ayes (6) Commissioners Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (1) Commissioner Drake. The motion passed.

Mr. Sesto asked for nominations for Secretary of the Board for 2026, Commissioner Madsen nominated Andrea Cocula, Commissioner Poggi seconded the motion. Mr. Sesto asked if there were any other nominations, there being none, Mr. Sesto proceeded with a roll call vote to pass the resolution to appoint Andrea Cocula as the Board Secretary: Ayes (6) Commissioners Madsen, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (1) Commissioner Cocula. The resolution passed.

#26-019 RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA COCULA AS AUTHORITY SECRETARY FEBRUARY 4, 2026 to FEBRUARY 3, 2027

Executive Director Sesto reported on all of the Reorganization Resolutions for various appointments and procedures for 2026. Mr. Sesto presented the following resolutions up for consideration and the recommended appointments for Professional Services. The proposed resolutions will be effective February 4, 2026 to February 3, 2027, with Engineering Contracts to be effective until February 28, 2026. Commissioner Drake moved resolutions d. through z. as noted on the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cocula. On roll call vote: Ayes (7) Commissioners Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The following resolutions passed.

#26-020 RESOLUTION RE: SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY'S DATES AND TIMES OF REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETINGS – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027

#26-021 RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027

#26-022 RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRM OF CLEARY GIACOBBE ALFIERI & JACOBS, LLC AS AUTHORITY GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL - FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027

#26-023 RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS H. PROL, ESQ. OF SILLS CUMMIS & GROSS, PC AS AUTHORITY SPECIAL COUNSEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027

#26-024 RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF JOHN CANTALUPO OF ARCHER & GREINER, P.C. AS AUTHORITY BOND COUNSEL – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027

#26-025 RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF WEILKOTZ & CO. AS AUDITORS TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027

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- #26-026** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT FOR CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT SERVICES/FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES TO PHOENIX FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC - FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027
- #26-027** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF ARM GROUP, INC. AS AUTHORITY'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR SOLID WASTE FACILITIES – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2027
- #26-028** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF HAZEN & SAWYER AS AUTHORITY'S WASTEWATER CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR WASTEWATER FACILITIES – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2027
- #26-029** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF PAULUS SOKOLOWSKI AND SARTOR, LLC TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY'S WASTEWATER CONSULTING ENGINEERING AND LSRP SERVICES – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2027
- #26-030** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF TETRATECH AS AUTHORITY'S SOLID WASTE CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR SOLID WASTE FACILITIES AND SPECIALIZED AIR PERMITTING CONSULTING SERVICES – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2027
- #26-031** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF SCS ENGINEERS AS THE AUTHORITY'S SOLID WASTE CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR SOLID WASTE FACILITIES AND SPECIALIZED AIR PERMITTING CONSULTING SERVICES - FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2027
- #26-032** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF ONE WATER CONSULTING AS AUTHORITY'S SPECIALIZED WATER QUALITY STUDIES CONSULTANT FOR WASTEWATER FACILITIES – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2027
- #26-033** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF GABEL ASSOCIATES AS THE AUTHORITY'S SPECIALIZED ENERGY CONSULTANTS - FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2027
- #26-034** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS J. WEBER AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AS THE AUTHORITY'S SURVEYING PROFESSIONALS - FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2027
- #26-035** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATES (PIA) AS HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTANT SERVICES TO EVALUATE THE AUTHORITY'S EMPLOYEE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM – 2026
- #26-036** RESOLUTION RE: DESIGNATION AND NOTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL AUTHORITY NEWSPAPERS AND OFFICIAL SCMUA WEBSITE (WWW.SCMUA.ORG) TO POST LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS PER NJ STATE STATUTE – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027

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- #26-037** RESOLUTION RE: BANKING AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS - FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027
- #26-038** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF MARGUERITE NEMETH AS SCMUA CERTIFYING OFFICER FROM FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027
- #26-039** RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING SCMUA CASH MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT POLICY - 2026
- #26-040** RESOLUTION RE: ESTABLISHING FORMAL WRITTEN INTERNAL CONTROL PROCEDURES – 2026
- #26-041** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF OFFICERS CERTIFICATES RELATED TO AUTHORITY BONDS – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027
- #26-042** RESOLUTION RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A PURCHASING BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9 FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 4, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027
- #26-043** RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF A SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY RECORDS CUSTODIAN – 2026

Mr. Sesto passed the meeting Chair to the appointed Chairman, Ronald Petillo, who will preside over the remainder of the meeting.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Petillo requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Madsen moved the approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Drake. No discussions. On voice vote: Ayes (7), Nays (0), Abstain (0), the motion carried.

8. MINUTES

Chairman Petillo requested a motion to approve/acknowledge the distribution of the January 21, 2026 Pending Action Summary Sheets which were emailed to the County Commissioner Board on January 22, 2026. Commissioner Drake moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (7), Nays (0), Abstain (0), the motion carried.

Chairman Petillo noted that the Open and Closed Minutes from both the December 10, 2025 and the January 7, 2026 Board Meetings were emailed to the Commissioners for their review.

9. BUSINESS

a. Closed 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 Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (7), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo noted the Closed Executive Session should be approximately 10 minutes and discussions shall include: Upper Wallkill Connection Fee.

#26-044 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved to close Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. On voice vote: Ayes (7), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo confirmed discussions held as specifically set forth in the resolution authorizing Closed Executive Session included: Upper Walkkill Connection Fee.

- b. Wastewater Program
No Reports
- c. Solid Waste Program
No Reports
- d. General Authority Business
No Reports
- e. Personnel Matters
No Reports

10. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. Payment of Bills

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA – Chairman Petillo asked for a motion to adopt the Financial Consent Agenda.

Res: # 26-045 – Financial Consent Agenda						
Commissioner	1st	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
KARL MEYER						x
THOMAS MADSEN			x			
ANDREA COCULA			x			
WAYNE DIETZ			x			
RONALD PETILLO			x			
JOHN DRAKE	x		x			
JOHN WESLEY			x			
JOHN FINKELDIE						x
MARIO POGGI		x	x			

#26-045 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING PASSAGE OF FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

11. Open To Public Comment

Ms. Syliva Petillo congratulated Chairman Petillo, Vice Chairman Drake and Secretary Cocula to their appointed positions on the Board for 2026.

12. Commissioners' Comments/Requests

Commissioners congratulated Mr. Petillo and Mr. Wesley on their reappointments to the Board, and to Ronald Petillo and John Drake and Andrea Cocula for their appointments to Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary.

Commissioner Cocula moved to give an excused absence to Commissioners Meyer and Finkeldie, seconded by Commissioner Finkeldie. On voice vote: Ayes (6); Nay (0); Abstain (1). The motion passed.

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13. Adjourn

At 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Drake moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (7); Nays (0). The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Cocula, Secretary