

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON APRIL 15, 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 Karl Meyer, Thomas Madsen, Andrea Cocula, Wayne Dietz, John Wesley, John Finkeldie, and Mario Poggi, Executive Director Joseph Sesto, Comptroller Timothy Day, Solid Waste Superintendent Jonathan Morris, Wastewater Superintendent Timothy Phillips, WRWVG Director Nathaniel Sajdak, General Counsel John Napolitano, Special Counsel Thomas Prol, and Recording Secretary Tara Kronski

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 from the public. Mr. Petillo closed the meeting to public comment.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Petillo requested a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Mr. Sesto requested to add Wastewater Facility Operations under Executive Session – Open Session. Commissioner Drake moved to approve the revised Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. 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 Poggi. No discussions were 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 April 1, 2026 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 Finkeldie. On roll call: Ayes (7) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (2) Commissioners Finkeldie and Wesley. The motion carried.

Commissioner Cocula moved the approve the Open and Closed Minutes from the March 4, 2026 Authority Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Drake. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion carried.

No minutes were distributed to the Commissioners at this meeting.

7. BUSINESS

a. Wastewater Program

Watershed Director's Report

Mr. Sajdak reported on a recent program with Frankford 8th grade students held at the Community Reserve (the former Culver Lake Golf Course). Students participated in four (4) educational stations throughout the day. He noted that 7th and 6th grade students from Frankford School are scheduled to attend in the coming days.

Mr. Sajdak also reminded the Commissioners that the 19th Annual Earth Day Celebration at the SCMUA is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd. Six (6) schools and approximately 250 students are expected to attend. Students will rotate through eight (8) educational stations featuring presentations by various vendors and SCMUA staff.

Comptroller's Report

Mr. Day reported on the Septage, Sludge and Sewage Report through March 2026. He indicated that septage is at 21% of annual projections, sludge is currently at 40% of annual projections, and hauled sewage is over 150% of annual projections. Overall, revenue totals are at 22% of annual projections. Total connection fees through March for the Upper Wallkill Facility remain unchanged from last month at \$36,973.00. The Paulinskill Reclamation Facility had no new connection fees during March.

Mr. Day prepared a resolution for consideration for a FY26 budget amendment to the Upper Wallkill Capital Outlay Budget. The amendment is a transfer of \$3,000 in funds from Building Improvements to Paving and Crack Sealing at the Upper Wallkill Facility; there is no change in the overall facility budget amount. Commissioner Cocula moved the amending budget resolution, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-081 RESOLUTION RE: AMENDING THE SCMUA'S FY2026 UPPER WALLKILL FACILITY CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sesto reported that he received proposals for lab testing services for the Wastewater Facility from Garden State Labs and Pace Analytical. The low proposal was from Pace Analytical Services for \$12,168.00 for one (1) year. A resolution was prepared to award Pace Analytical Services for a one-year contract for laboratory testing services for the Wastewater Facilities. Commissioner Drake moved the award resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cocula. On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-082 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (SCMUA) AND PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC FOR LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES AT THE WASTEWATER FACILITIES (CONTRACT 26-10)

Mr. Sesto reported on operations at the Paulinskill Wastewater Facility and indicated that one of the PLC boards has failed. The PLC is the "brains" of the operation. The system integrator was contacted to troubleshoot the

failure. After a site visit, it was determined that the PLC needs a full replacement. The material and installation is expected to cost around \$20,000. There is funding available in the O&M budget for the work. The new PLC will be ordered and installed as soon as possible.

Mr. Sesto also reported that during a routine inspection of the Upper Wallkill Stormwater and Septage Receiving Area, it was identified that the stormwater basin liner needs to be replaced. Mr. Sesto explained that it cannot wait until the UW Nitrate Rehabilitation Project in its current condition. SCMUA solicited pricing from ALCO and The Liner Company. ALCO was the low-priced proposal at \$48,100. Commissioner Cocula moved to fund both projects, Commissioner Drake seconded. On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The motion carried.

b. Solid Waste Program

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Morris provided a status update on the demolition of the blue building at the Solid Waste Facility. He reported that the water and sewer lines have been disconnected, and the electrical permit was received last week. The electrical inspection has passed, and E&M Electrical will return to install underground wiring and prepare for the transfer of electrical service for the main gate.

Mr. Morris further reported that all files have been removed from the building. He noted that a phone system will need to be modified to reroute service from the building directly to the Administration Building. Once the demolition permit is received, staff will begin deconstruction activities.

Comptroller's Report

Mr. Day reviewed the tonnages and revenues through March 2026 for the Solid Waste Facility. March 2026 tonnage is down 2.3% compared to this time last year. Revenues are also down approximately 2% compared to last year.

c. General Authority Business

Mr. Day noted as part of the records removal from the blue house on the solid waste site, a resolution was prepared to approve the destruction of certain approved SCMUA files and records as approved by the NJ Division of Revenue and Records Management Services (authorization numbers 387562 and 387568). Commissioner On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-083 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF VARIOUS SCMUA RECORDS

d. Executive Session

At 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Poggi 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 8 minutes and discussions shall include: Vernon Township Litigation, Bright Horizons Connection Fee Service Charge, and Personnel Matters.

#26-084 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:32 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved to close Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. 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: Vernon Township Litigation, Bright Horizons Connection Fee Service Charge, and Personnel Matters.

Commissioner Dietz left the meeting after Closed Executive Session.

d. Personnel Matters

Comptroller’s Report

Mr. Day presented a resolution, as discussed in Closed Session, to authorize an official intermittent leave of absence for a thirty (30) day period for employee VO5605. Commissioner Cocula moved the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. On roll call: Ayes (8) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Petillo, Drake, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-085 RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INTERMITTENT LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITH PAY FOR A THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD FOR VO5605

8. Financial Transactions

a. Payment of Bills

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

Res #26-086 Financial Consent Agenda						
Commissioner	1st	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MEYER			x			
MADSEN			x			
COCULA			x			
DIETZ						x
PETILLO			x			
DRAKE	x		x			
WESLEY			x			
FINKELDIE			x			
POGGI		x	x			

#26-086 RESOLUTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA – BILL PAYING LIST

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

10. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS/REQUEST

None.

11. ADJOURN

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At 3:35 p.m. Commissioner Madsen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0). The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Cocula, Secretary