MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON JUNE 3, 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, Wastewater Superintendent Timothy Phillips, General Counsel John Napolitano, Special Counsel Thomas Prol, and Recording Secretary Tara Kronski.

Also in Attendance: County Commissioner Alan Henderson
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. No comments from the public. Mr. Petillo closed the meeting to public comment.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Petillo asked for approval of the Agenda. Commissioner Drake moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dietz. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Finkeldie moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. 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 May 20, 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 Dietz. On roll call: Ayes (8) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (1) Commissioner Finkeldie. The motion carried.

Commissioner Poggi moved the approval of the Open and Closed Minutes for the May 6, 2026 Authority Meeting, Commissioner Drake seconded the Motion. 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

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Phillips reported that the fine screens for the Paulinskill Wastewater Treatment Facility have been delivered and CleanTek's technician is scheduled to be on-site to supervise the installation from June 22-24.

Comptroller's Report

Mr. Day reported on the Septage, Sludge and Sewage Report through May 2026. He indicated that septage is at 38% of annual projections, sludge is at 68% of annual projections, and hauled sewage is over expectations at 280%. Overall, revenue totals are at 41% of annual projections. Total connection fees through May 2026 for the Upper Wallkill Facility and the Paulinskill Facility remained unchanged from last month at $82,748.00 and $0, respectively.

b. Solid Waste Program

Comptroller's Report

Mr. Day reviewed the Solid Waste Facility tonnage and revenue reports through May 2026. He reported that total tonnage received is down approximately 0.7%, or 385 tons, compared to the same period in 2025. Despite the decrease in tonnage, facility revenues are up approximately 2% compared to May 2025.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sesto reviewed an invitation distributed to the Commissioners regarding the SCMUA Flag Retirement Ceremony that will be held in conjunction with Lafayette Township's Celebration of America's 250th Birthday. The event shall be held at the Lafayette Township Elementary School on June 27th at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Madsen will tentatively be the MC for the opening and closing remarks.

c. General Authority Business

Comptroller's Report

Mr. Day reported that the Authority's network and website recently underwent a penetration vulnerability assessment conducted by Micro Computer Systems. The assessment resulted in a favorable report, with only a few recommendations pertaining to the website. Mr. Day noted that all recommended corrective actions have since been completed.

Mr. Day also reported that the SCMUA has once again engaged Wizer, a cybersecurity training provider, to educate employees on current phishing scams and other cyber threats. The training program is designed to help employees recognize suspicious emails and activities and reduce the risk of cybersecurity incidents.

d. Executive Session

At 3:06 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved the adoption of the following resolution authorizing a Closed Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Madsen. On voice vote: Ayes (9), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo noted the Closed Executive Session should be approximately thirty (30) minutes and discussions shall include: *Vernon Township Litigation, Bright Horizons Connection Fee Service Charge, Hampton Commons Facility Nitrate, and Upper Wallkill Facility Rehabilitation Project.*

#26-097 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:40 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: *Vernon Township Litigation, Bright Horizons Connection Fee Service Charge, Hampton Commons Facility Nitrate, Upper Wallkill Rehabilitation Project.*

d. Personnel Matters

None

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 #26-098 Financial Consent Agenda						
Commissioner	1st	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MEYER			x			
MADSEN	x		x			
COCULA			x			
DIETZ			x			
PETILLO			x			
DRAKE		x	x			
WESLEY			x			
FINKELDIE			x			
POGGI			x			

#26-098 RESOLUTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA – BILL PAYING LIST

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUEST

None

11. ADJOURN

At 3:42 p.m. Commissioner Madsen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Cocula, Secretary