MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON JUNE 17, 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, Solid Waste Superintendent Jonathan Morris Wastewater Superintendent Timothy Phillips, General Counsel John Napolitano, Special Counsel Thomas Prol, and Recording Secretary Tara Kronski.

Also in Attendance: Marc Sorrentino from The O'Neill Group, Keith Mitchell from Acrisure Risk Management, and County Commissioner Alan Henderson

Absent: Comptroller Timothy Day

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. Mr. Sorrentino addressed the Board regarding the connection fee hardship application submitted to SCMUA for the age-restricted development located at 7 Theta Drive, Vernon Township. He clarified that the ownership entity name has changed from Bright Horizons to Vernon Redevelopment Urban Renewal, LLC. Mr. Sorrentino reviewed the timeline of the application submitted to the Vernon Township Municipal Utilities Authority, including the hardship approval granted in March 2026. For the SCMUA Hardship, he stated that all requested documentation and supporting information had been provided to Executive Director Sesto for consideration by the SCMUA Board. Mr. Sorrentino thanked the Board for their time and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Keith Mitchell of Acrisure informed the Board that he had met with Statewide Insurance to discuss PEOSH-related matters and reported that he would continue coordinating additional safety programs for SCMUA staff.

Chairman 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 Finkeldie. 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 June 3, 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 Wesley. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion carried.
There were no minutes up for approval at this meeting.

The Open and Closed Minutes from both the May 20, 2026 and June 3, 2026 Authority Meetings have been emailed to the Commissioners for their review.

7. BUSINESS

a. Wastewater Program

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sesto reported that bids were opened on June 11, 2026 for SCMUA Contract #26-05 for the Furnish and Deliver Ferric Chloride to the Upper Wallkill Wastewater Facility. The lone bid was from Coyne Chemical, Co. for $2.91/gallon, which is less than last year. The bid was deemed acceptable after review by staff and counsel, and a resolution was prepared to award for one (1) year to Coyne Chemical. Commissioner Cocula moved the award resolution for Contract #26-05, seconded by Commissioner Finkeldie. On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-099 RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 26-05 FOR FERRIC CHLORIDE SOLUTION DELIVERY TO GEORGE S. COYNE CHEMICAL CO., INC.

b. Solid Waste Program

Solid Waste Superintendent's Report

Mr. Morris reported on the recent Household Hazardous Waste Event held on June 6, 2026. The event was conducted with assistance from Radiac Research and SCMUA staff, who serviced 710 vehicles and collected 15.8 tons of hazardous waste. The total cost of the event was $54,612.00. Mr. Morris noted that the total amount of hazardous waste collected exceeded the previous event's total by approximately 2 tons.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sesto informed the Commissioners that the SCMUA Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held in conjunction with Lafayette Township's America's 250th Birthday Celebration. The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th at 2:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Township School.

c. General Authority Business

Executive Director's Report

Commissioners discuss the July Meeting schedule and agree to cancel the July 1, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Cocula moved to cancel the July 1, 2026 Meeting and to authorize payment of essential bills as necessary, Commissioner Drake seconded the motion. On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The motion carried.

e. Personnel Matters

Commissioner Dietz introduced Mr. Anthony Somma, Regional Vice President of Apta Health, to present and review their health benefit plan offerings for consideration by SCMUA. Mr. Somma provided an overview of the available options and benefits. Commissioner Dietz stated that he will discuss the plan further with SCMUA's health benefits consultant, PIA, and will bring the matter back before the Board if it is determined to be beneficial for consideration.

d. Executive Session

At 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved the adoption of the following resolution authorizing a Closed Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Drake. On voice vote: Ayes (9), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo noted the Closed Executive Session should be approximately 40 minutes and discussions shall include*: Vernon Township Litigation, Bright Horizons Connection Fee Service Charge, and Upper Wallkill Facility Rehabilitation Project.*

#26-100 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:36 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.*

Commissioner Meyer left the meeting in Closed Executive Session.

e. Personnel Matters (cont.)

Solid Waste Superintendent's Report

Mr. Morris reported that he received two (2) notices of intent to retire. The first notice was submitted by Heavy Equipment Operator II, Stephen Yurchak, who was hired in April 2004 and intends to retire effective August 1, 2026, after 22 years of service with SCMUA. The second notice was submitted by Maintenance Shop Supervisor and Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Ben Wilson. Mr. Wilson was hired in July 2007 and will retire effective October 1, 2026, after approximately 18.3 years of service with SCMUA.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sesto reported that the new time-reporting program through Primepoint was launched on Monday, June 15th, and has been operating successfully. Mr. Zappa and Ms. Olm have worked to transfer SCMUA payroll data and employee information into the new system, allowing employees to view their timesheets and benefit time balances online. Mr. Sesto noted that SCMUA Department Heads are utilizing the system to review time entries to ensure accurate payroll processing. Employees also have the ability to download the Primepoint application to conveniently access their benefit time balances and payroll information.

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 #26-101 Financial Consent Agenda						
Commissioner	1st	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MEYER			x			
MADSEN			x			
COCULA	x		x			
DIETZ			x			
PETILLO			x			
DRAKE			x			
WESLEY			x			
FINKELDIE		x	x			
POGGI			x			

#26-101 RESOLUTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA – BILL PAYING LIST

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUEST

No comments.

11. ADJOURN

At 4:40 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