MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON JULY 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 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, and County Commissioners Alan Henderson and Chris Carney

Absent: Commissioner Finkeldie, and 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. Marc Sorrentino from Vernon I Development Urban Renewal LLC thanked the Board for their time and indicated his company is looking to utilize the SCMUA Hardship Program for their connection fee for their property located at 7 Theta Drive in Vernon Township. They intend to pay the full amount in accordance with the payment terms of the SCMUA's Hardship Program. He noted he recognized the Board's authority in this matter. He appreciates their review and respects their decision.

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 Wesley. On voice vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0). The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Madsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Drake. No discussions were requested. On voice vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0). The motion carried.

6. MINUTES

Chairman Petillo requested a motion to approve/acknowledge the email distribution of the June 17, 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 (8); Nays (0). The motion carried.

Mr. Petillo asked for a motion to approve the Open and Closed Minutes from both the May 20, 2026 and June 3, 2026 Authority Meetings. Commissioner Cocula moved the approval, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0). The motion carried.

The Open and Closed Minutes from the June 17, 2026 Authority Meeting were emailed to the Commissioners for their review.

7. BUSINESS

a. Wastewater Program

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Phillips reported that the fine screen replacement project at the Paulinskill Wastewater Treatment Facility was completed on June 22, 2026. A factory representative was on-site during the installation to provide technical support and oversight. All associated electrical and plumbing work was performed in-house by the SCMUA wastewater maintenance staff within a two-day period which resulted in significant cost savings to the ratepayers of the Facility.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sesto reported that public comment was received from Vernon I Redevelopment Urban Renewal, LLC regarding its application for a hardship payment plan for the connection fee associated with 7 Theta Drive in Vernon Township. A certification from the applicant's accounting firm was submitted confirming that the company qualifies as a small business and meets the eligibility requirements for a hardship payment plan. A resolution was prepared authorizing SCMUA to enter into a hardship payment agreement with Vernon I Redevelopment Urban Renewal, LLC, allowing the connection fee of $213,472.75 to be paid over a five-year period. Commissioner Cocula moved the authorizing resolution, seconded by Commissioner Drake. On roll call: Ayes (7) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Poggi; Nays (1) Commissioner Wesley; Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-102 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO HARDSHIP AGREEMENT WITH VERNON I REDEVELOPMENT URBAN RENEWAL, LLC (A/K/A "BRIGHT HORIZONS"), VERNON TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

b. Solid Waste Program

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Morris reported that on July 3, 2026, Solid Waste staff completed the quarterly inspection of the leachate force main by walking the entire length of the route. During the inspection, staff removed debris and several large trees from portions of the right-of-way to maintain access and visibility. The force main was found to be in good condition, with no issues identified. Discussion followed regarding the initial operational concerns experienced after construction completion and the corrective measures implemented to successfully resolve those issues.

c. General Authority Business

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sesto reported that the IT Committee reviewed the agreements with Planet Networks and Micro Computer Group and is recommending a one-year extension of each contract for IT Managed Services and Cyber Security Support, respectively. The agreements provide for annual renewals through 2027, and resolutions have been prepared authorizing an additional one-year term for both services.

The first resolution authorizes the execution of a one-year renewal agreement with Planet Networks for IT Managed Services in an amount not to exceed $67,000 annually. Commissioner Drake moved the authorizing resolution, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. On roll call: Ayes (8) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-103 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FROM COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING RFP WITH PLANET NETWORKS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (it) MANAGED SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Mr. Sesto reviewed a resolution for Cyber Security Services, authorizing a one-year extension of an agreement with Micro Computer Consulting Group for a not-to-exceed amount of $13,500. Mr. Sesto answered questions regarding the services provided which are in conjunction with the Statewide Joint Insurance Fund. Commissioner Madsen moved the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cocula. On roll call: Ayes (8) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-104 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICRO COMPUTER CONSULTING GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) CYBER SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Mr. Sesto reported that a resolution was prepared for consideration authorizing the write-off of uncollectible bad debts from the Solid Waste Account. Collection efforts for these outstanding balances, which date back to Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025, have been exhausted over the past three years. The total amount recommended for write-off is $948.30. Commissioner Drake moved the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cocula. On roll call: Ayes (8) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-105 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TREASURER TO DELETE BAD DEBTS DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES WITH THE SOLID WASTE SCALE CREDIT CARD MACHINES

d. Executive Session

At 3:12 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 (8), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo noted the Closed Executive Session should be approximately 30 minutes and discussions shall include*: Vernon Township Litigation, and Upper Wallkill Facility Rehabilitation Project, and Personnel Item.*

#26-106 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Commissioners Henderson and Carney were in the meeting room for discussions regarding the Upper Wallkill Facility Rehabilitation Project only.

At 4:13 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved to close Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (8), 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, Upper Wallkill Rehabilitation Project, and Personnel Item.*

e. Personnel Matters

Wastewater Superintendent's Report

Mr. Phillips reported that he received a request for a six (6) week Leave of Absence for Wastewater Employee KB0586. A resolution was prepared for consideration as discussed in Closed Session. Commissioner Madsen moved the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cocula. On roll call: Ayes (8) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-107 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT A SIX (6) WEEK "OFFICIAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE" WITH PAY FOR KB0586

Solid Waste Superintendent's Report

Mr. Morris presented a Declaration of Appreciation for Stephen Yurchak who will be retiring on July 31, 2026 after 22 years and 3 months with the Authority. Commissioner Madsen accepted his retirement with regret and wished him well, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On roll call: Ayes (8) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

#26-108 RESOLUTION RE: DECLARATION OF APPRECIATION FOR STEPHEN YURCHAK

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 #26-109 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			

#26-109 RESOLUTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA – BILL PAYING LIST

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUEST

Commissioner Dietz thanked all parties involved for their efforts in preparing the financial information and supplemental materials provided for the Upper Wallkill Facility Rehabilitation Project.

Commissioner Poggi thanked Executive Director Joe Sesto and Wastewater Superintendent Tim Phillips for providing tours of the Hampton Commons Facility and Homestead Facilities.

Commissioner Cocula moved to give Commissioner Finkeldie an excused absence, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. On voice vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0). The motion passed.

11. ADJOURN

At 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Poggi moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Drake. On voice vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0). The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Cocula, Secretary