

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON AUGUST 19, 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, 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.

Also in Attendance: County Commissioner Alan Henderson

Absent: Executive Director Joseph Sesto

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. County Commissioners Alan Henderson thanked the Wastewater Staff, Stephen Furtkevic and Tim Phillips, for the tours of the Wastewater Treatment Plants earlier today. 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 Dietz. 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 Drake. 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 August 6, 2026 Pending Action Summary Sheets (PASS) to the County Commissioner Board in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-14(e). Commissioner Dietz moved the PASS, seconded by Commissioner Drake. 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 for the July 15, 2026 Authority Meeting were emailed to the Commissioners for their review.

7. BUSINESS

a. Wastewater Program

No Report

b. Solid Waste Program

No Report

c. General Authority Business

**Comptroller's Report**

Mr. Day reviewed a resolution to give authorization to Executive Director Sesto and Comptroller Day to participate with the NJSMUAESA for the purpose of securing bids for electric generation service from licensed electric power suppliers for a contract to replace the existing electricity supply contract(s), and also approve the retention of Gabel Associates to act as the Authority's energy agent. Commissioner Cocula moved the authorizing resolution, seconded by Commissioner Drake. On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

**#26-116** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING AN ENERGY AGENT CONTRACT WITH GABEL ASSOCIATES, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN HIS/HER ABSENCE THE COMPTROLLER, TO AWARD A CONTRACT AND/OR REJECT BIDS IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE NEW JERSEY SEWERAGE AND MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AGGREGATION

Mr. Day provided an update on the status of the recent Cyber Security training. SCMUA employees achieved favorable scores on the training. Wizer Training offers additional training options moving forward, and SCMUA will utilize these resources as needed to ensure employees remain current and informed on cybersecurity issues and best practices.

d. Executive Session

At 3:03 p.m. Commissioner Finkeldie moved the adoption of the following resolution authorizing a Closed Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (9), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo noted the Closed Executive Session should be approximately 20 minutes and discussions shall include: Vernon Township Litigation, Upper Wallkill Facility Rehabilitation Project, and Personnel Item.

**#26-117** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Commissioner Alan Henderson was in the meeting room for discussions regarding the Upper Wallkill Facility Rehabilitation Project only.

At 3:45 p.m. Commissioner Madsen 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, Upper Wallkill Rehabilitation Project, and Personnel Item.

e. Personnel Matters

**Comptroller’s Report**

Mr. Day presented a resolution, as discussed in Executive Session, to authorize the execution of an employment agreement with Executive Director Joseph Sesto. Commissioner Madsen moved the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution carried.

**#26-118** RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH SESTO, P.E. SCMUA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ CHIEF ENGINEER

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 #26-119 Financial Consent Agenda |     |     |     |     |         |        |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Commissioner                         | 1st | 2nd | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| MEYER                                |     |     | x   |     |         |        |
| MADSEN                               |     |     | x   |     |         |        |
| COCULA                               |     |     | x   |     |         |        |
| DIETZ                                | x   |     | x   |     |         |        |
| PETILLO                              |     |     | x   |     |         |        |
| DRAKE                                |     | x   | x   |     |         |        |
| WESLEY                               |     |     | x   |     |         |        |
| FINKELDIE                            |     |     | x   |     |         |        |
| POGGI                                |     |     | x   |     |         |        |

**#26-119** RESOLUTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA – BILL PAYING LIST

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

10. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS/REQUEST

Commissioners thanked Wastewater Employees, Stephen Furkevic and Tim Phillips, for the tour of the Wastewater Facilities and were impressed by the dedicated staff and the overall maintenance and operations of the Upper Wallkill Facility.

11. ADJOURN

At 3:48 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