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1 THERE BEING PRESENT:

2 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

3 ATLANTIC CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY:

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5 GARY L. HILL, Chairman (Via Zoom)

6 MOHAMMED DEDAR, Vice Chairman/Deputy (Via Zoom)

7 GLENN BANFIELD, Treasurer (Via Zoom)

8 CLAUDE SMITH, Deputy Executive Director, Engineering,
9 (Via Zoom)

10 STEPHANIE DAVIES, Alternate Board Member #1 (Via Zoom)

11 SAYED KAUSAR, Alternate Board Member #2 (Via Zoom)

12 JOHN ECCLES, JR., Alternate Board Member (Via Zoom)

13 NYNELL LANGFORD (Via Zoom)

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17 ALSO PRESENT:

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19 MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, Executive Director (Via Zoom)

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21 ANITA THAPA, Assistant Director of Accounting and

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23 Finance (Via Zoom)

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25 STELLA JOHNSON, Board Secretary (Via Zoom)

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1 (Recording begins at 00:55.)

2 I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT/READING

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Adequate notice of this meeting
4 has been provided, as required by law by mailing to the
5 Press a list of the regularly scheduled meeting March
6 15, 2022 at 401 North Virginia Avenue Conference Room,
7 not conference room, via Zoom, Atlantic City, New
8 Jersey. A copy of said notice was sent to the City
9 Clerk of Atlantic City to be posted.

10 All of the aforesaid complies with Chapter 231 of
11 the laws of 1975 more commonly known as the Open Public
12 Meetings Law.

13 So I'm going to ask our Board Secretary, Ms.
14 Johnson, to do roll call.

15 II ROLL CALL

16 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Banfield?

17 MR. BANFIELD: Present.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

19 MR. DEDAR: Yes, Miss.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford is absent. (Ms.
23 Langford came in later). Mr. Eccles?

24 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

1 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Kausar?

3 MR. KAUSAR: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. If we could stand,
5 we're going to have our Vice Chairman lead us in the
6 flag salute.

7 III SALUTE TO THE FLAG

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Mr. Dedar, good job.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're going to go right through
11 the agenda and I want to know very quickly from you
12 Board Members in particular. The agenda is not always
13 easy to put together. It's very fluid, as you probably
14 are finding that out. Generally the main agenda will
15 be given every Friday and then we have additions and
16 its changes or whatever, usually on Monday or Tuesday.

17 Today we're a little bit earlier. I think you all
18 for accommodating Mr. Armstrong's schedule doing it -
19 moving it a day forward. We do that if we need to and
20 that's fine, but thank you all for adjusting your
21 schedule.

22 So --

23 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, please. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes, thank you. And public
25 participation, I believe we were going to have one

1 person on public. Stella?

2 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, that person will be Kate --
3 Kate Delany. She is from Food and Water Watch.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Great.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Food and Water Actions.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay, very good.

7 MS. JOHNSON: So she may come in, she does have a
8 link.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

10 MS. JOHNSON: There's Kate now.

11 MR. SMITH: She's in right now.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good morning, Kate, how are you
13 today? Kate, you're on mute.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Ms. Delany, we're at public
16 participation. Would you like to make a comment?

17 MS. DELANY: No, I'm just watching. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, okay. No problem, welcome.

19 MS. DELANY: Thank you.

20 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure. Okay, we're going to move
22 right into number five, the approval of minutes. We
23 can approve the open session meetings from February,
24 but I'm going to suggest we table the closed minutes,
25 because as you all are aware, closed minutes cannot be

1 sent electronically. We need to review them in person
2 and then we sign off on them. Some of you weren't even
3 here for closed session last time and obviously you
4 would then abstain.

5 However, the people -- the Board Members that were
6 in the February meeting we need to review them and sign
7 off on them. So we're going to have to hold off on
8 closed session meetings, because we are doing Zoom and
9 we're not there to sign off.

10 But we can move forward on open session meetings
11 for February 16th and I believe all of you looked at
12 those and reviewed them. We're going to go right into
13 that. It's Resolution 5A-1 for the open session
14 meetings of our past Board meeting. Ms. Davies was
15 part of that as well.

16 We welcome Nynell, Mrs. Langford. Good morning.
17 So we have Mrs. Langford with us, as always is a
18 pleasure.

19 So we're at open meeting -- open session meetings.
20 Looking for a movement on that.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: No, we have to -- we have to move
23 it first to approve them. Okay? Can somebody move
24 them?

25 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Second. Now we can do the roll
2 call, Stella.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Go back to the beginning.
5 Banfield.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Yes, Mr. Banfield?

7 MR. BANFIELD: (No verbal response)

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

9 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

13 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

15 MR. ECCLES: Since I was not -- I'm only asking
16 because this is my first meeting. Since I was not a
17 member of the previous meeting, am I permitted to -- to
18 vote on that?

19 UNIDENTIFIED: No.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: You should abstain.

21 MR. ECCLES: Thank you. That was what I thought,
22 I just wanted -- I just wanted to make sure, then I
23 abstain. Thank you.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

25 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Kausar?

2 MR. KAUSAR: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: He was not present as well.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Mr. Kausar, you should abstain as
5 well.

6 MR. KAUSAR: Okay, okay.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Next time.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Next time.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: As I mentioned, we're going to
10 table the closed session meetings, correct, Mr.
11 Armstrong?

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: We need to give it in person.

14 6. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

15 Okay. I guess I'm up here. It says Chairman,
16 even those it says "none", most of you know me, I have
17 a few things to say. Sorry.

18 First of all, I want to welcome Mr. John Eccles to
19 our position here as a Board Member. John's family has
20 been in Atlantic City and very involved in our
21 community for many, many years. We welcome his
22 background and his community involvement and I know
23 he's going to be a great asset to our Board.

24 So welcome, John, to the Board.

25 MR. ECCLES: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: You've already got -- got wet --

2 MR. ECCLES: I'm not sure I got the meeting.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

4 MR. ECCLES: Good morning.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good morning. And we also have a
6 new alternate Board Member appointed by Councilman Zia
7 from City Hall -- from Atlantic City.

8 And Mr. Kausar is and Atlantic City resident
9 involved in the community there. We want to welcome
10 him as our alternate number two.

11 And of course Ms. Davies, we were introduced to
12 last meeting, she voted last meeting and she's our
13 Alternate number one again. Hello, Stephanie.

14 Okay. One thing very important that I'm very glad
15 we had and I know that maybe Ms. Delany will also want
16 a copy of this. We were sent -- we've been working on
17 the Atlantic City MUA press release which all of you
18 should have gotten that in your packet. It is going to
19 be for public record. We'll post that, Mr. Smith, on
20 our website, once you all agree after you've reviewed
21 it.

22 That's going to go to our City Council members,
23 the Mayor's office, the Press and any community
24 organization we feel fit to get the word out of what's
25 doing, especially with the two main or the one main

1 issue, P-FAS, which all of you are aware of. If you're
2 not aware of it, in fact I can have an off line meeting
3 with maybe whoever would like to explain the P-FAS
4 issue and Mr. Eccles already knows about that in
5 engineering.

6 But this tells us, in the press release, what the
7 problem has been with our water system. Again, we are
8 one of 2900 in the United States, not just us. Number
9 two, that we weren't responsible, because it's from the
10 Federal government, what they did. And number three,
11 what are the State guidelines. It's all in the Press
12 release, I'm not going to read that. You all have
13 that.

14 And then what, more importantly, what we did to
15 temporarily fix the issue. Very important. I know
16 council members were concerned about this.

17 Our former Executive Director, Mr. Ward, went to
18 the community groups and explained this publically as
19 well a couple of years ago. We've been working on
20 trying to come up with a temporary solution which is
21 highlighted in the release. Mr. Dedar was on my
22 committee when we worked last year, almost every week
23 on this.

24 We brought in H2M Contracting and Mr. Vince
25 Polistina (phonetic), as Engineering Consultant, to

1 make sure we were doing the right things. It was a \$3
2 million project that we had completed by around
3 December, the end of December. And it's a very
4 complicated program. It's listed in here, Mr. Smith
5 must have wrote that part. But that's okay.

6 However, I always say this and I've explained this
7 to the Mayor's office and to City Council, it's kind of
8 a watering down of the bad stuff so that it's
9 acceptable and diluting it and not -- it's really a
10 layman's terms of saying what we did. The good news
11 is, as our last testing, this is very, very vital, that
12 any signs of the P-FAS level being high have been -- is
13 no longer there. That is some real good news.

14 Now we need to keep an eye on it. We need to
15 continue to work on this and we shall. The Engineering
16 Committee knows the project ahead of us. Our Board
17 Members know. Some of you do not. I'll be happy to
18 inform you as we get down to the agenda.

19 We will be having to build a new plant one day,
20 very, very expensive, to permanently solve the problem.
21 It's all listed again in the press release. That
22 project will be spearheaded with the Engineering
23 Committee as well as some staff members and of course
24 State oversight, because the State is still overseeing
25 us and thank you for their partnership. They really

1 helped us move through this. And we're going to go
2 from there.

3 It also mentions about the lead issue that was
4 kind of in the Press. That's kind of a mixed bag, so
5 to speak, but that's listed of what we've done for
6 that.

7 So this press release is important. You may use
8 this, Board Members, for community leaders or community
9 people. If you have a question, we'll put it on the
10 website. As I said, I'm going to instruct us to give
11 it to City Council members, the Mayor's office,
12 community groups and of course the press.

13 Everybody has this, correct? Okay. So everybody
14 is aware of this. Any questions or comments on the
15 press release? Thank you.

16 It's important that we get the word out there.
17 What we've done, what's the problem -- what we've done
18 and what we want to do. That's my opinion.

19 Okay. So I think I'll be quiet there and we can
20 move on to number seven.

21 7. UST SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

22 Now since we -- today we do not have a professionals
23 there, the UST settlement agreement. Maybe Mr.
24 Armstrong can -- a real quick synopsis of what's going
25 on there. We're almost at completion of this, but in

1 particular because of the new Board members, Mr.
2 Armstrong, could you just kind of tell us where we
3 stand as of now?

4 MR. ARMSTRONG: I'm going to ask Claude to speak
5 to that. I don't -- I'm not sure where it's at on the
6 agenda?

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: It's number seven, 7A.

8 MR. DEDAR: Number 7A, right? Is that right?

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: Claude, can you speak to the UST
11 agreement?

12 MR. SMITH: Not completely. I know that there's
13 something that Fred was actually working on. That
14 particular settlement was actually in the process of
15 being completed based on the fine that was actually
16 levied against the Authority. The fine was actually
17 reduced to a 50 percent payment process.

18 I'm not sure exactly where we are with the payment
19 process at this particular point in time, but I know
20 we're -- we've actually -- we've actually settled that
21 agreement, if you want to call it that, with the DEP.
22 But I'm not sure where the payment is right now.

23 I don't know if Anita was receiving -- if you had
24 received anything in regards to any payment process?

25 MS. THAPA: Yes, it says 8,000 made out to NJ DEP.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, okay.

2 MS. THAPA: So that's half of the 16,000, 50
3 percent.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, that's good. Okay.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: He just -- actually what happened
6 now, he did send me, Claude and I, a recently updated
7 e-mail, just a report of meeting, indicating that what
8 he's waiting for is the 15 day grace period that the
9 State has --

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- to review in order to make the
12 agreement final then Anita can release the check.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's -- that's great. That's
14 great. This is really good movement forward for
15 handling it. I've got to give him credit for handling
16 this very well. And we are now continuing the process
17 of getting this settled. So we'll go from there.

18 MR. DEDAR: I have a question, Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.

20 MR. DEDAR: Okay, so -- so far I know like how
21 much is the cost of the (inaudible)? Mr. Claude
22 mentioned 50 percent payment was processed and Anita
23 just mentioned 8,000 was payment done. But how much
24 the total package was? How much the total settlement
25 comes up?

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: The total settlement is 8,000. It
2 was the total amount.

3 MR. DEDAR: It was --

4 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, the original fine amount.
5 Actually, I don't want to go into too much detail,
6 because it involves settlement negotiations which
7 should be had in closed session. But it was reduced to
8 50 percent and the 50 percent amount that you're
9 seeing, 8,000, is the negotiated amount.

10 MR. DEDAR: Oh, okay. Thanks.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Does that answer your question?

12 MR. DEDAR: That's okay.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Super, very good.

14 MR. DEDAR: Thank you.

15 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're going to move into Committee
17 Reports and we do this every -- every meeting to kind
18 of see what's going on. This is a very good way of me
19 to kind of just segue into committee assignments, if
20 you don't mind.

21 Good morning, Mr. Gonzales.

22 MR. GONZALES: Good morning.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good morning. Committee
24 assignments were just released. All of you have
25 received them. And as I mentioned in the February

1 meeting, we were waiting for one or two more Board
2 Members to come board before we give the assignments.

3 So there were three main committees and it's
4 Engineering, Personnel and Audit. And if you looked at
5 that, I tried to be very diverse in the committee
6 assignments. Really our goal is every year to kind of
7 mix it up so everybody gets a little taste of every
8 committee, so to speak, so you can learn better from
9 each committee.

10 For instance, you know, somebody was on personnel
11 last year might be now on Engineering or whatever.
12 That way you learn the intricacies of all of the
13 departments. I did, if you notice, and I spoke to all
14 of you in person -- or not in person, I spoke to all of
15 you via phone, except of course our new alternate I
16 didn't know that until last week.

17 So everybody else I spoke with and discussed this.
18 Committees are very important. They do a lot of our
19 work. And some of you have been involved in school
20 board and City Council, exceedingly important.

21 So that's where a lot of the main nitty gritty
22 work and questions and problems and issues get handled.
23 We have to have staff involved and they were assigned.
24 That has not changed. That was overlooked by Mr.
25 Armstrong, the staff assignments. But I also reached

1 out to each of our office schools to chair the
2 committee this year, because they are an officer. So
3 we have a diverse officer, so I as chairman is also the
4 chairman of Engineering, which I've been chairman for
5 15 years, but I am.

6 And then I asked Mr. Dedar to do our personnel and
7 then of course our Treasurer, Mr. Banfield, who's done
8 a great job with us, is chairing the audit. Then we
9 add a Board member, there's two people on the
10 committee. Always two, no more than two because of our
11 -- because of the voting thing, you can't have more
12 than three people. So we have the Board members, some
13 new Board members attach. I asked Stephanie Davies to
14 join the committee and Mr. Eccles and of course Mr.
15 Banfield and Mr. Kausar will be alternates on two of
16 the other committees.

17 So the committee assignments go out once a year,
18 we can play with them later on, you know, we see how
19 things go. I just wanted to give everybody else,
20 especially new people, why they are important. And we
21 have -- and there will be, if I'm out sick or I can't
22 make it, then the alternate will take my place on that
23 committee. Same thing with Mr. Banfield, if he can't
24 or he needs to have somebody, then he'll do that.

25 Any questions on the committees?

1 Great. And I want to also thank Mrs. Langford for
2 chairing last year's committee. She decided not to
3 chair this year, but thank you, Ms. Langford.

4 MR. BANFIELD: Mr. Chairman, I have a question.
5 Do we have a vote again on that?

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: No, we don't. It's at the
7 discretion of the Chairman, correct, Mr. Armstrong?

8 MR. ARMSTRONG: Correct.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. But that's -- it's just to
10 -- I just don't want -- I want to give you the reasons
11 we moved everybody around.

12 MR. BANFIELD: Okay, you know, that's fine.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Okay, so Engineering
14 Committee, I guess I have -- again you have to listen
15 to me because I'm Chairman of that, but we're going to
16 be calling on Mr. Smith for a lot of this. A lot of
17 things -- we have a very good first new, in the new
18 year, engineering committee. Mr. Eccles joined us and
19 I appreciate that, John, being on there.

20 Of course we have a lot other than our main
21 problem or our main issue of P-FAS. We have main
22 replacements. We have contracts. We have all kinds of
23 timing issues. DPE issues in our engineering
24 committee.

25 So we're going to go through that. The P-FAS

1 update, I gave you a little bit of it. Mr. Smith,
2 would you like to talk about that and then our solar
3 project, which we already discussed in engineering?

4 MR. SMITH: Not much stuff in that area. You did
5 say a lot on that. Presently we've actually met the
6 requirements of the P-FAS contaminant requirements.
7 Our vessels are still in operation. Our plant is still
8 operating in regards to sequestering that particular
9 contaminant from our -- from our water supply.

10 So far we've been able to work well with the
11 upgrades that we've actually done and we're just
12 continuing to operate the best that we can in regards
13 to that and with the P-FAS situation.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's good.

15 MR. SMITH: In regards to solar, solar has been an
16 ongoing situation for quite some time. The company has
17 actually mobilized and is currently bringing products
18 and materials on property to start the solar
19 insulation.

20 So far we know that there have been several
21 materials brought in at the water treatment plant in
22 Pleasantville and the solar arrays are not presently on
23 property, but other materials are on property in
24 regards to insulation and tying into our electrical
25 grid for power.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. That's very vital for the
2 new Board members. We discussed this last board
3 meeting, because our electricity bills are sky high,
4 our costs. We need to do something to combat that.
5 And I know the State's involved with this oversight as
6 well.

7 So this is really vital and it's something that
8 we've been working on. We let it go a little bit, now
9 it's back. So that's where we are.

10 I just also wanted to comment on the grants. As I
11 mentioned, we're looking for grant money. This was
12 part of engineering. Grant money to help with building
13 a facility when we deal with the main issue.

14 We have, for the new people again, sorry to bore
15 the people that know this. But for some new Board
16 members, we have an outside consultant, Mr. James
17 Martalla (phonetic), who's very good. I believe he was
18 even on a walk yesterday at the plant. Jim Martalla
19 works with the City as well. He's done a great job.
20 Grant writing is tough. You don't always get the
21 money, but we try.

22 So we are going to be working with him to go after
23 some federal money. I know he's already reached out to
24 our congressmen and I know our senators are involved.
25 So he's working and trying to help us in getting some

1 grants and going -- working with the I bank that we
2 might need to get some money. So this is for the
3 future. So I just want to let you know that we are
4 working on grants to help with those issues.

5 I know we're going to talk a little about the main
6 replacements. You want to do that now, Claude, so I
7 can give them update or do you want to wait?

8 MR. SMITH: We can probably mention it now.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Let's do that now, it's part of
10 engineering.

11 MR. SMITH: As mentioned in the engineering
12 meeting we just recently had, that we had several
13 engineering water main replacement projects throughout
14 the City of Atlantic City.

15 Just to update the Board, we did receive
16 proposals. We received several proposals from
17 different contractors. At this particular point in
18 time, they expect -- let me back up a little bit. They
19 expect issues that we would have been able to review
20 the proposals and have some sort of presentation to the
21 Board for an acceptance. Unfortunately, it's a little
22 bit more tedious in regards to the review of the
23 proposals.

24 So we are going to table that until probably some
25 time maybe next week or the week after in regards to

1 fully vetting all the different proposals that came in,
2 make sure that we have all the information, the
3 information that we have available to us and of course
4 the engineer to make a proper decision. What I will
5 suggest to the Board is that we have probably a special
6 board meeting to decide on the selection of the
7 contractors for this particular project.

8 Of course this project is also vital for the City
9 of Atlantic City in regards to the railroad
10 restorations that are said to be done some time this
11 year and we're trying to follow suit in regards to the
12 time frame that they actually do have for doing some of
13 these.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: The issue is we need to get this
15 done pretty soon, so that's why we might, Board
16 members, have to have a quick emergency meeting in a
17 week or so, once staff reviews all of the proposals.
18 And I give Mr. Smith credit, because he called me and
19 said do you mind if he hold that and just review it?
20 It's better to be a little safer than sorry later.
21 This is a major project, the City is involved. You
22 know, we want to make sure we have the right contractor
23 for the right job at the right place and make sure that
24 the time lines and supplies and all of that can be
25 done. And just got at the Authority the bids came in

1 -- I think it was Friday or something or Thursday.

2 MR. SMITH: And in person.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: So today's Tuesday. I really
4 think it's wise or prudent for us to wait a couple of
5 days. Let them do their research. Let them do their
6 vetting. And then we can call and get the
7 recommendations and move from there.

8 So anybody that disagrees with that? Fine.

9 So what we'll do, Mr. Smith, when you're ready,
10 let me know and we'll call -- I'll put everybody on
11 notice here, maybe the end of next week or whenever we
12 think is good. Then once we have the correct
13 information, vetted information, then we'll have a
14 quick meeting to approve the contracts. Because these
15 are three main places.

16 Mr. Smith, could you just quickly tell the new
17 Board -- where are main replacements?

18 MR. SMITH: Sure, of course. I know people are
19 familiar with the Ducktown area which consists of Texas
20 Avenue and Mississippi Avenue. We have work in the
21 Chelsea Heights location, which is on Wisteria Avenue
22 and in the uptown location, which is Oriental Avenue
23 and Drexel Avenue, which is between Connecticut and New
24 Jersey Avenue. So we have several different locations
25 that we're actually doing this particular work on.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: This is part of our mission, of
2 course, to replace bad pipes. We need to do this.
3 This is infrastructure. So that's what the plan is for
4 that.

5 I believe that completes engineering, correct, Mr.
6 Smith?

7 MR. SMITH: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you very much. And
9 again, Mr. Eccles, thanks for joining our first
10 meeting. I hope we didn't blow your mind too much.

11 MR. ECCLES: Maybe that much.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Very good.

13 MR. ECCLES: I appreciate you're using small
14 words.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, well, believe me I don't know
16 about that. It's all those engineers and the lawyers
17 that gets me confused.

18 Okay. So Personnel Committee.

19 MR. ECCLES: You had me until you got to the
20 lawyers.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: I know. I get it. I get it.

22 Personnel Committee, I'm not sure if the personnel
23 met. If they did maybe either Mr. Dedar or Mr.
24 Armstrong can fill us in.

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: No, actually the meeting was

1 cancelled.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: But there is pretty much no new
4 update other than the fact that during that time our T-
5 4 license operator down at the plant resigned. And as a
6 result, we had to replace him with another T-4
7 operator. There's a little more to the story, but
8 because it involves personnel, we'll discuss it --

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- further in closed session.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. I believe we should. And
12 that will lead us right into what you're mentioning,
13 the Executive Director's report, which you just started
14 with. Mr. Armstrong, would you like to continue?

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, thank you.

16 As a result of having to replace our T-4 operator
17 out at the plant, we attempted initially to put forward
18 a person who had a T-3 license at no additional cost to
19 the Authority other than a slight salary bump for
20 assuming the Plant Manager's operations.. But the DEP
21 is requiring that the person actually have a T-4.

22 As you know, we have a backup company in place,
23 WRM. They had a T-4 operator available and we
24 submitted that T-4 operator's license and they accepted
25 it. But it's our plan to have that license in place

1 in 10 days, our T-3 employee obtaining a T-4 license.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Excellent. That's well said. And
3 just a quick comment, that employee, I congratulated
4 and thanked him at engineering, Mr. Jones. Some of you
5 might know him. He did -- he stepped up to the plate
6 and really helped us out and I give him a lot of
7 credit. I publically just wanted to say that. Go
8 ahead.

9 MR. ARMSTRONG: He's the Assistant Plant Manager,
10 has been the Assistant Plant Manager for some time.
11 And he's been acting in that capacity I believe for
12 about five or six years.

13 The resolution that's before you, not to be
14 confused with the RFQ for backup operators. The
15 resolution that's before you, which is 9A-1, is an
16 emergency resolution to appoint a T-4 operator because
17 we did not have the T-4 operator prior to this meeting.

18 So we're looking that you approve that as an
19 emergency and ratify the actions that I took to make
20 sure that we had coverage per DEP's regulations.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's exactly your job. Thank
22 you. So everybody go that, this morning. Our board
23 secretary sent it to us. Could you just read the first
24 "whereas", so we're on the record of what we're voting
25 on?

1 MS. JOHNSON: "Whereas the Atlantic City Municipal
2 Utilities Authority, herein referred to as ACMUA, has
3 the emergent need for a T licence operator at the
4 operator water distribution facility."

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you so much. Any
6 discussion? Okay. Looking for a motion?

7 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Second? Who seconded
9 it?

10 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Mr. Banfield, thank you. Then
12 would you roll call, please, Stella?

13 ROLL CALL:

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

15 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

17 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

21 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

23 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you., everybody.

25 Okay, we're going to go down, Michael, to grant

1 applications for drinking water, Resolution 9A-2.

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes. Mr. Chairman had mentioned
3 earlier that (inaudible) Tula (phonetic) there were two
4 of us assisting the Authority in obtaining grants.
5 He's doing an excellent job. I mean every -- almost
6 every other day I get a call from him mentioning a
7 grant that he's interested in getting for the Authority
8 with respect to electric cars, lead, money for our
9 plant and this is just another. He was able to locate
10 a grant that was provided for assisting the Authority
11 in eradicating lead.

12 And if you agree to approve this, he will submit
13 the application so that it will cost the Authority much
14 less money.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: It's a really important thing
16 again. He's done a great job. And as I said, grant
17 writing is not easy. I never want to be a grant
18 writing.

19 So Ms. Johnson, could you read the first line of
20 the resolution? 9A-2.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

22 "Whereas the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
23 announced 20 million in available grant funding to
24 assist communities and schools with removing sources of
25 lead in drinking water."

1 MR. DEDAR: Good, we need that money.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Absolutely. May I have a motion.

3 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Second?

5 MR. BANFIELD: I second.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Ms. Johnson, roll call.

7 ROLL CALL:

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

9 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

11 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

15 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

17 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We're moving on to 10.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: If I may?

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure. Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. -- I cut
21 you off, Mr. Armstrong.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: That's right. I have two more
23 items.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure, go ahead.

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: With respect to the press release,

1 I know that you discussed that earlier, but if I could
2 have a motion saying that the press release I submitted
3 to you is acceptable to distribute to the public?

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. The Board members have
5 reviewed them, the press release we sent? Okay.
6 Super. I'll make the motion to accept.

7 MR. DEDAR: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

9 ROLL CALL:

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

11 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

13 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

17 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

19 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: And will a resolution follow?

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: You don't have it?

22 MS. JOHNSON: No. Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: And number two item, Mr.
24 Armstrong.

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: There was an education resolution

1 related to changing a policy for reimbursement?

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: On my amended agenda I don't see
4 it listed. I thought an amended agenda went out that
5 included that. But I know --

6 MS. THAPA: It's under 10B, though. Under new --

7 MR. ARMSTRONG: Under 10B?

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah, it's under 10B. We can pull
9 it up right now and do it. Sure, why not. Yeah.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay, we can -- I'll let -- I'll
11 start and if there's any questions, --

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- I'll have Anita go into more
14 detail.

15 But there has been a need, as you know, for
16 encouraging employees to get certifications, licenses
17 and just improve themselves both on the job and just
18 their skill levels for advancement.

19 And one of the things that we're trying to do is
20 we've been having some discussions with the State about
21 creating incentives. We don't have a QPA, a qualified
22 purchasing agent, like most municipalities. And one of
23 the things that we like to do is encourage individuals
24 to go and get their QPA license. We've had some
25 discussions with the State. There have been some

1 concerns with respect to, you know, the Authority
2 paying for their education and then they turn around
3 and leave the Authority and utilize the education that
4 the Authority paid for somewhere else, which is
5 understandable.

6 So in our current policy we only have
7 reimbursement policy with respect to higher education.
8 So we'd like to amend the policy to include, if we pay
9 for certifications as well and any other form of
10 licensing, that if the employee, as you see in the
11 resolution, decides to leave within a certain period of
12 time, then they would have to reimburse the Authority
13 for the money that the Authority put forward. I mean
14 it's typically done everywhere.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's right.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: And we have two individuals who
17 have stepped forward indicating that they would like to
18 obtain their QPA license. Actually three, but two that
19 this relates to.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's great. As you can with
21 personnel changes we need to move quickly and we need
22 them to get trained. I know Ms. Davies was involved at
23 School Board and I'm sure that this is kind of common
24 practice as well, correct, Stephanie?

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: We can't hear you.

1 MS. DAVIES: Yes, that's --

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh, right. So I think it's a
3 good -- I think it's good move, a positive move and I
4 like the idea of reimbursements if you leave.

5 So here we go. Ms. Johnson, can you read the
6 first statement for -- I believe it's 10 --

7 MR. DEDAR: 10B.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: 10B. Thank you.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Educational assistance policy.

10 "Whereas the managerial, professional, white
11 collar and supervisory employees of the MUA have the
12 ability to take courses of higher learning and
13 continuing education through an accredited program that
14 either offers growth in an area related to the
15 employee's current position or that they may lead to
16 promotional opportunities. The education may include
17 college credit courses, continuing education unit
18 courses, seminars and job related certification tests."

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's right. Education is so
20 important. Any discussion? Can we move it, please?

21 MR. DEDAR: We can -- we can do the motion,
22 because it's a very good policy to me.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. and I need a second.

24 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Mr. Eccles. And now

1 roll call.

2 ROLL CALL:

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

4 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

6 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

10 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

12 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Mr. Armstrong, is that your
14 report?

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, that's all I have today.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you so much. It's all
17 closed. Okay, number 10. For new Board members, these
18 are abatements that during -- with our rules and
19 regulations and by-laws we're allowed to give if
20 there's an issue. For one time only, by the way.

21 MR. DEDAR: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, didn't you
22 miss the nine, you were going to --

23 MR. ARMSTRONG: 9b.

24 MR. DEDAR: We have to call 9B.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, thank you. Okay. Well,

1 that's -- I don't have that one on here for some
2 reason. What is that?

3 MR. DEDAR: For engineering.

4 MR. ARMSTRONG: Correct.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh. Okay, yeah. This is for the
6 engineering part. Okay, Mr. Armstrong, want to explain
7 that?

8 MR. ARMSTRONG: Also, so we -- just so we know,
9 there's a 9 -- if you don't have it on yours, there's a
10 9C also.

11 MR. DEDAR: 9C, yes.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: And that's typically accounting
13 and finance.

14 MR. DEDAR: It's Veronica, yes.

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: But 9B, is Deputy Executive
16 Director of Engineering and Claude is speaking on the
17 New York Avenue Water Main project.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Claude can speak on that.

19 MR. SMITH: Just an update on it. As you're all
20 aware that's the water main replacement project for New
21 York Avenue is completed. But in addition to the
22 completion of that work, there was additional work that
23 had to be done at that particular time when that water
24 main project was ongoing.

25 There was some extensive work that was actually

1 done at Mediterranean Avenue and New York Avenue. Due
2 to the fact that once we actually did the excavation of
3 that location and did the time, we realized that on the
4 south side of New York Avenue there was no connectivity
5 in regards to the distribution of water at that
6 particular location.

7 Apparently there was some work done there several
8 years ago that had a bypass and apparently that bypass
9 was cut off and apparently we're not picking up any
10 water at that particular intersection. So we had to do
11 some -- some -- if you want to call it, some
12 connectivity work in order to maintain our system
13 distribution in that particular area.

14 Then at another location, which is on Caspian
15 (phonetic) Avenue, which was very interesting. Upon
16 doing that particular location we discovered that the
17 water main, the existing water main, which is a four
18 inch line at that location, actually ran on to the
19 sidewalk on that particular street.

20 We had to do some restructuring of that location
21 and redirection of that water main and tie it back into
22 the existing at Tennessee Avenue. So it did, of course
23 -- which also included some additional road restoration
24 on Caspian Avenue, as well as Drexell -- not Drexell,
25 but Mediterranean Avenue and New York Avenue.

1 All that particular work came up to a total that
2 was actually above and beyond the contract amount for
3 that particular work, which resulted in a change order.
4 And as you can see, the change order was \$118,789.85.
5 We had some remaining line items balanced in the
6 contract that offset that by \$40,290. So the total of
7 the change order is 78,499.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Just so the Board members -- you
9 did review all of this?

10 MR. SMITH: Oh, yes. I actually -- in regards to
11 reviewing it, I also had to approve it --

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

13 MR. SMITH: -- prior to requesting the change
14 order, because these particular works were essential --

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Absolutely.

16 MR. SMITH: -- for the connectivity and continuing
17 to off our water lines within these particular
18 locations.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's right.

20 MR. SMITH: Of course we're doing upgrades of the
21 majority of our water -- four inch water lines to eight
22 inch water lines throughout the City of Atlantic City
23 and this particular work that was actually done
24 improving the size of our water line at the same time
25 and connectivity off our distribution system in these

1 areas.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Exactly. Discussion. Ms.
3 Johnson can you read the 9C, please, line?

4 MS. JOHNSON: "Whereas certain change orders were
5 necessary for the completion of a contract awarded to
6 Lafayette Utility Construction Company, a corporation
7 of the State of New Jersey, located at 9 Atlantic
8 Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey to furnish,
9 deliver and install New York Avenue water main
10 replacement, which contract was accepted at the
11 regularly scheduled Board meeting today, Tuesday, March
12 15th, and assigned the Authority contract 21 number
13 66."

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Lafayette has been doing
15 -- Lafayette is a great company and they do a lot of
16 work for us, so just so everybody knows that. Okay, I
17 need a motion.

18 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

19 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll call.

21 ROLL CALL:

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

23 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

25 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

4 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

6 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. 9C Financing and some
8 numbers. Anita, would you like to speak on this first?

9 MS. THAPA: Sure. The financing reports are out
10 for the month of January. January revenues are we
11 reported about 2.1 million at this time which includes
12 the 724,000 in connection fee income. That 700,000
13 connection fee we received from Atlantic City Universe
14 City Housing Associates. I believe that's the Stockton
15 project.

16 And in January our operating expenses is about
17 851,000.

18 As for the cash management, as we all know, we
19 were earning too much interest rate. I was not able to
20 invest any good interest rate on the cities with
21 interest, but we cannot even get it. Interest rate is
22 still at 0.15, it is steady though.

23 As for the balance adjustments, the reports are
24 just for the information to the Board. And for the
25 shut off, we all know we are not conducting any shut

1 offs. But the (inaudible) the amount and this is for
2 cycles one and two.

3 And per the governor's executed order we have to
4 provide all the delinquent customers at least a 12
5 month payment plan, which we will be doing this week.
6 So we will be sending to all the residents or customers
7 who are behind in their water bills, so we will be
8 providing them 12 months payment plan.

9 And per the executed order says if they don't
10 respond by -- within 30 days from the letter that we
11 send, then we can shut them off or do the penalties,
12 you know, however we like.

13 So that's about it. As for the new Board members,
14 if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to
15 ask me any questions related to financial.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: The good part is we always like
17 service agreements, because that give us money.

18 MS. THAPA: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: When people don't pay their bills,
20 we do have to get after them, but I really admire our
21 governor's decision on this, because it's been a rough
22 two years. So his stay of extending payment plans, a
23 personal thing, I think is a good idea. Questions?

24 MR. DEDAR: Mr. Chairman, I have a question.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.

1 MR. DEDAR: (Inaudible) approved for shut off or
2 like our MUA, we extend for shut off sometimes?

3 MS. THAPA: The executed order -- per the executed
4 order, the shut off, we cannot do -- shut off start
5 from March 15th, but at the same time, it's kind of
6 complicated. Like they say we can do it, but we have
7 the give -- notify the customer, you know, at least
8 offer them a 12 months payment plan.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

10 MS. THAPA: So we can start it, but like I said,
11 if they don't respond to our letters within 30 days
12 from March 15th, so by April 15th, if we don't receive
13 any response or any payment plan or at least the
14 payment installment, one payment installment, then we
15 can shut off. That's the way -- my understanding of
16 the new order.

17 MR. DEDAR: Thank you. Another question I have
18 for Mike, because it's for the public, they ask me when
19 I go to the City, when the MUA is going to be open.
20 They want to find when are they going to be open for
21 the public. So do we have any idea when this is going
22 to be open for everybody? Like they can go access
23 inside?

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: Actually we were going to have a
25 discussion about that at the next meeting because we've

1 been discussing it internally, but we want to make some
2 sort of recommendation after we have some discussion.

3 We were kind of being guided by the State to some
4 extent, which State agencies, which municipal agencies
5 are already open. And if we understand still the State
6 is closed to the public and certain agencies and
7 they're requiring appointments, which we can do in the
8 interim.

9 I think it should be sort of like a slow
10 transition where if the public wants to come in, maybe
11 we have -- they make an appointment during the time
12 maybe where we could meet one person at a time in the
13 conference room and someone sits on the other end of
14 the conference room table to deal with them, as opposed
15 to having people just flood into the small open area
16 that we have at the same time.

17 So that's -- we'll -- we'll come up with a policy
18 and we'll present it to the Board for recommendation
19 after we finish our discussions. But it has come up a
20 couple times within the last couple weeks in the office
21 as well.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Do you think you could have that
23 recommendation for our next meeting, Michael?

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, maybe we could discuss at
25 the personnel conference --

1 (Loud noise)

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good idea. That's a good idea.
3 Mr. Dedar, you look at that at Personnel and then you
4 can make a recommendation to the full Board, okay?

5 MR. DEDAR: Oh, yeah, yeah, that's good, because
6 we're the public, we go to pictures of him, sitting on
7 the (inaudible), but you know -- thank you Mike. We'll
8 talk in Personnel.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. So we need to approve 9C,
10 that Anita spoke about. So, Ms. Johnson, could that
11 read.

12 MS. JOHNSON: No resolution is required, it's
13 just --

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: This is for informational
15 purposes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. We'll move on from
18 there. Anything else under 9 that I don't have? I
19 think we're good now. Now we're back up. 10.

20 Okay. 10 -- first for new Board members, these
21 are abatements that we are allowed by our regulations
22 and bylaws to give our residents if there's a problem
23 with a leak or something, an issue, only one abatement.
24 We've gone through this a lot. Only one abatement and
25 they must prove or at least document that they have

1 fixed the problem. So that's another issue.

2

3 But anyway, all of these are not necessary because
4 it's a threshold of a money amount. They do not have
5 to appear nor did we have anybody appear during COVID
6 anyway.

7 But for this I believe we can move, if I'm correct
8 we've done this many times, all of them in one
9 resolution, because they're all unnecessary to appear
10 unless there's a Board member that would like to pull
11 anyone of these abatements.

12 So I'm asking that. Any Board member needs to
13 pull one to review? It goes through Anita's office and
14 everything so it's all very documented.

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: And I would just point out, Mr.
16 Chairman, also, if you recognize any individual that
17 you abstain.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Yeah, yeah.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Any name that --

20 MR. DEDAR: Mr. Chairman, this is the word that's
21 very new to me. Can you explain a little bit further,
22 please or Mike can -- somebody can explain?

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Which one? For what?

24 MR. DEDAR: The 10 -- it's all the same page, but
25 it feels -- just explain one.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Well, there all different accounts
2 and property.

3 MR. DEDAR: But it's the same thing, yes.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. When we approve it, we
5 give whatever they deserve of their abatement. That's
6 what they get. Not one number, no.

7 MR. DEDAR: Right. Right.

8 MS. THAPA: Usually it's a 15 percent of the
9 excess use

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: There you go. Can you repeat
11 that, Anita? It is?

12 MS. THAPA: 50 percent of the excess usage.

13 MR. DEDAR: Okay.

14 MS. THAPA: We don't give the full amount of the
15 abatement, but it's a half percent of the leak amount.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Does that answer your
17 question?

18 MR. DEDAR: Yeah, I get it.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Super. Okay. So we will go on to
20 -- I guess we're going to have to do --

21 MR. DEDAR: We need a motion?

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: 6. Let's have Ms. Johnson read
23 that about the abatements first.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. The abatements.

25 "Whereas resolution 395 of 1994 provides for

1 rules, rates and regulations governing the assessment
2 and collection of water rates and charges for the water
3 department of Atlantic City Municipal Utilities
4 Authority.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. I believe we'll be
6 include in 10a, one, two, three, four, five and six.

7 MR. DEDAR: Five and six.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Correct. I need a motion.

9 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

10 MR. BANFIELD: I'll second.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll call.

12 ROLL CALL:

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

14 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

16 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

20 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

22 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We've already done
24 10b, the education assistance policy. So we're going
25 to be going to soliciting new bids. This is common

1 standard procedure. Things we need to go out to bid
2 for and it's every, you know, so many months we have
3 this.

4 So the first one is the chloride water treatment
5 chemical. It's a chemical to help treat our water
6 basically. So you have resolution in front of you,
7 Ms. -- oh, any discussion on it? Okay. Ms. Johnson,
8 want to read it for the chemicals.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Who's voting and who's moving
10 it?

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Well, let's read it first, so we
12 know what we're --

13 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

14 "Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the
15 Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority that the
16 advertisement proposal form and the specifications and
17 instructions to bidders this day submitted by the
18 Deputy Executive Director of Operations to furnish and
19 deliver poly aluminum chloride water treatment
20 chemicals suitable for the treatment of potable water,
21 FOB the pumping station of the MUA located at 1151
22 North Main Street, Pleasantville, New Jersey and the
23 said documents are hereby approved and adopted."

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: If I may say one thing. That that

1 resolution title has to be correct with respect to
2 saying the Deputy Director of Operations. It should
3 say the Deputy Director of Engineering.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. It should be just -- yeah,
5 of engineering, right. So any discussion? Okay. We
6 need a motion for 10C-1.

7 MR. DEDAR: Move it.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'll second.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

10 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

12 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

16 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

18 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: The next one 10C-2 are bits and
20 pieces we need. Mr. Smith, you want to comment on this
21 one first?

22 MR. SMITH: Yeah, this is just materials that are
23 needed in regards to doing our distribution work in
24 regards to any water main breaks or leaks that we have
25 that we have to do repairs on. So we're just actually

1 going out for materials to make sure that we have
2 materials in stock for doing this particular work.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Again, it's standard procedure.
4 Very good. Ms. Johnson, can you read the resolution?

5 MS. JOHNSON: "Be it resolved by the Board of
6 Directors of the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities
7 Authority that the advertisement proposal form and the
8 specifications and instructions to bidders this day,
9 submitted by the Deputy Executive Director of
10 Engineering for the furnishing and delivering fire
11 hydrants, stainless steel repair clamps and cast iron
12 fittings be and the said documents are hereby approved
13 and adopted."

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Correct. Discussion? Need a
15 motion.

16 MR. BANFIELD: I'll make the motion.

17 MR. DEDAR: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

19 ROLL CALL:

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

21 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

23 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

2 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

4 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you very much. We're on to
6 d, pricing agreement cooperative with Bergen County.
7 This is resolution 10d-1. Can Mr. Armstrong educate us
8 on this one?

9 MR. ARMSTRONG: Did you put that on, Claude?

10 MR. SMITH: Yes, I did.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, you did. I thought you did,
12 Michael. Okay, Claude.

13 MR. SMITH: Not a problem. This is just another
14 county that actually offers co-op type of agreements
15 for utility companies and other companies throughout
16 the State of New Jersey. They're actually netted
17 similar to the State contract type of contractors that
18 can actually offer services or the vendors to your
19 outfit or to your organization without having to go
20 into a (inaudible) or proposal process.

21 Apparently this particular company covers a lot of
22 different portions of the State of New Jersey in terms
23 of Bergen County and can actually offer services to us
24 that we do need or is a necessity to us. So this is
25 just a co-op type of agreement that we need to --

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: It's an agreement that we're going
2 to work with them or they can work with us. So this is
3 great, cooperative. It's always good to work with our
4 neighbors. So, Ms. Johnson, can you read the
5 resolution for 10D-1?

6 MS. JOHNSON: "Whereas NJSA 40A:11-11(5)
7 authorizes contracting units to establish a cooperative
8 pricing system and to enter into cooperative pricing
9 agreements for its administration."

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Discussion? Motion?

11 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Second.

13 MR. BANFIELD: I'll second.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll call.

15 ROLL CALL:

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

17 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

19 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

23 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

25 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Emergency repair. You
2 know, one of our key -- key issues always is during
3 emergencies.

4 MR. DEDAR: We all know what an emergency is.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes, we know. Right. Albany
6 Avenue bridge I know right now was. We always have
7 emergencies we need to deal with and we have certain
8 contractors we always depend on and they do a good job.
9 Bu we need to be careful how we do this. So the
10 emergency repair happened and Arthur Henry, a very
11 reliable company here has done some of the work.

12 So, Claude, you want to just explain why 10e-1 is
13 on the agenda?

14 MR. SMITH: As you can see at this particular
15 location, it was actually one of our larger mains
16 throughout the City of Atlantic City. It's a 24 inch
17 main which we don't necessarily have the equipment to
18 work on these particular sized mains. There's a six
19 inch connection that was actually at this location as
20 well too. And it did entail some extensive work in
21 regards to addressing the break or leak at this
22 location, so we actually brought in Arthur Henry to
23 assist in regards to getting this particular work done.

24 Again, because of the nature of the size of this
25 water main, we prefer to have also a more seasoned type

1 of a company to do this particular work. So --

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: This company has also -- this
3 company has also been working with us for many years
4 and is a local company.

5 MR. SMITH: Absolutely.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Ms. Johnson, could you read that,
7 please?

8 MS. JOHNSON: "Whereas the Atlantic City Municipal
9 Utility Authority owns and operates its own water
10 department, whereas a water main break occurred at the
11 intersection of Texas Avenue and Arctic Avenue on or
12 about November 29th, 2021."

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. I remember that. Okay, we
14 need a motion, please.

15 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. A second.

17 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll call.

19 ROLL CALL:

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

21 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

23 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

2 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

4 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. It carries. 10F-1 is
6 kind of the same situation but with valves. Mr. Smith.

7 MR. SMITH: Yes. This is also another scenario
8 whereabouts in order to maintain control at any
9 intersections or location where we do have a water main
10 break and we have inoperable valves that are not
11 functioning at that particular point in time, we do
12 have installed type of valves or insert valves that can
13 be installed with the lines still active or still
14 running.

15 So in order to keep or get control or keep control
16 at these particular locations, we had Garrison come out
17 and install these insert valves or -- yeah, insert
18 valves at these locations so we can actually work on
19 the break and repair the work at that location.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Exactly. Again, for the Board
21 members who are new, Garrison we've worked with for
22 many times, many years, a very reliable company. They
23 do good work.

24 So, Ms. Johnson, could you read the resolution?

25 MR. DEDAR: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Discussion, I'm sorry.

2 MR. DEDAR: Discussion, yes.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sorry.

4 MR. DEDAR: I seen, (inaudible), because the crew
5 is saying E1 and F1. It was the water mains we are
6 suing for the (inaudible) and for the insert valve
7 we're using the Garrison. So is not the easier way we
8 can use the same company? Not a different company.

9 MR. SMITH: Just to answer your question, Mr.
10 Dedar, Garrison is one of the few companies that's in
11 the nation that actually does insert -- insertion of
12 valves. Even if you actually use a company such as
13 Arthur Henry, when it comes to doing insert valves,
14 Garrison is the company that they would utilize as
15 well.

16 In this particular scenario, in regards to 10F-1,
17 we went directly to the source for the insert vales or
18 the insulation of valves at location that we need to
19 have control of the water main to do any -- the water
20 main break repairs or leaks that we have to do.

21 MR. DEDAR: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Does that answer your question,
23 sir?

24 MR. DEDAR: Yes. Thanks.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Ms. Johnson, can you read the --

1 any other questions, discussion? Okay. Ms. Johnson,
2 could you read the resolution, please?

3 MS. JOHNSON: "Whereas the Atlantic City Municipal
4 Utilities Authority owns and operates its own water
5 department and whereas several water main breaks
6 occurred throughout the City of Atlantic City at the
7 intersections of Erie Avenue and Emerson Avenue, Route
8 30 exit ramp and Heron Avenue and 4000 block of South
9 Boulevard Avenue."

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. We need a motion.

11 MR. BANFIELD: I'll make the motion.

12 MR. DEDAR: I'll second. And for record, Banfield
13 made motion?

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Banfield, yes, moved it and Mr.
15 Dedar second. So we're at roll call.

16 ROLL CALL:

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

18 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

20 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

24 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

1 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: 10G-1 is a service agreement
3 coming to us, following the rules and regulations and
4 the numbers. Island Girls Realty Group. Who wants to
5 talk about it? I guess Mr. Smith, do you want to talk
6 about this one?

7 MR. SMITH: Yes. This was a standard service
8 agreement when you have a new service connection or a
9 lateral that's actually been installed on to our
10 distribution system and of course do the calculations
11 and so forth for the work that needs to be done. It's
12 for the actual connection fee, as well as the
13 installation fee and any other accessories that need to
14 be done at this location.

15 The total of the installation and the connection
16 fees are \$12,302.28, which has already been received by
17 the Authority.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's great. So this is just
19 accepting that, everybody. And this is the good part,
20 we get money. So here we go. Discussion? Great.
21 And, Ms. Johnson, could you read that resolution to
22 accept?

23 MS. JOHNSON: "Be it resolved by the Board of
24 Directors of the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities
25 Authority that the Chairman is hereby authorized to

1 execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the water
2 service agreement by and between Atlantic City
3 Municipal Utilities Authority and the municipal
4 corporation of the State of the New Jersey and Island
5 Girls Realty Group, LLC, a corporation in the State of
6 New Jersey with an address of 1326 Atlantic Avenue,
7 Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 for the property 603
8 North Michigan Avenue, Block 490, Lot 4 to connect to
9 the public water supply system of the Authority for
10 domestic water services of a new service in the City of
11 Atlantic City."

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you so much. We need a
13 motion to accept.

14 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. A second?

16 MR. BANFIELLD: I'll second.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll call.

18 ROLL CALL:

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

20 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

22 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

1 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

3 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you very much. The last
5 thing here under new business, the annual report. We
6 obviously must do this every year. We've been working
7 with Mercadien. I just want to get a comment from
8 Anita, since she's in charge, and I want to thank Mr.
9 Banfield for also serving on the audit committee and
10 chairing that again this year -- or chairing it this
11 year. Because this is vital, these are our numbers.
12 The State will also obviously review this.

13 But, Anita, any comments on our audit, because
14 there's always comments.

15 MS. THAPA: Yes. Actually we did not need, as
16 already commented by Mr. Banfield, this is for 2020
17 audit.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

19 MS. THAPA: It has been -- and we've been waiting
20 for the (inaudible) 75 report which is related to
21 (inaudible) reports, which was just released back in
22 February, last month. And we are just waiting for it
23 to finalize the numbers there.

24 So basically we have a clean audit, which means
25 there were no audit findings or recommendations for the

1 year 2020. And just for the new Board members, the
2 2020 is the year that COVID 19 pandemic affected our
3 revenue. That's why our revenue, our operating revenue
4 of 15.6 million, which is about 1.6 million less than
5 compared to 2019. Our operating expenses for 2020 were
6 also less, which is about 719,000 less than 2019.

7 And like I said, it was -- although our revenue
8 was and the water demand was significantly affected by
9 the pandemic, we were able to generate an operating
10 income of 4.3 million. We spent about 2.4 million in
11 2020 on our capital projects. Most of our capital
12 projects had to be kind of delayed due to COVID 19 as
13 well.

14 And for the total debt, the outstanding debt for
15 2020 was about 9.3 million. Yes. So our -- our debt
16 is very low at the same time, because of the City's
17 credit rating and our credit ratings, we are still
18 having hard time in getting loans or even bonds.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And we know that during --

20 MS. THAPA: So --

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: During -- excuse me just one
22 minute. And remember during 2020, with the governor's
23 order, the casinos closing and so forth, that really
24 affected our revenue obviously. Mr. Banfield?

25 MR. BANFIELD: Sir?

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Did you have a question? I
2 thought you had a question.

3 MR. BANFIELD: No, no, no, I didn't.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Go ahead, Anita.

5 MS. THAPA: So just the report of the (inaudible),
6 which is tension report. The report reported that the
7 State was -- our net (inaudible) was 7.4 million in
8 2020. That was a decrease of 242,000 from 2019. And
9 the report that we've been waiting, which is late,
10 related to the health, that liability was 20.4 million
11 in 2020 and that was about 6.8 million increase from
12 2019.

13 Those reports are not the true (inaudible), but
14 for the audit report, I mean we have to report in our
15 findings to the State. So that's quite an increase for
16 the health benefits there.

17 So the (inaudible) today is -- I know -- I mean
18 quite a few Board members are new and they were not
19 involved in 2020 audit, however this resolution is
20 saying that the audit reports are received by all the
21 current Board members and that they are aware of --
22 they're required to get familiar or review at minimum
23 the section entitled "Comments and Recommendations",
24 which can be found on page 65 and 66 of actual audit
25 report or page 71 and 72 on PDF version.

1 So meaning that we had a team audit and there were
2 no audit findings or recommendations for the year 2020.
3 And just to let you know, our current auditor is
4 Mercadien.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Anita. A lot of work
6 on there. Thank you, Anita, and your department. And
7 again the key word here is a clean audit. That's good
8 news, guys. So any discussion? Okay. Could we read
9 the resolution, Ms. Johnson?

10 MS. JOHNSON: "Whereas NJSA 40A:5A-15 requires the
11 governing body of every authority to have made an
12 annual audit of its books, accounts and financial
13 transactions. Whereas the annual report of audit for
14 the year 2020 has been filed by the Certified Public
15 Accountant with the Authority's secretary pursuant to
16 NJSA 40A:5A-15 and a copy will be submitted and
17 received by each member -- has been given to each
18 member of the governing body."

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's correct. Thank you. We
20 need a motion.

21 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And we need a second.

23 MR. BANFIELD: I'll second.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll call.

25 ROLL CALL:

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

2 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

4 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

8 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

10 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Good job, Anita. So
12 number 11 is always now we've got to pay bills every
13 month. And there's a whole list. There's a lot of
14 bills there, guys. But you know -- and again, Anita's
15 department does a great job.

16 Once in a while there's some bills that sneak in
17 there that, you know, there's a question about. And if
18 you have a question, just ask. That's what we're here
19 for. We're all here to learn and get the right
20 answers. Anita's really good at that.

21 So please don't feel -- and especially for new
22 Board members, I'm still doing it. I ask a lot of
23 questions, because I don't know everything. So, I
24 figure you might as well as a question if you don't
25 know. So if there's something that is, you know, a red

1 flag so to speak to your own mind, not that it's a red
2 flag bad, but just something you want to ask on, please
3 feel free to do that.

4 So this gives us the approval or Anita approval to
5 pay our bills. So discussion? Okay. Ms. Johnson,
6 could you read the 11A resolution?

7 MS. JOHNSON: "Whereas the Atlantic City Municipal
8 Utilities Authority has indebtedness to the following
9 companies for services rendered and now therefore be it
10 resolved by the Board of Directors of the Atlantic City
11 Municipal Utilities Authority that the following bills
12 are acknowledged and authorized to be paid in the
13 amount of \$1,038.20.86."

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We need a motion.

15 MR. DEDAR: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. Before we go
16 in motion.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.

18 MR. DEDAR: I think that last month I didn't have
19 the billing in front of me, because if I'm not correct,
20 Anita can correct me, is 62,000 some dollars for the
21 electric bill.

22 MS. THAPA: Yes.

23 (Both talking same time)

24 MR. DEDAR: It was (inaudible). So is it -- this
25 is the bill that comes like every month like 62,000?

1 MS. THAPA: I mean that's average. The average is
2 around 65 to 60.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's why we're looking for the
4 solar project, guys.

5 MR. DEDAR: Yes. That's huge, honestly, yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's one of our --

7 (Both talking same time)

8 MR. DEDAR: -- I mean all project and everything,
9 I know that.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah, that's why we need to get
11 this up and running, right

12 MR. DEDAR: All right. I motion.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We need a second.

14 MR. BANFIELD: I'll second.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

16 ROLL CALL:

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

18 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

20 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

24 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

1 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you so much, folks. That's
3 concludes our regular business for the meeting. We're
4 going to be going into Executive Session. We'll have
5 to read the Executive Session resolutions, Stella. And
6 we'll take a three or four minute break, if you don't
7 mind.

8 We'll come back and discuss RFP's and where we go
9 from here in closed session.

10 I want to thank the public for attending. You're
11 welcome to come back when closed session is over. I'm
12 not sure when that's going to be, but you're welcome to
13 come back to public session of course. So --

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: The only public person dropped
15 off.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah, I didn't see that. She's
17 gone now. That's fine. No problem.

18 And so we'll go into Executive. I think we need a
19 motion.

20 MS. THAPA: Okay. Have a good day, everybody.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Anita. Okay, Stella,
22 can you read -- we have to vote to go into Executive,
23 please.

24 MS. JOHNSON: "Whereas NJSA 10:4-12 allows for a
25 public body to go into closed session during a public

1 meeting and whereas the Board of Directors of the
2 Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority has deemed
3 it necessary to go into closed session to discuss
4 certain matters which are exempt from the public."

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Correct. So we need a motion to
6 go into Executive Session.

7 MR. BANFIELD: Make a motion.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

9 MR. DEDAR: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll call.

11 ROLL CALL:

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

13 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

15 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

19 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

21 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: Just so -- we need to do the
23 breakout rooms. You can either do it now and then take
24 our three minute break or we can do it when we come
25 back from the three minute break. But that just

1 insures that if somebody wants to join --

2 MR. DEDAR: (Inaudible).

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- they don't come into our
4 meeting.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: It doesn't matter. What do you
6 want to do? What's the easiest, Stella, for you?

7 MS. JOHNSON: I would ask Mr. Armstrong to
8 suggest.

9 MR. ARMSTRONG: You know, it's probably easier to
10 do it now than when we come back.

11 MR. DEDAR: I think (inaudible) we take a break,
12 it will be much better.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. We'll take a short break
14 then. Okay, so Stella, actually --

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: I just thought about it. It might
16 be better to do it when we come back, because if
17 someone from the public tries to come in and we're in
18 breakout, they're going to see nobody there and not
19 understand what's going on.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: What I'm looking at, everybody
21 here, will -- should be in closed session. So okay,
22 we'll come back. I would suggest also put your mute on
23 until we come back.

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: One of the things I'm going to do
25 too, I talked to Stella about this, is if the City has

1 the ability, when they take breaks, they can put a
2 clock on the screen that counts down until the break
3 time is over and it will say across the screen "On
4 break returning in -- " and then the clock keeps
5 counting down.

6 So I'm going to find out from the City how they do
7 that.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Well, the City is very special.
9 They have all those fancy things, we don't. We just
10 got a new toaster. We got a new toaster oven, guys.

11 MR. DEDAR: A new toaster oven, I know, I seen it.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're trying to upgrade to the
13 City. We'll see everybody in a few minutes, thank you
14 so much.

15 (On Break)

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay, we do have to make sure
17 everybody is here. Okay, very good. Thank you again
18 for your time. So I need a motion to go into open
19 session, please.

20 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second.

22 MR. BANFIELD: I'll second.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll call, please.

24 ROLL CALL:

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

1 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

3 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

7 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

9 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We're back in open
11 session and we have the Board of Directors meeting on
12 Tuesday, April 15th.

13 We're going to now address the requests for
14 proposal that were submitted last week for the
15 professional services for 2022 for the Atlantic City
16 MUA.

17 We're going to start with the Authority's
18 solicitor. There were two people that have applied and
19 we discussed so I'm looking for a nomination.

20 MR. ECCLES: I make a motion that Bruce Ward be
21 appointed --

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

23 MR. ECCLES: -- Authority solicitor.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. And do we have a second?

25 MR. DEDAR: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: A second. Okay. Discussion. We
2 did discuss so we can go to straight voting, I'm
3 assuming. Any other nominations?

4 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

6 MR. BANFIELD: Fred Bor.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Do we have a second?

8 MR. ARMSTRONG: We're -- because I -- once there's
9 one on the floor, I think you have to --

10 MR. DEDAR: We have another --

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's fine. Okay. So we have
12 Mr. Ward has a resolution for appointment and then we
13 had a second. So we need to do a roll call, Ms.
14 Johnson, please.

15 ROLL CALL:

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

17 MR. BANFIELD: No.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

19 MR. DEDAR: I'm sorry, I missed some technical.
20 Could you explain?

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're voting on your -- Mr. Eccles
22 nomination for Mr. Ward. We're --

23 MR. DEDAR: Oh, Mr. Ward, okay. Go ahead.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: So you're next, you've got to
25 vote?

1 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

5 MS. LANGFORD? Abstain.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

7 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. So we have three yeses, one
9 no, and one abstention. Thank you so much, Board.

10 We are now looking for labor and employment
11 counsel. And we have three people that applied for
12 RFP's. We had discussion in closed session. So I am
13 now looking for a nomination for labor and employment
14 counsel.

15 MR. ECCLES: I move that Law Office of Riley and
16 Riley be made labor and employment counsel for the
17 ACMUA.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Do I have a second?

19 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Any other nomination?
21 Okay, here we go. Let's do a roll call for this,
22 please.

23 ROLL CALL:

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

25 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

2 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

6 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

8 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Special counsel. We're
10 looking for a non-exclusive special counsel bringing in
11 Mr. Andy Webber, Esquire and it's back to Cole and
12 Giblin to do work as appropriate and as assigned. Do I
13 have -- that's what we're looking at. Is there any --
14 is there a nomination? I just did it, I'm sorry. I
15 did it myself, I got confused. So I am nominating
16 DeCotis Fitzpatrick Cole and Andrew Weber as a pool of
17 special counsel. Do I have a second?

18 MR. DEDAR: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Second, thank you. Any other
20 nomination? No. Okay. And roll call.

21 ROLL CALL:

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

23 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

25 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? Is someone saying excuse
2 me?

3 MR. ECCLES: I'm sorry, I don't mean to upset, but
4 what -- what is it that we are -- what is it --

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're voting on special counsel
6 for the firm of DeCotis, Fitzpatrick and Andy Weber has
7 a non-exclusive.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

9 MR. ARMSTRONG: Can I make a suggestion to be
10 clear.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: You want to do one at a time. It
13 might be -- that way --

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's fine. So wait a minute.
15 We didn't finish voting, so what do we want to do? We
16 can assign two, I got it. I think that we can do that.

17 All right. So let's go ack.

18 MR. ECCLES: I apologize.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: No, no, no, that's fine. It's got
20 to be cleaner I believe anyway, John, I think you're
21 correct. See the lawyer is coming out in you, that's
22 great.

23 So let's do special counsel. I'm going to
24 nominate DeCotis Fitzpatrick Cole and Giblin. So I
25 have a second?

1 MR. DEDAR: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Roll call.

3 ROLL CALL:

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

5 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

7 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

11 MS. LANGFORD? Abstain.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

13 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We're also going to be
15 making a nomination for Mr. Andrew Weber, Esquire to --
16 for special counsel. In particular to work with Riley
17 and Riley, we hope, for special counsel. I'll make a
18 nomination for Mr. Weber. Second?

19 MR. DEDAR: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

21 ROLL CALL:

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

23 MR. BANFIELLD: Abstain.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

25 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

4 MS. LANGFORD? Abstain.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

6 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We're moving on to
8 bond counsel. Really important, working with our
9 finance department. Do I have a nomination for that
10 position?

11 MR. ECCLES: I'll make a motion for the firm of
12 DeCotis Fitzpatrick Cole and Giblin as bond counsel.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Do I have a second.

14 MR. DEDAR: I second.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Roll call.

16 ROLL CALL:

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

18 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

20 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

24 MS. LANGFORD? Abstain.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

1 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Moving to hearing
3 officer. We're looking to -- there were four
4 candidates here we discussed in closed session. I'm
5 looking for a nomination.

6 MR. ECCLES: I nominate Tracey Cosby.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

8 MR. DEDAR: I second.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: And we have a second. Roll call.

10 ROLL CALL:

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

12 MR. BANFIELLD: Abstain.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

14 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

18 MS. LANGFORD? Abstain.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

20 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Moving on to consulting
22 engineer. We know we're going to be having a non-
23 exclusive contracts here. Looking at two out of the
24 five. There were five that were -- that applied for
25 RFP's we discussed in closed session.

1 Mr. Gonzalez, you have a question? I just saw you
2 light up. Okay, no problem. We're going to move on to
3 consulting engineer. I'm looking for -- we're going to
4 do each one separately. So we'll do a nomination.

5 MR. DEDAR: I number Irvington and (inaudible)
6 engineering.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. A second?

8 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

10 ROLL CALL:

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

12 MR. BANFIELLD: Abstain.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

14 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

18 MS. LANGFORD? Abstain.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

20 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you so much. We're moving
22 on to court reporting. I'm sorry, I go back. We're
23 looking for a second consulting engineering for non-
24 exclusive. So we're looking -- I'm looking to -- I'll
25 nominate Polistino and Associates.

1 MR. DEDAR: I second.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

3 ROLL CALL:

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

5 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

7 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

11 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

13 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Okay. Court reporting
15 services. I guess we should keep what we've been doing
16 for a non-exclusive court reporting services for two
17 companies. We will be looking for a nomination?

18 MR. ECCLES: I nominate Franco Alcantara for a
19 non-exclusive contract for court reporting services.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. I'll second it. And
21 let's do a vote.

22 ROLL CALL:

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

24 MR. BANFIELLD: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

1 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

5 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

7 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And we also have
9 another court reporting services to give us a backup
10 again in our pool, non-exclusive. Do I have a
11 nomination?

12 MR. ECCLES: I nominate AC Reporting LLC to a non-
13 exclusive contract for court reporting services.

14 MR. DEDAR: I second.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Can we get a vote, please.

16 ROLL CALL:

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

18 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

20 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

24 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

1 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And our last one for
3 RFP's, backup licensed operations. Very important. We
4 need these guys and for a non-exclusive parole. Do I
5 have a nomination.

6 MR. DEDAR: I nominate Water Resource Management.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Do we have a second?

8 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call, please.

10 ROLL CALL:

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

12 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

14 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

18 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

20 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And we have one other
22 licensed operator. Do I have a nomination.

23 MR. DEDAR: I nominate (inaudible) Engineering
24 Services.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, sir. Do we have a

1 second.

2 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll call, please.

4 ROLL CALL:

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

6 MR. BANFIELD: Abstain.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

8 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

12 MS. LANGFORD: Abstain.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

14 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. So we're going to close
16 this part. The only thing I want to just make comment
17 before we leave is we will probably, as Mr. Smith said,
18 have to call a quick, very quick, emergency meeting to
19 go over those contracts, because they are still
20 tweaking them, researching them and vetting that we get
21 the right company for the right job with the right
22 materials and the right price. And I'd rather go a
23 little slow on that.

24 So that will -- you'll notified by our wonderful
25 competent and beautiful Board Secretary, Stella

1 Johnson. So, Stella, you did a great job today, thank
2 you.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you all for your patience.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: No, I like you, good, we did it
5 well.

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, so did you, Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: And again I thank all the Board
8 members for the time and the staff for their input. Is
9 there any other questions for discussion on -- anything
10 for discussion?

11 Okay. I need a --

12 MR. BANFIELD: I make a motion.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Mr. Banfield. And a
14 second to go out.

15 MR. DEDAR: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Let's do a roll call to
17 leave.

18 ROLL CALL:

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

20 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

22 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

1 MS. LANGFORD? Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

3 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, everybody. Have a
5 wonderful week and welcome to the new Board members.
6 It's not normally this long.

7 MR. BANFIELD: Everybody have a good day.

8 (End of meeting at 01:27:29)

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