

ATLANTIC CITY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

TRANSCRIPT OF REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

RE: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
ATLANTIC CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
OPEN SESSION

May 17, 2023

COMMENCING AT 10:03 a.m.

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY L. HILL, Chairman
MOHAMMED DEDAR, Vice Chairman/Deputy
MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, Executive Director
INDIA STILL, Deputy Executive Director
BRUCE WARD, Solicitor
JOHN ECCLES, JR.
NYNELL LANGFORD
STEPHANIE DAVIES, Alternate #1
SAYED KAUSAR, Alternate #2

ALSO PRESENT:

WASTELLA JOHNSON, Board Secretary
SHAE DAILYDA
ANITA THAPA
WES SWAIN, City Administrator
MICHAEL RILEY, ESQUIRE, Board Attorney
(VIA TELEPHONE)

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS
EDWARD DENNIS, JR.
RYAN HAYES
ROBERT SMITH
DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN
BILL MAYER

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1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good morning,
2 everybody. Adequate notice -- adequate notice of
3 this meeting has been provided as required by law by
4 mailing to The Press a list of the regularly
5 scheduled meeting, May 17th, 2023 at 401 North
6 Virginia Avenue, Conference Room, Atlantic City, New
7 Jersey. A copy of said notice was sent to the City
8 Clerk to be posted. All of the aforesaid --
9 aforesaid complies with Chapter 231 of the Laws of
10 1975 known as the Open Public Meetings Law.

11 Call to order, please.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Present.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

15 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield is absent.

17 Ms. Langford?

18 MS. LANGFORD: Here.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

20 MR. ECCLES: Present.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

22 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Kausar?

24 MR. KAUSAR: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you very much.

1 Can we stand for the flag salute?

2 Mr. Dedar, could you lead us, please?

3 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

4 (The Pledge of Allegiance is
5 recited.)

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

7 MR. DEDAR: You're welcome.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Public
9 participation. We do have some consultants and
10 special people that are working with us onboard from
11 Remington & Vernick and from DeCotiis. I believe
12 that is it.

13 Is there anybody else, Ms. Johnson,
14 that has called in or would like to address the
15 board at this time from the public?

16 MS. JOHNSON: No, not at this time.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you. So
18 we'll move on to the agenda. Everybody, approval of
19 meeting -- of minutes. We'll start with the open
20 session meetings (sic), the board meeting, which was
21 held April 19th, 2023, resolution 5 a (1).

22 Can we read the resolution, please?

23 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Approving open
24 session minutes of April 19th, 2023.

25 Whereas, the Atlantic City Municipal

1 Utilities Authority held their board meeting on
2 April 19th, 2023 commencing at 10 a.m.

3 Now therefore be it resolved, on the
4 17th day of May 2023, the board of directors approve
5 the open session meeting that was held on April
6 19th, 2023.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.
8 Questions? Additions? Edits?
9 Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion
10 to accept.

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

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

13 And a second?

14 MR. DEDAR: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

16 Roll call.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

20 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

22 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

24 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

1 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

3 And we'll move on to 5 b. These are
4 the closed session minutes. We should have all been
5 able to have in the last month time to read and
6 review them at the offices.

7 Can we read the resolution, please?

8 MS. JOHNSON: Approving closed
9 session minutes of April 19th, 2023.

10 Whereas, the Atlantic City Municipal
11 Utilities Authority held their board meeting on
12 April 19th, 2023.

13 Now therefore be it resolved, on this
14 17th day of May 2023, that the board of directors of
15 the MUA approves the closed session minutes of April
16 19th, 2023.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: We won't do any
18 additions or edits now, so we'll move -- we can move
19 on that resolution.

20 Do I have a movement for that?

21 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

23 And a second?

24 MR. ECCLES: I'll second it.

25 MS. LANGFORD: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 Roll call.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

6 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

8 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

10 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

12 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

14 Number 6, I just want to welcome Ms.
15 Shae Dailyda, I believe is her last name, who's
16 working now with Mr. Armstrong.

17 Mr. Armstrong, would you like to
18 mention anything about your new assistant?

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Armstrong, you're
20 on mute.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: I would like to
22 welcome her, as well, again, but we're -- we have
23 some additional employees that India's going to
24 speak to at a later time, but Shae, welcome.
25 Welcome to the board.

1 And she will at times, when Stella is
2 not able to -- out for whatever reason, she'll try
3 to fill in for Stella to the extent that she can.
4 Okay?

5 MS. DAILYDA: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Welcome aboard.

7 MS. DAILYDA: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Great.

9 And we're going to move to our
10 authority's solicitor report.

11 Mr. Ward, I believe you're on. Mr.
12 Ward, would you like to give a report?

13 MR. WARD: Mostly routine matters.
14 For example, we're doing a number of FIPA (phon)
15 requests and finalizing contracts for contractors,
16 so it's been a routine month this month. Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. Very
18 good. Thank you.

19 We have a group from Remington &
20 Vernick. We're going to move into engineering. We
21 did have a very good engineering committee this --
22 was it this week or last week? It blends. A couple
23 days ago, and we got an update on some of the
24 projects. They're working on making some changes to
25 the way we look at our reports. You should have

1 gotten an operations report. Again, it's kind of
2 vital to review, all board members, so you know what
3 project we're doing, how much we're spending, and
4 who we're working with, and I appreciate them kind
5 of cleaning that up and getting us moving forward.

6 So from Remington & Vernick, I know
7 we have a couple of people. Who would like to lead
8 the -- lead the charge on this one as we go through
9 this?

10 MR. SMITH: I'll -- I'll take care of
11 that, Mr. Hill. Robert Smith, Remington & Vernick.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes, Robert. Thank
13 you. Very good.

14 MR. SMITH: I just want to touch on
15 the updates that we had given at the engineering
16 meeting on May 10th. The first item is the Florida
17 Avenue water main. The test pits have been
18 basically excavated to determine where potentially
19 utility conflicts would be, and it came up that
20 there are trolley tracks in the path of the water
21 main.

22 And actually, Justin is meeting with
23 Ron Curcio from Polistina Associates and the
24 contractor as we speak to try to come to a
25 resolution on whether or not the trolley tracks are

1 going to be removed or whether or not the water main
2 is going to be relocated. It's all going to depend
3 on the proximity to the sanitary, so that's being
4 worked on right now.

5 The lead service line replacement
6 we're starting to put together the plans delineating
7 the location of the known lead service lines, as
8 well as the suspected lead service lines. I know
9 Ryan from our office is meeting with your staff
10 today to procure your GIS layer showing the location
11 of your mains, valves, meters, so that we can start
12 putting together those plans, overall plans for the
13 entire city for the location of those services.

14 The underground storage tank removal
15 and replacement project, we're probably about 90
16 percent complete with the plans and specs for public
17 bidding for that project. Once we're complete,
18 we'll probably send a copy of the documents over to
19 your staff for review prior to advertising for --
20 for bids.

21 The other capital project we're
22 working on is the water treatment plant structural
23 repair project. We tentatively have a
24 pre-construction meeting set up for next Tuesday
25 morning at the MUA offices at 9 a.m. We're just

1 waiting for everyone to confirm that they're all
2 good, but we'll have that pre-construction meeting
3 next week.

4 As far as operational project
5 updates, we have the water treatment plant clarifier
6 shear pin project. We had done an evaluation -- or
7 GMH had done an evaluation, determined that the
8 drive unit was deteriorated, gave us a proposal to
9 replace that drive unit. I believe that's in front
10 of the board for consideration.

11 They are part of the Passaic Valley
12 Co-Op, and we would contract directly with the co-op
13 for replacement of that drive unit. I believe the
14 cost was in -- right around 90 -- \$92,000.

15 The other operational project is the
16 Doughty Dam Pond -- or the Doughty Pond Dam sluice
17 gate project. We are currently soliciting quotes
18 for the test pit to confirm the size of the -- the
19 line coming from the -- the pond. Once we do that,
20 we will proceed with the engineering and bid
21 documents for the repairs to the -- the sluice gate.

22 The other project is the boardwalk
23 water main control points. At this point, the water
24 main underneath the boardwalk doesn't have any
25 operational control points, so in the event of some

1 type of issue, we would not be able to control it.
2 And I know Ryan is meeting with staff to discuss the
3 preferred locations for the new valves. And we will
4 move forward, make that determination, and then put
5 together a proposal for the engineering necessary to
6 install new control valves underneath the boardwalk.

7 We're -- as far as just some
8 miscellaneous stuff, we're working with Ms. Still
9 regarding the mold issue in the administration
10 building, scheduling one of our HVAC engineers to
11 come take a look at the issue with the pipes that
12 are potentially sweating on top of the drop ceiling.

13 Once we resolve that issue, then we
14 can proceed to see how the -- the mold issues could
15 be addressed, whether or not it's just going to be a
16 replacement of the stained and damaged ceiling tiles
17 or whether or not it's going to require some
18 additional -- additional environmental measures.

19 The other thing is the -- the
20 security issues. I know Ryan from our office has
21 put together a spreadsheet with the recommended
22 security upgrades, and we're going to be scheduling
23 a meeting with yourself, Mr. Armstrong, Ms. Still in
24 the very near future to discuss the recommendations
25 moving forward with the security issues.

1 And also, Ryan has been working with
2 staff to try to pair down the engineering report so
3 it's not so voluminous. It -- we paired it down
4 somewhat, and we continue to pair it down, and
5 basically what we're trying to do is just provide
6 and present the projects that have ongoing work as
7 projects that only have an unexpended contract
8 balance to make it more user friendly for basically
9 the board members and staff.

10 That's all I have this morning, Mr.
11 Hill.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Mr. Smith.

13 And you can see that Remington &
14 Vernick has been very busy with a number of projects
15 all over the place, so we appreciate their
16 professionalism and their hard work.

17 Again, just a reminder -- we talked
18 about this in engineering -- two things, I'd like to
19 be part of that security meeting.

20 MR. SMITH: Absolutely.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Whenever that is, if
22 I can do that, and two, once we have a plan for the
23 boardwalk situation, obviously I know we talked
24 about this in engineering, we want to make sure the
25 city then is included sometime once we know where

1 we're going; right?

2 MR. SMITH: Absolutely.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Super. Thank you.

4 Any questions from board members to
5 our engineering staff?

6 Hearing none, we'll move into
7 personnel committee. Mr. Dedar is our chairman, and
8 I know there's a few new hires. We also have a very
9 important position we want to speak about in closed
10 session. I don't think we'll -- if they're new
11 hires, unless we need to discuss generically, we
12 don't do names. We can move that into closed
13 session.

14 Mr. Dedar, do you want -- is there
15 anything you want to state from the committee?

16 MR. DEDAR: Yes. For the new hiring,
17 I think so we do the closed session.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's correct.

19 MR. DEDAR: And I have item 1 is for
20 MUA landscaping.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

22 MR. DEDAR: The view -- entrance side
23 is -- looks very, very --

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Terrible.

25 MR. DEDAR: -- terrible.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Terrible.

2 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

4 MR. DEDAR: So I'd like your
5 attention or executive director, Mr. Mike, I know
6 he's the super leader, but of course, it hasn't been
7 finished. Because when the people goes -- I was
8 there a few many times, and the other people, it
9 is -- it looks terrible.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

11 MR. DEDAR: So that's a liability.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. We might have
13 to get him it little push mower, but that's okay.

14 All right. Mr. Armstrong, do you
15 want to speak on that?

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: We've been -- we've
17 been working on that. We were trying to fix one
18 thing and another issue was caused by it.

19 The concrete was breaking up, but
20 we -- actually, they tried to clean it up as much
21 as they could, but it's concrete, and it splattered
22 all over the place, tracked everywhere. It actually
23 looked a lot worse than it does now, but we'll see
24 what we can do to -- to even try to clean it up even
25 further.

1 If you recall, about a year ago, you
2 authorized us to get quotes with respect to redoing
3 the front entranceway completely.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: Pavers, something to
6 that effect. That was an in-house job. We may have
7 to go ahead and get a contractor to do it, and you
8 know, get something that's a little bit more
9 upscale, I guess --

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- you know, to make
12 it more presentable.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: All right? But that
15 was just a temporary effort to fix the cracking
16 concrete so nobody would trip over it in the
17 interim.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Right. The
19 problem is of course it's a -- what we have now is
20 not a big project, so it's hard to get a contractor
21 to finish it.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Maybe we can -- we
24 can work on that as soon as we can. You're right,
25 because it does look terrible.

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Any other -- we'll go
3 for more information. Maybe in the next month we
4 can do a follow-up and see -- we can reach out to --

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- contractors. I
7 mean --

8 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. It does need
9 to be -- at least try to clean it up, but --

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- I did talk to
12 Justin about it that -- you know, to see what else
13 can be done to try to at least get the footprints
14 from the concrete and the splatter off the doors and
15 things like that.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Okay.

17 Moving on to our --

18 Thank you, Mr. Dedar.

19 Moving --

20 MR. DEDAR: You're welcome.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- on to our
22 executive director's report. We are going to be
23 pulling for everybody agenda number 9 a. You'll
24 hear more about that in closed session, as well, but
25 we'll pull that. So we're going to move for them.

1 Mr. Armstrong, would you like to
2 continue?

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. The only other
4 matters that I have are with respect to personnel.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: But some -- we're --
7 India and I have been discussing getting a
8 compensation study, as well as a rate study. I'll
9 let India speak to -- I'll ask India to speak to the
10 compensation and rate study that she's been working
11 on.

12 India, are you still there?

13 She may have stepped away for a
14 moment. Well, we can put --

15 MS. STILL: No. I'm sorry.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

17 MS. STILL: I'm sorry. I'm here. I
18 was looking at some of the engineering notes.

19 Yes. I've been talking to Anita
20 about doing two studies, one is a compensation study
21 and the other's a rate study, primarily because we
22 have so many big projects coming up. And in
23 addition, the labor market, there have been a lot of
24 changes in the labor market, and we want to just
25 make sure that we are planning appropriately when

1 the time comes to pursue all of those projects and
2 we have good data to back any potential needs to
3 increase any other -- any of the rates.

4 So I'm looking today for a motion to
5 authorize pursuing those two studies.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'm -- I'm assuming,
7 Anita, you're in support of that obviously; right?

8 MS. THAPA: Yes. We are looking to
9 go out first anyway. We don't know the cost.
10 Hopefully it's not -- it's reasonable, but...

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. It's just a
12 motion to -- of support.

13 Is there any board member that has a
14 question to Ms. Still?

15 If not, I guess we'll -- it's not a
16 resolution, but all in -- I guess all in favor?

17 MR. ARMSTRONG: We can do a -- we can
18 do a motion separately, one for each -- to do a
19 compensation study or to put out an RF --

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: An RFP? RFQ?

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- P for a
22 compensation study and one second motion for a rate
23 study.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Okay. Do we
25 want -- it's not in here now. Should we do that?

1 Do you want to word that and we'll go from there?

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Is there a
3 motion to do a compensation study?

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'll make that
5 motion.

6 MR. DEDAR: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

8 Roll call.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

12 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

14 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

16 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

18 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

20 And the second one?

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: There's a motion to
22 do a rate study or at least obtain RFPs with respect
23 to costs related to a rate study.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'll make a motion.

25 MR. DEDAR: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

5 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

7 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

9 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

11 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Super. And this way
13 at least we have -- we're proactive in looking at
14 numbers ahead of time before it hits us in the face.

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good idea. Good
17 idea, guys.

18 Okay. Ms. Still, do you have
19 anything else in your report?

20 MS. STILL: No, I do not. Thank you.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: India, do you want to
22 mention the other new hires now?

23 MS. STILL: Okay. Sure. We have --
24 in addition to Ms. Dailyda, Angel Chebaz (phon) also
25 started as an executive secretary. And we have Jose

1 Santos who started about two weeks ago as an account
2 clerk.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: And, again, I'd like
4 to thank the state for their consistent support of
5 our new hirees. It's been an issue. We're really
6 moving on. Thank you, Mr. Swain. We appreciate
7 that. I know you --

8 MS. THAPA: And also -- and also,
9 Mike Migela (phon) as part time.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, that's right.
11 Michael Migela, right, part time.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: And he's a great
14 asset to us. I can only -- I guess I'm the oldest
15 one. Maybe Ms. Langford remembers. He's a hard
16 worker. I'm glad we have him back with us.

17 I didn't say you were old, Mrs.
18 Langford. I just said one of the older members
19 onboard.

20 Very good. That's great. Thank you.

21 MR. ECCLES: Nice -- nice save --
22 nice save, Mr. Hill. Nice save.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.

24 Anita, we're going to go through your
25 reports. There's no really votes on this, but we

1 have information.

2 Ms. Thapa?

3 MS. THAPA: Okay. So the financials
4 are as of March, so the first quarter is done. As
5 of first quarter, our -- we collected about -- our
6 revenue is about 4.2 million, which is about 22
7 percent of our revenue.

8 As for the cash, we also -- our
9 collection report, we collected about 4.1 million,
10 which is decent at this point, but that does include
11 a little bit of a connection fee we collected, which
12 is about 20,000.

13 Cash management is also provided,
14 which is as of March. This -- in April, I did
15 transfer about 5 million to -- to our New Jersey
16 Cash Management Account, which is giving a little
17 bit higher interest rate, which is about 4.63
18 percent, which is higher than our trusted bank
19 account offering about 3. some -- 3.8 percent
20 average.

21 Balance adjustments are just for the
22 review. Shutoffs we haven't started yet. The state
23 has required us to provide more information on the
24 low income water assistance program. So obviously,
25 we will be -- we are required to send in our bills

1 all the information, which we will be starting in
2 this June bill.

3 So -- but shutoff we're probably
4 going to start in June, but before that, we're
5 obviously going to call -- we'll start calling the
6 customers, you know, so there will be no disruption,
7 especially on the business side of it.

8 But as far as the collection, I think
9 we're doing pretty good. There's some businesses
10 that they haven't paid, but we are working on it.

11 So that's all for this month as far
12 as the financial information.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

14 Does anybody have a question on the
15 reports?

16 Okay. Hearing none, I did want to
17 thank Anita, and I believe Ms. Still worked on the
18 request last month about getting the notice to our
19 city council members and the mayor. I know I
20 forwarded it to the mayor's office about the
21 program, the assistance program for water bills for
22 our community. So I appreciate them. Right away
23 they did that within 48 hours, so thank you very
24 much. And I know I had one call from a council
25 member who -- who needed that information for one of

1 their constituents, so thank you for doing that.

2 Okay. We'll move on to 10, which is
3 some new business, soliciting bids, which is --
4 we're going 10 a (1). We have a number of items
5 under 10.

6 This is utility locating and marking
7 out services, which we do every year.

8 Ms. Johnson, can you read 10 a?

9 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Utility locating
10 and mark out services.

11 Be it resolved, by the board of
12 directors of the Atlantic City MUA that the
13 advertisement, proposal form, and specifications and
14 instructions to bidders to furnish, deliver utility
15 locating and mark out services to be held and
16 publicly received at the purchasing meeting to be
17 announced at a later date.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. This is just
19 going out for a bid.

20 Questions?

21 Hearing none, I'll make a motion --
22 I'll accept a motion to move.

23 MS. DAVIES: Motion.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

25 And a second?

1 MR. DEDAR: Second.

2 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

4 Roll call.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

8 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

10 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Eccles -- Mr.

12 Eccles?

13 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

15 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Moving on

17 to 10 b is our abatements, unnecessary to appear.

18 We usually look at this. We don't need to read all

19 of them, but we do the address and the amount for

20 each one.

21 And, again, I urge if there's any

22 board member who has a conflict with any one of

23 those, then when we vote, you can just pull that one

24 out of your vote. Okay?

25 So we'll move on to the abatements.

1 Ms. Johnson?

2 MS. JOHNSON: Rafael Diaz, property
3 located 4 -- 418 --

4 MS. THAPA: I'm sorry. Just -- just
5 make sure the amount is right on that one. I think
6 the resolution says 702. It should be 741.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. Rafael
8 Diaz, property 418 Wisteria Road in the amount of
9 \$741.51.

10 Christos Cusis, 2 South Raleigh
11 Avenue in the amount of 505.61.

12 Michael and Fotini Michaelidis,
13 property address 1927 Blaine Avenue in the amount of
14 371.61.

15 And lastly, Ellen Simpson, property
16 address 410 Madison Avenue in the amount of \$333.78.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Okay.
18 Those are abatements, and they've been reviewed by
19 Anita, and we'll move on that.

20 So can I -- can I have a motion to
21 accept?

22 MS. LANGFORD: Motion.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

24 And a second?

25 MR. DEDAR: Second.

1 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

6 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

8 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

10 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

12 MS. DAVIES: I'm going to abstain on

13 4 -- on 4, Ellen Simpson, but yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Very

16 good.

17 Shared service agreement. I believe

18 we worked with Atlantic County, the ACUA before on

19 this. We'll read the resolution.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Shared services

21 agreement.

22 Whereas, there exists a need by the

23 Atlantic City MUA to have certain lab testing

24 services;

25 Whereas, the Atlantic County

1 Utilities Authority's laboratory facilities are
2 suitable for water and other laboratory testing
3 activities;

4 Whereas, the Atlantic County
5 Utilities Authority provides such testing services
6 and is willing to assist the Atlantic City MUA in
7 such services beginning June 1, 2023 until May 31,
8 2024;

9 Whereas, the parties are hereby set
10 forth and the terms and conditions.

11 The Atlantic City MUA will compensate
12 Atlantic County Utilities for shared services for
13 laboratory testing in the amount not to exceed
14 \$32,394.72.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Just a
16 clarification. So we're paying them to do some of
17 our testing; correct?

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: Correct.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's what I
20 thought.

21 Okay. And just everybody else, I'm
22 sure you know that Mr. Dovey, who's the president,
23 is retiring in the next month or so. He was an
24 amazing employee of the county and a good friend
25 with the MUA, and we want to wish him well, and I

1 have not met the new president or the chairman --
2 president I guess yet, but I know we'll be anxious
3 to meet with him, as well.

4 So anybody else have a question on
5 the resolution?

6 Hearing none, I'll move that.

7 Can I have a second?

8 MR. DEDAR: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

10 Roll call.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

14 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

16 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

18 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

20 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

22 We're moving on to shared service
23 planning and grant services. This is with Mr. Jim
24 Rutala, who's been working with us for a year now on
25 grants and so forth, especially for our new plant.

1 So we'll read the resolution first.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Planning and grant
3 services, Rutala Associates, LLC.

4 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA and
5 the City of Atlantic City are currently involved in
6 a shared service agreement with the City to complete
7 the Atlantic City MUA's water system infrastructure
8 repair and street paving, and Rutala Associates is
9 the grant writer for that project;

10 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA has a
11 need for grant services independent of the City,
12 which are specific to the needs of the MUA.

13 Rutala Associates will perform as
14 planning and grant services to the Atlantic City MUA
15 and will compensate Rutala Associates at the hourly
16 rate -- hourly rate of \$160 monthly to -- not to
17 exceed the cost of \$15,000.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And, again,
19 we've met with Mr. Rutala. I know we haven't seen
20 specific numbers and grants yet, but again, it's a
21 very long process. He's worked with the City. I
22 know that the mayor's office is pleased with his
23 work, and I think we really need to continue his
24 work in my opinion.

25 Questions?

1 Hearing none, I'll entertain a
2 motion.

3 MS. DAVIES: Motion.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

5 And a second?

6 MR. DEDAR: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Roll call.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

11 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

13 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

15 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

17 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

19 And we're going to move on to 10 e,
20 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank financing program,
21 which I believe -- right, e (1). We'll also talk
22 about the water meter and MTU replacement project,
23 so that's kind of a lot of words.

24 Let's look at that resolution,
25 please. Ms. Johnson, can you read that?

1 MS. JOHNSON: Declaring its official
2 intent to reimburse expenditures for costs of the
3 water meter and MTU replacement project from the
4 proceeds of debt obligations in connection with its
5 participation in the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank
6 financing program.

7 Whereas, the MUA intends to acquire,
8 construct, renovate, and/or install a water meter
9 and water meter transmission unit replacement
10 program throughout the City of Atlantic City;

11 Whereas, the borrower intends to
12 finance the project with debt obligations of the
13 borrower, but may pay for certain costs of the
14 project prior to the issuance of the project debt
15 obligation with funds of the borrower that are not
16 borrowed.

17 The maximum principal amount of the
18 project debt obligation expected to be issued to
19 finance the project is 3 million.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. A lot of
21 wording.

22 Maybe, Mr. Mayer, can you concisely
23 tell us -- you're going to -- you're going to --
24 you're special counsel, Mr. Mayer is, with the
25 DeCotiis law firm, everybody, who is one of our

1 special counsel leaders.

2 Can you just give us a little gist on
3 this, please?

4 MR. MAYER: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'm confused.

6 MR. MAYER: Good morning. Thank you,
7 Mr. Hill. The water meter project's been going on
8 for a while. We expect to move it to completion
9 very shortly now.

10 It's come to my attention that some
11 of the money that we're going to borrow from the
12 I-Bank may be tax-exempt money. The I-Bank issues
13 tax-exempt bonds. DEP provides their part of the
14 funding out of other funds, not tax-exempt bonds.

15 It's also come to my attention
16 that -- that Anita may be desirous of purchasing
17 more meters before the financing closes. This
18 protects that purchase for the receipt of tax-exempt
19 financing. It's what we call a reimbursement
20 resolution.

21 As long as we close the financing
22 within a reasonable time after we spend the money,
23 we can get reimbursed with bond proceeds. That's
24 the purpose of it. I had hoped to have a full bond
25 resolution, but that's still in development. It

1 should -- it should come shortly.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh. Okay.

3 MR. MAYER: It seemed prudent -- it
4 seems prudent to do this now because they are
5 spending money, and we don't have the debt
6 outstanding yet.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. So this --
8 this is going to help secure our reimbursement
9 hopefully?

10 MS. THAPA: Yeah.

11 MR. MAYER: This will help -- yes.
12 This will help Anita receive tax-exempt financing.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

14 MS. THAPA: Hopefully because we --
15 we already spent almost like -- almost 500,000.

16 MR. MAYER: Right.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

18 MS. THAPA: So yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: And so -- and Ms. --
20 Anita, you and Mr. Armstrong reviewed this?

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Correct? Yeah. I
23 mean, I understand the concept. It's good. So we
24 have to move on this to protect ourselves really.

25 And I appreciate the people from

1 DeCotiis reviewing it. That's why they're there.

2 So anybody else have a question,
3 board members?

4 Okay. And hearing none, I'll
5 entertain a motion.

6 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

8 And a second?

9 MS. DAVIES: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

11 And a roll call.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

15 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

17 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

19 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

21 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Very good.

23 Moving on to 10 f. This is really a
24 property known -- it's a service agreement for IR
25 Foundation, which is located at 16 North Florida

1 Avenue in Atlantic City.

2 Ms. Johnson, can we read that
3 resolution? This is 10 f.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Service agreement for
5 IR Foundation, LLC.

6 Be it resolved, by the board of
7 directors of the Atlantic City MUA that the service
8 agreement for IR Foundation for the property known
9 as 16 North Florida Avenue, Atlantic City, New
10 Jersey.

11 The connection fee for that
12 particular project is -- is at \$12,470.40.

13 MS. THAPA: Yeah. It's 22. Like you
14 have to look at the page 4.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. So what --
16 what's the amount, Anita?

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: 20 --

18 MS. THAPA: 22 -- \$22,228.35.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. In the amount of
20 \$22,228.35.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. So
23 we've -- this is part of our agreement. We're
24 getting money in for them to do the service at that
25 property.

1 Any questions?

2 Hearing none, I'll move that.

3 Can I have a second?

4 MS. DAVIES: Second.

5 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

7 Roll call.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

11 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

13 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

15 Mr. Eccles?

16 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

18 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes. I'll just add

20 that that's -- that agreement is still subject to

21 the review and approval of the solicitor.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, thank you. Okay.

23 So since we approved it, if he says

24 it's okay, we can move forward; right?

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We don't have
2 to go back. Super. Thank you.

3 So we're going to move on to our
4 bills, which is 11. We have our list.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: If I may, Mr.
6 Chairman --

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.

8 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- we may have to
9 revisit an engineering issue that Mr. Smith referred
10 to earlier regarding a clarifier if Mr. Smith is
11 still available.

12 I believe there is a financial cost
13 to repair that clarifier that he wants to mention.

14 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir, Mr. Armstrong.
15 As we discussed at the engineering committee
16 meeting, the -- GMH Associates, which is a member of
17 the Passaic Valley -- Passaic Valley Sewer
18 Commission, provided us a proposal previously to do
19 an evaluation of the drive unit.

20 And as I had indicated, they came
21 back and indicated that the -- the drive unit was
22 damaged beyond repair, deteriorated.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

24 MR. SMITH: They've provided us a
25 price quote to furnish and install a new drive unit

1 in the amount of \$91,335.

2 Gary Marshall from our office took a
3 look at the proposal and said it seems reasonable
4 and it appears that we can award this quote to the
5 Passaic Valley Sewer Commission for completion by
6 GMH Associates.

7 So we would need the board to approve
8 that for them to move forward to order the equipment
9 because I understand there's a significant lead time
10 on the equipment.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: And I would just add
13 that we're -- Passaic Valley has a cooperative
14 purchasing agreement that we're a member of.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh. Right.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: And we've been a
17 member for a few months now.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. So this would
19 be 10 g. We don't have a resolution. I guess we'll
20 form one of those.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: It will follow.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. It will
23 follow, but I remember the engineering committee, we
24 spoke about this. We were trying to repair. That's
25 not going to work. You know, why throw good money

1 after bad money -- bad projects, so we're going to
2 go in the new -- the new route at about that number.

3 Thank you. I'm glad we -- we caught
4 that. So we'll -- I guess we -- the resolution
5 would be 10 g to approve the replacement of the new
6 drive at the amount of \$91,335, I think it was?

7 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir, 91,335.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. Okay.

9 Do we have any other questions on
10 that?

11 Hearing none --

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: We'll just say --

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sorry.

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- subject to a
15 certification of funds from the CFO.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Of course. Right.

17 Okay. Hearing no other questions,
18 could we have a motion to accept?

19 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second?

21 MS. DAVIES: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

23 Roll call.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

2 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

4 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

6 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

8 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. That
10 resolution, when it's put together, can I just see a
11 copy of that, please?

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Just forward it to
14 me. No problem.

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: I'll send it -- we'll
16 send it to the whole board since we voted.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Since we voted
18 on it, it's nice to see.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: We don't usually do
21 that, but that's one of those things.

22 Okay. Now we were going to move on
23 to our bills. Monthly bills we all reviewed.
24 It's -- you can see some of the higher costs, which
25 is -- is consistent. Every month we kind of see

1 that. And we'll go from there.

2 Resolution, please. Could we read
3 that?

4 MS. JOHNSON: Approving monthly
5 bills.

6 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA has
7 indebtedness to the following companies for services
8 rendered in the amount of \$469,785.35.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Anybody have a
10 question on those bills? You can see some of our
11 special counsel, some of our engineering, some of
12 our, of course, insurance. It's our general bill
13 collection -- or payments, rather, for them to get
14 paid.

15 I'll move the bills.

16 Do I have a second?

17 MR. DEDAR: Second.

18 MS. DAVIES: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

20 And a roll call.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

24 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

1 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

3 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

5 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We're
7 going to be moving into closed session now, and I
8 want to thank Remington & Vernick and DeCotiis for
9 coming onboard today. You guys can leave, and I
10 believe Anita.

11 So we'll entertain a motion to go
12 into closed session.

13 MR. ECCLES: I'll make a motion to go
14 into closed session.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: We will discuss --
16 excuse me -- labor and personnel issues. I should
17 have said that.

18 I'm sorry, Mr. Eccles.

19 MR. ECCLES: Thank you. No. I'll --
20 I'll make the motion to go into closed session.

21 MR. DEDAR: I second.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.

23 Roll call.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

2 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

4 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

6 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

8 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

10 MS. THAPA: Okay. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We'll see you
12 in a minute. Thank you.

13 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Chairman.
14 Thank you, board.

15 MS. THAPA: Have a good day.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

17 MR. DENNIS: See you, guys.

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19 (Whereupon, the closed session was
20 excerpted.)

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22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We just --
23 we're back in public. We just finished closed. So
24 I need a motion to leave closed and to return to
25 open session, please.

1 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

2 MR. ECCLES: I'll make a motion.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second?

4 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

5 MR. DEDAR: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

7 Ms. Johnson, roll call.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? Mr. Hill?

9 Gary, can you hear me?

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: Gary, she can't hear
11 you for some reason.

12 She's calling you. Roll call, your
13 name.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

16 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

18 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

20 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

22 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

24 We just finished closed session when
25 we discussed labor negotiations. We'll have a nice

1 follow-up hopefully next month, as well as two new
2 hirees.

3 So I'm going to be entertaining a
4 motion to proceed as in closed session for our plant
5 management -- excuse me -- plant manager's position
6 to move forward with that.

7 Could I have a motion?

8 MS. DAVIES: Motion.

9 MR. DEDAR: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

11 Roll call.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

15 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

17 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

19 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

21 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

23 We also discussed our director. I'm
24 sorry. Our --

25 MS. DAVIES: Deputy.

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Deputy director of
2 operations.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Deputy of
4 operations -- sorry. Deputy director of operations
5 position. We've reviewed some background
6 information, spoke to board members, and we're --
7 we're ready now to make a motion to move forward as
8 discussed in closed session with the details for our
9 deputy director of operations.

10 So I'll make a motion.

11 Can I have a second?

12 MS. DAVIES: Second.

13 MR. DEDAR: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: And roll call,
15 please.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

19 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

21 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

23 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

25 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 Hearing --

3 MS. JOHNSON: Excuse me. Excuse me.

4 Are those resolutions or motions?

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: Motions.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Those are motions.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

9 So, Mr. Armstrong, you can make some
10 phone calls. We'll go from there; right?

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. And, Mr.

13 Swain, thank you for your attention to those two
14 vital positions. Thank you.

15 We'll go from there. I believe we're
16 at the ending of the meeting. So not hearing
17 anything, I want to wish everybody a nice Memorial
18 Day, happy summer soon, and we'll go from there.

19 So can I have a motion to close out?

20 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

21 MS. DAVIES: Motion.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Second?

23 MS. DAVIES: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

3 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

5 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

7 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

9 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Thank
11 you, everybody. Good job.

12 MR. WARD: Thank you.

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14 (Whereupon, the regular monthly
15 meeting concluded at approximately 11:08 a.m.)

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