

ATLANTIC CITY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

TRANSCRIPT OF REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

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

November 17, 2023

COMMENCING AT 10:02 a.m.

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY L. HILL, Chairman

MOHAMMED DEDAR, Vice Chairman/Deputy

GLENN BANFIELD, Treasurer

MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, Executive Director

INDIA STILL, Deputy Executive Director

BRUCE WARD, Solicitor

CLIFFORD KEEN, Deputy Executive Director of
Operations

JOHN ECCLES, JR.

NYNELL LANGFORD

STEPHANIE DAVIES, Alternate #1

SAYED KAUSAR, Alternate #2

ALSO PRESENT:

WASTELLA JOHNSON, Board Secretary

ANITA THAPA

WES SWAIN, City Administrator

SHANE GEDERBERG

MICHAEL RILEY, ESQUIRE, Board Attorney

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS

ROBERT SMITH

RYAN HAYES

MICHELLE POST

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

11 And we'll do a call to order, please.
12 We did.

13 So we'll do roll call.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar? Okay.

17 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield's absent
19 for the present.

20 Ms. Langford?

21 MS. LANGFORD: Here.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

23 MR. ECCLES: Yes, present.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

25 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Kausar?

2 MR. KAUSAR: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

4 And we'll do our flag salute.

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

6 (The Pledge of Allegiance is

7 recited.)

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And thank
9 you, everybody, for rearranging your schedule for
10 the League of Municipalities. Our normal meeting
11 would have been Wednesday. We moved it to today to
12 accommodate meetings and conferences, so thank you
13 for that.

14 We're going to move right along in
15 the agenda. We have public participation, and we'll
16 call anybody in the public that would like to speak
17 to the board now.

18 Ms. Johnson, do we have anybody that
19 would like to speak?

20 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Ms. Post, did you
21 have anything you want to address the board on?

22 Ms. Post is from the --

23 MS. POST: Hi. Hi. Sorry. It took
24 me a minute to mute (sic).

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's okay.

1 MS. POST: The only thing I wanted to
2 ask is that you consider meeting in person and
3 dropping some of the COVID requirements. It's --
4 it's -- it makes it much harder for the public to
5 engage with -- with you. That's my one request.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Yeah. We
8 have been discussing that. Part of it is a matter
9 of some other issues that we have over there, too.
10 So yeah. We'll bring that up again, Michelle. No
11 problem.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: And just for the
13 record, we do meet with them in person. We just
14 require that they make an appointment in advance.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

16 MS. POST: Okay. Yeah. No. I
17 understand. It's just -- especially for meetings,
18 you know, having to sort of plan so much ahead, the
19 public -- you know, it would be great if meetings
20 could be more accessible, I guess is what I'm
21 saying.

22 Thank you for considering it.

23 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: Also, just to be

1 clear, you're saying having the meetings in public?

2 MS. POST: Both the meetings -- well,
3 if you can't do the meetings in public, because I
4 understand, you know, why you might want to have a
5 mix -- like I think the best thing to do is hybrid,
6 but if you're going to continue to do Zoom meetings,
7 to put the information so that people don't have to
8 email and then get information sent to them, but to
9 put it online like -- like most places do where
10 you -- anybody who wants to participate can just go
11 online, click on it, and they don't have to sort of
12 jump through hoops to get the information.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh.

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

15 MS. POST: Does that make sense?

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Right. Make
17 it more accessible for them to --

18 MS. POST: Yeah. To make it much
19 easier.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- be able to
21 participate.

22 MS. POST: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: I just want to
25 comment. That was done in a lot of places in the

1 beginning, but then it resulted in a lot of Zoom
2 bombing. That's why oftentimes they have you make a
3 request, and then they --

4 MS. POST: I'm sorry. What does Zoom
5 bombing mean?

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: When someone, anyone
7 comes in like a spammer and then they come in and
8 they take control of your actual meeting and start
9 posting offensive material, things like that.
10 They typically characterize it as Zoom bombing.

11 So what they did to try to restrict
12 it is to have people to make specific requests and
13 then email them the link so that they can come in to
14 avoid the Zoom bombing.

15 MS. POST: I don't know if the City
16 might be able to help you with that. The City does
17 a hybrid thing, and it's very easy to access the
18 meeting --

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

20 MS. POST: -- you know, through Zoom,
21 and they have not -- I have not seen that happen
22 with say City Council meetings. So maybe there's
23 some kind of --

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. We'll speak to
25 them because they are -- they just became our IT --

1 IT team here, so we'll speak to them about it.

2 MS. POST: Thanks so much.

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: You're welcome.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Moving on to
5 number 5. We're going to be approving the meetings
6 (sic) of the open session and the closed session
7 meetings (sic). We'll start with the October 18th
8 meeting, which is resolution 5 a.

9 Can we read the resolution, please?

10 MS. JOHNSON: Approving open session
11 minutes of October 18th, 2023.

12 Whereas, the Atlantic Municipal
13 Utilities Authority held their board meeting on
14 October 18th, 2023.

15 Now therefore be it resolved, that on
16 the 17th day of November, that the board of
17 directors of the MUA approves the open session
18 meeting minutes for Wednesday, October 18th, 2023.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Any
20 additions, questions, edits?

21 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion.

22 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

24 And a second?

25 MR. BANFIELD: 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: Okay. Mr. Eccles?

10 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

12 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

13 MR. BANFIELD: Yeah. I'm -- I'm
14 here.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Oh. Mr. Banfield,
16 you're here?

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh. There you go.

18 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. Thank
20 you.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. You're on the
22 Samsung T220?

23 MR. BANFIELD: Yeah. I didn't hear
24 my name on it. I'm sorry.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's fine.

2 Welcome.

3 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Banfield?

4 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. Moving on
7 to --

8 MR. BANFIELD: Had to do it proper.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. Moving on
10 to our -- right. Moving on to our November 7th,
11 which was our special board meeting we just held.
12 That was resolution 5 a (2).

13 Can we read the resolution, please?

14 MS. JOHNSON: Approving open session
15 minutes of our special board meeting for November
16 7th, 2023.

17 Whereas, the MUA held their special
18 board meeting on November 7th, 2023.

19 Now therefore be it resolved, that on
20 this 17th day of November '23, that the board of
21 directors of the MUA approve the open session
22 meeting minutes of the special board meeting held on
23 November 7th, 2023.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Thank you.

25 Any additions, edits, or changes?

1 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion,
2 please.

3 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

5 And a second?

6 MR. ECCLES: I'll 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: Mr. Banfield?

14 MR. BANFIELD: Abstain.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

16 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

18 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

20 Moving on to 5 b is our closed
21 session minutes of those same two meetings, October
22 18th, which is resolution 5 b (1).

23 Can we read that resolution, please?

24 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Approving --

25 approving the closed session minutes of the October

1 18th, 2023.

2 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA held
3 their board meeting on October 18th, 2023.

4 Now therefore be it resolved, that on
5 this 17th day of November 2023, that the board of
6 directors of the MUA approve the closed session
7 meeting minutes of October 18th, 2023.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.

9 And I'll -- we'll -- can we have
10 somebody to move that, please?

11 MR. BANFIELD: I'll move it.

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: Abstain.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

20 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

22 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

24 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

1 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

3 And 5 b (2) is our special meeting
4 closed session meetings (sic).

5 Can we read the resolution for 5 b
6 (2)?

7 MS. JOHNSON: Approving the closed
8 session minutes of the special board meeting of
9 November 7th, 2023.

10 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA held
11 their special board meeting on November 7th.

12 Now therefore be it resolved, on this
13 17th day of November 2023, that the board of
14 directors of the MUA approve the closed session
15 meeting minutes of the special board meeting of
16 November 7th, 2023.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Can we have a
18 motion, please?

19 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

21 And a second?

22 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

23 MS. DAVIES: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

25 Roll call.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Abstain.
3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
4 MR. DEDAR: Yes.
5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
6 MR. BANFIELD: Abstain.
7 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
8 MS. LANGFORD: Abstain.
9 MS. JOHNSON: I'm sorry. Could you
10 repeat that?
11 MS. LANGFORD: Abstain.
12 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.
13 Mr. Eccles?
14 MR. ECCLES: Yes.
15 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.
16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
17 Moving on. I just wanted to
18 welcome -- he's sitting in -- in Cliff's office --
19 Mr. Shane Gederberg.
20 And, Cliff, would you just like to do
21 a quick intro for him, please?
22 MR. KEEN: Absolutely. Absolutely.
23 CHAIRMAN HILL: We approved him last
24 month.
25 Shane?

1 MR. KEEN: Yeah. I'm very excited to
2 introduce Shane Gederberg to -- to everyone. He
3 joins us as distribution manager. He's got nearly
4 20 years of experience in the industry, W3 license
5 right now. He sits for his 4 very soon, and you
6 know, we're excited to have him on the team. So
7 far -- it's only been five days, but everything's
8 gone well so far.

9 Shane, do you want to say anything?

10 MR. GEDERBERG: Yeah. I just want to
11 thank the board for the opportunity to be part of
12 this organization, and I look forward to helping to
13 implement some improvements. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. Welcome
15 aboard, Shane. Good luck.

16 MR. GEDERBERG: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: And moving on to our
18 committee reports. Engineering committee met again
19 this month. Very busy -- very busy month ahead, a
20 lot of projects we're trying to get ahead of. We're
21 being as proactive as we can.

22 I believe --

23 MR. DEDAR: Mr. Chairman, sorry. I
24 think you forgot 7, the solicitor report.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, right. Yeah. I

1 did. I skipped right over Bruce. Sorry. But I --
2 I know we're going to be speaking with Bruce in
3 closed.

4 Bruce, is there something you wanted
5 to add?

6 MR. WARD: Nothing in open session.
7 Everything will be closed. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. As I was
9 mentioning, engineering committee, we have a lot of
10 the agenda items, in particular for new business is
11 from the engineering report.

12 So does anybody have anything they
13 want to add to engineering at this point? We're
14 going to cover most of this a little bit later. And
15 I --

16 MR. SMITH: No. I have nothing to
17 add, Chairman. But if the board has any questions,
18 we're available to answer.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Right. We'll
20 get to you a little bit later in new business, so
21 thank you.

22 MR. SMITH: Thanks, Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. And we'll also
24 move into personnel committee.

25 Mr. Dedar, do you have anything for

1 that?

2 MR. DEDAR: We don't have anything
3 until -- if Mike has something else. I don't think
4 so, we have anything there, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. We didn't meet
7 last month. There was no new policy changes.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. No problem.

9 We'll move on then to our executive
10 director Mr. Armstrong. I know you have some things
11 in executive session, as well, but we can --
12 anything in public right now?

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: My mic was off.

14 No.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you.

16 Okay. And, Cliff, I know we're going
17 to be talking a lot about some of the things you
18 guys are doing at the plant, operational, as well
19 as our projects in the future.

20 Would you like to add anything now
21 until we get to those items?

22 MR. KEEN: I can save it until we get
23 to the other items.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's what I
25 thought. Very good.

1 And, Ms. Still, I know your -- your
2 hands are in everything. So let's see if there's
3 anything you'd like to share with the board in open?

4 MS. STILL: I'm just working right
5 now on -- on concluding the negotiations from the
6 contracts and just rewriting, you know, the MOUs,
7 creating clean documents.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. How are we
9 doing with the salary study that we were initiating?

10 MS. STILL: So we -- well, we had --
11 we had some hiccups in getting off the ground with
12 the contract, but now we have a meeting set up for
13 next week to do a meet-and-greet and just to -- to
14 start laying out what their next steps are going to
15 be.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you so
17 much.

18 Moving on to accounting and finance.
19 Anita, we'll go through your reports. They were
20 attached, so hopefully people got to review them.

21 Anita, please.

22 MS. THAPA: Okay. Sure. Good
23 morning to all.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good morning.

25 MS. THAPA: So the financials are for

1 the month of September. As of September, we
2 collected about 72 percent of the revenue from the
3 user charges, which is about 2 percent, a little bit
4 higher than compared to our budget. Right? Which
5 is pretty good or we're at least in line.

6 As for the cash management, we are
7 earning about 5 percent in all of our money
8 market -- money market accounts. I haven't invested
9 in anything yet because the interest rate is pretty
10 good in the -- in our trustee accounts.

11 As for the balance adjustment, it's
12 just for the review for the board.

13 And shutoffs, obviously, we're not --
14 we stopped the shutoff since this is a cold winter
15 or, you know, it's -- the weather is on and off, so
16 we stopped it, but the lien is going to -- we have
17 sent our list to the City. And the lien is going to
18 be -- will be held on December 18 of this -- which
19 is next month.

20 So everything -- the City's going to
21 handle our lien -- lien list. So it's about 205,000
22 outstanding balances we have sent to the -- to the
23 City. Okay?

24 You're muted.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Could you repeat that

1 number of outstanding?

2 MS. THAPA: Let me see. To be exact,
3 we are about 198 -- I mean, 2 -- 206 accounts, and
4 the lien amount totals 278,983.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you.
6 And there's -- so they're aware of that now?

7 MS. THAPA: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Okay. And
9 I'd just --

10 Sorry?

11 MS. THAPA: Yeah. I'm good. Sorry.
12 That's mine.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, does anybody from
14 the board have a question for Anita on finance?

15 Okay. And we'll approve the bills
16 later on in the meeting.

17 Old business. Of course the budget,
18 our 2024 budget has been -- we've been working hard,
19 the committee. I thank Mr. Banfield for leading
20 that, as well as Anita and her people.

21 We're now at the public hearing
22 portion of that before it gets approved in December,
23 and we have a public hearing on Tuesday, November
24 28th, as well as a rate hearing, which is our rates
25 and regulations for the following year on Tuesday

1 November 28th, as well.

2 Anybody who would like to participate
3 in that, see Ms. Johnson, so she can send you a link
4 for -- to participate.

5 I believe we've already gotten asked
6 for that, right, Stella? You already did that, I
7 believe.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

10 Anita, anything to say about the
11 hearings other than what we -- it's annually we do
12 that.

13 MS. THAPA: Yes. So like you said,
14 it's on Tuesday, November 28th at 10:00. It will be
15 a Zoom meeting, as well. So we did advertise a
16 couple of times there. Okay?

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

18 MS. THAPA: That's about it.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. Moving on
20 to 11, our new business. We have a number of things
21 on that. We're going to start with the abatements.
22 This is unnecessary to appear.

23 Again, we have I believe four of
24 those abatements. We can take all of those together
25 because they deal with the same issues. However,

1 again, I just urge any board members, if there's a
2 conflict, if you want to abstain or, excuse me,
3 recuse yourself from one of them, just let us know
4 when we do the vote.

5 So we're going to ask Ms. Johnson to
6 read 11 a, again the addresses and the -- then we'll
7 put them all together in one.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Ms. Johnson, please.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Abatement for Fairmount
11 Corner 2647, LLC, location 2647 Fairmount Avenue,
12 the amount of \$1,182.42.

13 Henry Decasablanca located at 2502
14 Tindaro Terrace in the amount of \$1,294.78.

15 Michael and Carol Harris located at
16 250 North Pennsylvania Avenue in the amount of
17 \$450.01.

18 And lastly, Alejandra Staubs located
19 at 108 North Delancey Place in the amount of
20 \$507.48.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And all those
22 resolutions were attached to our emails.

23 So does anybody have a question
24 concerning those abatements? It's general business.

25 Hearing none, I'll move those.

1 Could we have a second, please?

2 MR. BANFIELD: 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: Mr. Banfield?

10 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

12 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

14 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. 11 b is
16 our annual contribution, I'm going to call that, to
17 the City budget. It's appropriations. Well, that's
18 what I'm going to use. And the resolution is --
19 we'll go over that in a minute here, but you'll see
20 the amount that we're going to be giving to the City
21 of Atlantic City based on our budget.

22 So let's read the resolution first.

23 MS. JOHNSON: City of Atlantic City
24 appropriations.

25 Whereas, on December 21st, 2022, the

1 Atlantic City MUA adopted the annual operating
2 budget and capital budget for the fiscal year
3 beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31st,
4 2023;

5 Whereas, the City of Atlantic City
6 has requested payment of the surplus in the
7 authority's budget;

8 Whereas, the amount -- maximum amount
9 of money that was appropriated in the authority's
10 2023 budget commencing January 1, 2023 pursuant to
11 the above statute is 810,000 -- I'm sorry --
12 \$810,359;

13 Now therefore be it resolved, by the
14 board of directors of the Atlantic City MUA
15 municipal appropriation payment to the City of
16 Atlantic City in the amount of \$575,064.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: There is -- can we
18 look at that number again? I have 576.

19 MR. WARD: I thought it was 576.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Just to make sure.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Correction.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. No
25 problem.

1 Okay. So, again, this is by statute,
2 just so we all know that, and this is our annual --
3 again, I'm using the word donation, but it's our
4 annual contribution to the City of Atlantic City
5 from our -- based on the numbers that we read for
6 this year.

7 Does anybody have a question?

8 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion.

9 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

11 And a second?

12 MR. DEDAR: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

14 Roll call.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

18 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

20 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

22 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

24 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

1 Moving forward. The next couple of
2 things are all really coming out of the engineering
3 committee and the work we're doing, just so we're
4 aware of that. I believe all of them, in fact.

5 So we'll move on to the 11 c. We are
6 going to be canceling a contract because -- well,
7 we'll get into why, but anyway, it's for the repair
8 to the water treatment plant warehouse.

9 Let's read that first, please, 11 c
10 (1).

11 MS. JOHNSON: Cancellation of
12 contract for structural repairs to the water
13 treatment plant warehouse ceiling building.

14 Whereas, the board of directors of
15 the MUA authorized resolution 22-211 on November
16 18th, 2022 for structural repairs to the water
17 treatment plant warehouse ceiling building to Quinn
18 Construction, Inc.;

19 Whereas, during pre-construction
20 preparation, it was found that the floor of the
21 building could not support the equipment necessary
22 to perform the work to the building and that
23 scaffolding increased the price well above estimated
24 costs;

25 Whereas, the authority intends to

1 evacuate -- yeah -- evaluate its entire water
2 treatment plant property and upgrade its facilities
3 in their entirety.

4 Now, therefore be it resolved, by the
5 board of directors of the MUA to cancel resolution
6 22-211 and its contract for water treatment plant
7 warehouse ceiling building with Quinn Construction.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Basically,
9 because we are going to be looking at a bigger
10 master plan. It's very expensive to do what we
11 needed to do to repair this. We're not even sure
12 we're going to keep that building, so we decided to
13 hold off and pause.

14 Is that basically correct, Cliff,
15 would you say?

16 MR. KEEN: That's perfect.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Do I have that right?

18 MR. KEEN: Absolutely.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Just checking.
20 All right. Very good. So that's what we're doing,
21 guys, is we're canceling because we just want to
22 wait and see what kind of costs, and we -- even if
23 we're going to use any of that, the warehouse.
24 That's why we're doing this. So I need a -- we read
25 the resolution.

1 Could we have a motion, please?

2 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

4 And a second?

5 MR. DEDAR: 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: Mr. Banfield?

13 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

15 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

17 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

19 The next couple of them are some
20 chemicals and some things we need to move forward
21 for -- at the plant, so we're going to -- these are
22 all soliciting bids. We're going out to bid. There
23 was evaluations and -- and discussions on all of
24 these items basically so -- prior.

25 So we'll do d (1), please. Can we

1 read that, for the generator?

2 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Maintenance
3 contract on auxiliary power generator engines at
4 water treatment plant pumping station facility.

5 Be it resolved, by the board of
6 directors of the MUA that the advertisement,
7 proposal form, and specifications and instructions
8 to bidders for maintenance contract on the auxiliary
9 power generator engines at water treatment plant
10 pumping station facility is hereby approved and
11 adopted.

12 Be it further resolved that the said
13 bids to be received and publicly opened and read at
14 a bid opening of the MUA to be announced at a later
15 date.

16 Should I just read titles? Because
17 all of them are saying the same things, to be
18 accepted at a later date. Or read it separately?

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: We -- that's fine.
20 We can just do that one. That's fine.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: You want to do for
23 all of them you mean?

24 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. All of them have
25 the same verbiage.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: No.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Just different titles.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah, different
4 titles. Well, we'll do one at a time, though, I
5 think to make it clean.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. But thank
8 you. I know what you're saying. Right.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: So this is just going
11 out to bid for an emergency contract.

12 Questions?

13 Okay. Hearing none, I'll accept a
14 motion.

15 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

17 Second?

18 MS. DAVIES: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: And roll call.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

23 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

25 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

2 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

4 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. 11 d (2)
6 is for some chemicals we need.

7 Can we read that resolution? We
8 understand that they'll decide at a certain time.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

11 MS. JOHNSON: To furnish and deliver
12 sodium hypochlorite.

13 Be it resolved, by the board of
14 directors of the MUA that the advertisement,
15 proposal form, and specifications and instructions
16 to bidders for furnishing and delivering sodium
17 hypochlorite are hereby approved and adopted.

18 Be it further resolved, that the said
19 bids to be received and publicly opened and read at
20 a bid opening of the MUA to be announced at a later
21 date.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. I believe
23 this is an annual bid, correct, Cliff? I think
24 it's -- there's one chemical we buy every two years
25 and one every year I think.

1 Is this -- this is the annual one?

2 MR. KEEN: This is -- this is one
3 of -- of the chemicals. There are four or five that
4 because of the amount of chemical we use, we have to
5 go to bid for them.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

7 MR. KEEN: So yeah. That's -- this
8 is -- this is the disinfecting chemical.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Very good.
10 Questions?

11 Hearing none, I'll move that.

12 Can I have a second?

13 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

15 And a roll call.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

19 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

21 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

23 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

25 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Moving on to
2 (3). (3) and (4) kind of go together, as well.
3 It's the location services and then the installation
4 of water lines.

5 Again, I -- I applaud the -- the
6 staff for moving forward and working with the City
7 and getting as much done as we can before the bad
8 weather, as well.

9 So let's read resolution 11 d (3)
10 first, please.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Contract for water line
12 location services.

13 Be it resolved, by the board of
14 directors of the MUA that the advertisement,
15 proposal form, and the specifications and
16 instructions to the bidders this day for contract
17 for water line location services are hereby approved
18 and adopted.

19 Be it further resolved, that the said
20 bids to be received and publicly opened and read at
21 a bid opening of the Atlantic City MUA to be
22 announced at a later date.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Again, this is just a
24 bid for services.

25 Questions?

1 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion.

2 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

4 Second?

5 MR. ECCLES: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

10 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

12 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

14 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

16 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: And of course the
18 next one, once they find out where we're going, we
19 install them. And that's the water line service
20 installation, 11 d (4) resolution.

21 Could we read that resolution,
22 please?

23 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Do we have a --
24 a motion?

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. You need to read

1 it first, please.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, okay. Contract for
3 water line service installation.

4 Be it resolved, by the board of
5 directors of the MUA, that the advertisement,
6 proposal form, and specifications and instructions
7 to bidders for contract for water line service
8 installation are hereby approved and adopted.

9 Be it further resolved, that the said
10 bids to be received and publicly opened and read at
11 a bid opening of the MUA to be announced at a later
12 date.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And,
14 again, this is a bid.

15 Any questions?

16 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion,
17 please.

18 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

20 And a second?

21 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

1 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

3 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

5 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

7 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: And the last one
9 there in 11 is another chemical we need, and we'll
10 read the resolution for this. Boy it's a long name.

11 Okay. Good luck, Ms. Johnson, on
12 that one.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Go ahead.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Furnish and deliver
16 Zeta Lyte 1A Anionic Polymer.

17 Be it resolved, by the board of
18 directors of the MUA that the advertisement,
19 proposal form, and specifications and instructions
20 to bidders to furnish and deliver Zeta Lyte 1A
21 Anionic Polymer are hereby approved and adopted.

22 Be it further resolved, that the said
23 bids to be received and publicly opened and read at
24 a bid opening of the MUA to be announced at a later
25 date.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We could use
2 that for a spelling bee question, how to spell that
3 chemical. All right. Very good.

4 Does anybody have a question? Again,
5 it's a chemical that we need.

6 So I'll move that.

7 Can we have a second?

8 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

10 And roll call.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

14 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

16 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

18 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

20 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. For
22 moving on to "f" -- I'm sorry -- for "f" -- "e" and
23 "f" -- "e" and "f," we're going to be working of
24 course with our special engineering firm Remington &
25 Vernick, and the first one is for the water tank

1 inspections, which of course we need to do per state
2 law.

3 So let's read that. And they've been
4 working on this I know to get us a bid. Go ahead.
5 Stella, we'll do for (1), e (1).

6 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Water tank --

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: 11 e (1).

8 MS. JOHNSON: -- inspection -- water
9 tank inspections.

10 Whereas, there is a need to evaluate
11 and coordinate the work on the Atlantic City MUA's
12 water tank inspections;

13 Be it further resolved, by the -- be
14 it resolved, by the board of directors of the MUA
15 that the proposal received from Remington & Vernick
16 Engineers for the project for the water tank
17 inspections, to receive the proposal in the sum --
18 lump sum not to exceed the total cost of \$34,000.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Mr. -- I
20 think it's Mr. Smith that's on.

21 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: What's our time frame
23 once we move on this?

24 MR. SMITH: We anticipate probably
25 having all three inspection reports done by

1 Christmas.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: By the end of the
3 year? That's perfect.

4 MR. SMITH: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Super. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. KEEN: And if you don't mind me
8 adding, this is something that we had already
9 discussed and had approved. This is more of a
10 matter of financing and where we take the money out
11 of. So this allows us to pull it out of a different
12 place than the regular engineering, so some of the
13 inspections were already completed and the reports
14 are -- are coming soon.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Did we have the money
16 assigned?

17 MR. KEEN: Yes. We had the money.
18 This just moves it into a different place --

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

20 MR. KEEN: -- so that we don't have
21 to do other gymnastics with certain funds. Yep.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Very good.

23 Okay.

24 Anybody else have a question?

25 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion.

1 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

3 And a second?

4 MR. DEDAR: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

6 Roll call.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

10 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

12 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

14 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

16 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

18 And moving forward. We discussed
19 this, as well, in engineering. It's surveying our
20 water treatment plant.

21 So let's read the resolution, please,
22 for 11 f (1).

23 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Professional
24 surveying services for the water treatment plant
25 Blocks 201, Lots 14.01 and 14.02.

1 Whereas, there is a need to evaluate
2 and coordinate the work on the Atlantic City MUA's
3 property for professional surveying services for the
4 water treatment plant Blocks 201, Lots 14.01 and
5 14.02;

6 Be it resolved, by the board of
7 directors that the proposal received from Remington
8 & Vernick for said work for professional surveying
9 services for the water treatment plant Blocks 201,
10 Lots 14.01 and 14.02 in the lump sum not to exceed
11 the cost of \$55,000.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And this will
13 give us a nice kind of a footprint I would -- I
14 would kind of say, a footprint of our plant and
15 where some of our -- our ideas are -- might come
16 from.

17 Could either Mr. Smith or -- or,
18 Cliff, can you explain to the rest of the board what
19 the survey will do?

20 MR. SMITH: Sure, Chairman.
21 Basically it's going to be an outbound and
22 topographic survey. It's going to show the specific
23 limits of the property. It's going to show all of
24 the existing conditions, grading of the property.
25 Environmental constraints, such as wetlands will be

1 delineated. And what it will do is it's basically
2 the first step in providing the building block for
3 the layout for the -- the plant.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

5 MR. SMITH: And just as -- just so
6 the board knows, we've already done some of the
7 aerial surveying. That's completed. We've done
8 some ground surveying. And I think our crews will
9 be out next week to do the wetlands delineation and
10 to get some -- some topographic information.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Super.

12 MR. SMITH: So basically that -- that
13 will give you your blueprint for how we're going to
14 lay out the plant.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. So it's very
16 inclusive?

17 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah, very wide.
19 Very good.

20 I just wanted to make sure other
21 people understood what exactly -- why we're doing
22 it.

23 Okay. Questions?

24 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion.

25 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'll second that.

2 And roll call.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

6 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

8 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

10 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

12 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Moving
14 forward is our bills, our monthly bills Anita has
15 attached. And you can see, of course, with where
16 our highest costs are, that doesn't change much, and
17 our totals.

18 So this is 12 a. We want to pay our
19 bills. So let's read that, please.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Approving -- approving
21 monthly bills.

22 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA has
23 indebtedness to the following companies for services
24 rendered in the amount of \$963,473.11.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Anybody have

1 a question for Anita on those bills?

2 Hearing none, I'll move them.

3 Can we have a second?

4 MR. DEDAR: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

6 And roll call.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

10 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

12 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

14 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

16 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We're ready to
18 go into executive session. We have a few matters,
19 not a whole lot. We're going to be talking about --
20 discussing 2514 Fairmount Avenue and just a little
21 update on our wonderful board secretary Stella
22 Johnson at executive session, and I think maybe one
23 other personnel matter. I'm not sure.

24 So can we read the resolution,
25 please, to go into executive?

1 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Approving to
2 enter into closed session.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: There we go.
4 And can I have a motion?

5 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
7 And a second?

8 MR. DEDAR: Second.

9 MR. ECCLES: 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: Mr. Banfield?

17 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

19 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

21 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. So we're
23 going to go into a breakout room, and I don't
24 think we -- who do we need, Mr. Armstrong? Should
25 Anita be with us on the one item? Not right away.

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. I don't think
2 we need anyone other than --

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. I don't think
4 so.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Bruce is going
6 to give us the update on the status.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Right.
8 Right.

9 Okay. Yeah. I just wanted to make
10 sure we --

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: I think we're okay.

13 MS. THAPA: Okay. Thank you. Have a
14 good day, everyone.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you,
16 everybody. We'll wait for the breakout room. We'll
17 see you in executive.

18 I'm not sure if we'll have anything
19 to report after at public. It depends how this
20 goes.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. SMITH: Chairman, would you like
23 Remington & Vernick to stay onboard?

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. You don't need
25 to. Thank you. Have a great holiday.

1 MR. SMITH: You also. Everybody have
2 a great Thanksgiving.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thanks.

4 MR. BANFIELD: You, too. Thank you.

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6 (Whereupon, the closed session was
7 excerpted.)

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9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We'll go back
10 to record.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're going to be
13 entertaining a motion to exit executive session.

14 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

16 And a second?

17 MR. DEDAR: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

19 Roll call.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

25 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

2 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

4 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

6 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: And then I'll need a
8 motion to return to open session from executive
9 session.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Motion.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Mr. Hill?

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

15 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

17 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

19 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

21 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We just left
23 executive session for the November board meeting,
24 and we discussed Fairmount -- excuse me -- we
25 discussed 2514 Fairmount Avenue issue in executive

1 session with counsel and board members, and we also
2 discussed -- and we need to make a motion on this to
3 put it on record our board secretary Ms. Stella
4 Johnson, I wanted to put together a resolution
5 making it clear that Ms. Johnson, who's been working
6 with the MUA for many years, is a nonunion employee,
7 but she will be receiving, along with other nonunion
8 employees, the recent contract raise that we
9 approved, I believe it was last month. So I want to
10 make sure we have that on record.

11 Did I miss something, Mr. Ward, on
12 that resolution?

13 MR. WARD: No. That's fine. It's a
14 directive.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. And --

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: I just want to make
17 clear --

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Go ahead.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- that she's
20 receiving the same percentage increases that
21 nonunion supervisor and -- supervisors and managers
22 receive -- I'm sorry -- supervisors and operators
23 received in their negotiated contracts.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Per the new -- per
25 the new contract.

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Correct.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Right. Very
3 good.

4 Can we have a motion on that, please?

5 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

7 MR. DEDAR: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second?

9 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: Mr. Banfield?

16 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

18 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

20 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good. Anybody else
22 have anything for the general public?

23 Hearing none, before we adjourn, I

24 want to wish all of you a very wonderful happy

25 Thanksgiving to you and --

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Oh.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, India.

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: India.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, India, you had --
5 you had an item? Go ahead, India.

6 MS. STILL: Yes. I'm sorry. This
7 actually --

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. No
9 problem.

10 MS. STILL: I'm sorry. This actually
11 just came through when the meeting began.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

13 MS. STILL: So that's why it's late
14 for the agenda, but yesterday I had the pleasant
15 opportunity to bump into Linda Bazemore over at the
16 League, and we were both attending a session on
17 workforce challenges. And she mentioned that the
18 ACUA is applying for a workforce development grant
19 from the EPA. And she wasn't sure if it had already
20 gone in, but she wanted to check. She said there's
21 a possibility that the MUA could -- could benefit
22 from this if they hadn't submitted yet.

23 And apparently the grant is due
24 today. They're just looking for a letter of
25 support, and if we give them the letter of support

1 from the executive director, our employees will be
2 eligible to collaborate with them on leadership
3 training, water classes, and there were some
4 other -- some other workforce development items
5 there. But this would be really helpful for us
6 because, as you know, we have our own challenges,
7 and we're pursuing the salary study, and I'm also
8 opening conversations with the high school about
9 creating a career technical education program around
10 the water industry that will help with the pipeline
11 of new workers for -- for the MUA.

12 So I'm just asking for your approval
13 to submit this letter of support.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Is it -- is it to the
15 state?

16 MS. STILL: It's for the --

17 MR. WARD: EPA, federal.

18 MS. STILL: It's federal, EPA.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Federal? Okay.

20 Great. Super. I don't think --

21 Anybody have a problem with that?

22 MR. DEDAR: No. We'd love it.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: It would be very
24 beneficial.

25 Mr. Armstrong, can you write

1 something up for us?

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. It's actually
3 going to be for me to sign.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Exactly.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Yeah. I do
7 these quite a bit for different projects. That
8 sounds great.

9 Thank you, India, for bringing it to
10 our attention. We don't need to vote on that I
11 don't think unless there's somebody against it. You
12 can -- okay. It's not a resolution.

13 Okay. Very good. So as I was
14 saying, I wish all of you and your families a
15 wonderful Thanksgiving. Again, thank you for your
16 time and energy and dedication to the Atlantic City
17 Municipal Utilities Authority. Have a great
18 holiday.

19 We'll look for a motion for
20 adjournment.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Same to you.

22 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

24 MR. BANFIELD: Everybody enjoy their
25 holiday.

1 MS. STILL: Have a happy holiday.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

3 MR. DEDAR: Have a nice holiday.

4 MR. ECCLES: Everybody have a safe
5 and healthy Thanksgiving.

6 MR. KAUSAR: Same to you all.

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8 (Whereupon, the regular monthly
9 meeting concluded at approximately 11:12 a.m.)

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