

ATLANTIC CITY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

TRANSCRIPT OF REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

COMMENCING at 10:02 A.M.

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY L. HILL, Chairman
MOHAMMED DEDAR, Vice Chairman/Deputy
GLENN BANFIELD (LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE)
NYNELL LANGFORD
JOHN ECCLES, JR.
STEPHANIE A. DAVIES, Alternate #1
SAYED KAUSAR, Alternate #2 (ABSENT)

EXECUTIVES:

INDIA STILL, Executive Director
CLIFF KEEN, Deputy Executive Director, Operations

BOARD ATTORNEYS:

BRUCE WARD, Solicitor
MICHAEL REILLY, ESQUIRE, Labor Attorney
WILLIAM SWAIN, State of New Jersey

ALSO PRESENT:

WASTELLA E. JOHNSON, Board Secretary
ANITA THAPA, Assistant Director of Accounting
ROBERT SMITH, P.E., REMINGTON & VERNICK
DAWN BRYANT, AC MUA

STENOGRAPHICALLY REPORTER BY:

LAURA ANNE CARUCCI, RPR, NJ CCR

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Adequate notice of this
2 meeting has been provided as required by law by
3 mailing to The Press a list of the regularly
4 scheduled meeting, June 20th, 2024, at 401 North
5 Virginia Avenue conference room, Atlantic City, New
6 Jersey.

7 A copy of said notice was sent to the
8 City Clerk to be posted.

9 All of the aforesaid complies with
10 Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 known as the Open
11 Public Meetings Law.

12 So we will do a call to order
13 Roll call?

14 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

15 Mr. Hill?

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

18 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

20 (No Response.)

21 MS. JOHNSON: Presently absent.

22 Ms. Langford?

23 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Here.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

25 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Here.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIES: Here.

3 MS. JOHNSON: And, Mr. Kausar?

4 (No Response.)

5 MS. JOHNSON: Presently absent.

6 And Banfield is trying to come on.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

8 We'll move on to the flag salute.

9 Vice Chair Dedar, would you please lead
10 us please?

11 (Whereupon, all rise for a Recitation
12 of the Pledge of Allegiance as led by Vice
13 Chairman Dedar.)

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

15 Welcome back, sir. Hope you had a good
16 trip.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're going to move on
19 to approval of our minutes. This was the open
20 session minutes that we did May 15th.

21 This is Resolution 5 a (1).

22 Can we read the resolution please?

23 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

24 APPROVING OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF
25 MAY 15TH, 2024.

1 WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Municipal
2 Utilities Authority held their Board Meeting on
3 May 15th, 2024.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is
5 on this 20th day of June 2024, that the Board of
6 Directors of the Atlantic City MUA hereby approves
7 the transcription of the Open Session Meeting Minutes
8 held on May 15, 2024.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

10 I'm assuming everybody had time to read
11 them and review.

12 Any changes? Additions?

13 (No Response.)

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Hearing none, we'll
15 make a motion to accept.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Motion.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

18 And a second?

19 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: I'll second.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

21 Roll call?

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

25 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

2 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

4 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: And, Ms. Davies?

6 COMMISSIONER DAVIES: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

8 MS. JOHNSON: And I believe Mr. Dedar
9 has to abstain cause he was not, and read not the
10 minutes.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Abstain.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

14 Okay. Moving onto Closed Session
15 minutes? Resolution 5 (b).

16 Can we read the resolution please for
17 this said meeting?

18 MS. JOHNSON: APPROVING CLOSED SESSION
19 MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2024.

20 WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Municipal
21 Utilities Authority held their Board Meeting on
22 May 15th, 2024.

23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, it is on
24 this 20th day of June 2024, that the Board of
25 Directors of the Atlantic City MUA hereby approves

1 the transcription of the Close Session Meeting
2 Minutes held on May 15th, 2024.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

4 And we're going to have a conversation
5 about Closed Minutes in my report.

6 So let's just move on this.

7 I'll move that. Can I have a second
8 please?

9 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: I'll second.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

11 Roll call?

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

15 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Abstain?

17 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Abstain because I
18 was not in the meeting. So...

19 MS. JOHNSON: Right.

20 Ms. Langford?

21 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

23 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: And, Ms. Davies?

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIES: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 Moving on, do we have any public
3 participation? I skipped that, I'm sorry.

4 Do have any public --

5 MS. JOHNSON: No, none at all.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

7 And we want to welcome Dawn who is
8 sitting in today with Stella Johnson. And Dawn works
9 with Anita in financing, in case people do not know
10 her.

11 Welcome, Dawn.

12 MS. BRYANT: Thank you.

13 (Whereupon, Commissioner Banfield is
14 not present at 10:06 a.m.)

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

16 Two things under my report quickly. I
17 just wanted to first of all congratulate Board Member
18 John Eccles for his reappointment to the Board of the
19 MUA for a five-year term, that just happened last
20 week. Welcome back. I'm not sure if that's good or
21 bad or in between, but you're back, John. So
22 congratulations.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Congratulations,
24 John.

25 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Thank you.

1 Thank you, Gary.

2 Thank you, Mohammed.

3 Thank you everybody for the kind
4 wishes.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

6 Also in Executive Session Meetings it
7 was brought to my attention that I believe in the
8 past, probably during COVID or whatever, we used to
9 be able to electronically read and review the Closed
10 Session Meetings then let Stella know if we approved
11 or there was any changes instead of coming into the
12 office. Now that we're in hybrid for all the
13 meetings, it was brought, and I did check this with
14 our Counselor Mr. Ward, he can correct me if I am
15 wrong, there should be no reason why we don't have
16 the opportunity to either: One, do what we've been
17 doing, come in person and sign off on them, every
18 Board Member; or Number Two, having them sent to our
19 MUA secure e-mail, and you can review and sign off or
20 if you have any changes that way.

21 So, am I correct, Mr. Ward, you and I
22 kind of had the same idea that that was acceptable?

23 MR. WARD: I agree. Yes, I agree.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

25 MR. WARD: It's the substance that --

1 you know that's important to be recorded and
2 certified.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

4 So what I'm saying is if anybody has a
5 question about that, we're doing the same thing, but
6 we're also going to add now the opportunity for
7 people to do it electronically through the MUA
8 e-mail. Okay.

9 So if it's not something with a vote,
10 I'm just leaving it out there. And I wanted on
11 public record we're going to be moving towards that.

12 And we did, I believe, do that during
13 COVID for maybe a year-and-a-half or so when we
14 didn't go into the office. So that's all that has to
15 do with that.

16 Mr. Ward, you're up. Anything you'd
17 like to -- I know you have a few things in Closed
18 Session.

19 MR. WARD: In Closed Session we'll be
20 discussing a matter that'll be coming forward in
21 July.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Alrighty.

23 Moving on to Committee Reports,
24 Engineering Committee we held our committee for
25 engineering in the beginning of the month. Again,

1 we're very, very busy. A lot of the action that
2 we're going be taking either some rejection of bids
3 or some acceptance of some things and projects will
4 be forward in the -- in the agenda.

5 I am going to ask two quick questions
6 on some of those idea to make sure the whole Board is
7 aware of what's happening with some of our projects.

8 But, Cliff, would you like to mention
9 anything now in particular or you want to wait till
10 be get to some of the items?

11 MR. KEEN: The only thing that I want
12 to mention is that there are a couple of resolutions
13 that didn't make the agenda, so I'll be asking you,
14 as we go through, to add those.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Can we -- we
16 could do it now or we could do it late r.

17 I wanted -- we could do it -- might as
18 well do it now it's engineering. I know in the -- in
19 the Consent we are moving forward with the Martin
20 Luther King repair.

21 MR. KEEN: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: That was not -- for the
23 rest of our Board that was not originally in the
24 plans, however the City kind of moved up their
25 timeframe and now it, kind of, came back on us to

1 address that and Cliff and Remington and Vernick and
2 that are working on that. So it's a bid -- it's a
3 project that we're -- we kind of just got to do
4 because we don't like to tear up the roads and
5 things, if they're going to do that. And they're
6 going to pave them, but we won't to do the work
7 first. So that is something new that we did not plan
8 on.

9 My question is, Number one, Anita,
10 we're okay to do that budget wise?

11 MS. THAPA: I'm sorry.

12 Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. That's what I
14 thought. We -- I think we talked about that in
15 engineering.

16 Either from Remington or Cliff, would
17 you just like to just speak on the MLK project a
18 little bit --

19 MR. KEEN: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- for the rest of the
21 Board who wasn't on engineering.

22 MR. KEEN: Absolutely.

23 So this is a project we knew was coming
24 but the City had it slated for 2025 and when I say
25 had it slated for 2025, in April and May that was

1 still the case. And then we moved into the middle of
2 May and they told us that they were going to do it
3 this year.

4 So we started immediately planning,
5 working the Remington and Vernick to discuss what
6 needed to be changed out. And because some of our
7 other road projects came in lower than what we
8 anticipated, we do have the financial capacity to
9 handle it this year.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

11 MR. KEEN: So we're looking to move
12 forward on that as soon as possible because we need
13 to be in front of them to make sure that the
14 infrastructure repairs are done before the road
15 pavement's done.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's right.

17 Great, that's a good clarification.

18 I wanted to make sure everybody
19 understood that because you might not have seen that
20 project in an engineering report or in past meetings.

21 So thank you for clearing that up.

22 And my other question which kind of
23 goes with, kind of, engineering maybe India we can
24 talk about the Atlantic Shores Wind what we're going
25 to be doing with that and working with whom.

1 Do we want to save that to Closed or
2 can you just speak very generally on that?

3 MS. STILL: I think I can speak
4 generally on that --

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: I do too.

6 MS. STILL: I was going to say
7 something about it during the Executive Director's
8 report. And it just that Atlantic Shores had reached
9 out to us to discuss their offshore wind project.
10 And it's -- it's -- as you can imagine it's quite a
11 substantial undertaking they're talking to us about
12 the possible need for us to relocate our
13 infrastructure. We had some basic questions that
14 they have -- that we posed some time ago that they
15 really didn't respond to yet. So we are, kind of,
16 putting things on hold until we can get them to agree
17 to a developer's agreement with us. So that any of
18 our professional review that has to be done is going
19 to be covered by that agreement so...

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

21 MS. STILL: And they're --

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: And this is just --
23 this is a beginning step, so to speak, guys.

24 MS. STILL: Correct.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Somebody had a

1 question?

2 And, again, we're not sure if this is
3 also going to happen. If we all know what's going on
4 with the Atlantic Shores, we know that the -- the
5 Governor's office would like this to move forward. I
6 know the City does. But we'll have to -- but we want
7 to be prepared. So that's why we're doing our due
8 diligence, I guess would be the right word, and to
9 kind of see what we need to do. And it's going to --
10 and who's responsible for what.

11 I just wanted the rest of the Board,
12 I've had conversations about this, to be updated on
13 that. Okay.

14 MS. STILL: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. So
16 Engineering, anything else from Remington Vernick?
17 Bob, do you want to say anything? We're going to be
18 getting to some of those issues.

19 MR. SMITH: No. We're -- as you said,
20 Chairman, we're going to be getting -- we're going to
21 be awarding -- presuming awarding the Baltic Avenue
22 Water Main Replacement. Again, as you said to get
23 ahead of had City's paving project.

24 We're going be awarding Phase I of the
25 lead service line replacement.

1 So we're -- we're making good progress.
2 We're starting to get in a better position with the
3 City. And we will continue to get into a better
4 position with the City as far as getting their
5 roadway reconstruction projects schedule and that we
6 can get in and get our work done in advance, but not
7 as a -- as a last minute emergency --

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

9 MR. SMITH: -- but we're going to try
10 to get to a point where we're a year ahead of them as
11 we go through the -- their roadway repaving schedule.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

13 Thank you so much.

14 Okay. Moving on, Personnel Committee,
15 I know that they've been working on an organizational
16 chart and some other issues.

17 Mr. Dedar, would you like to speak on
18 that?

19 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes,
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 Good morning, everyone.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good morning.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: So we had a
24 meeting in the -- I believe it is June 12th, it was
25 very good meeting. Ms. India played the role because

1 she said this meeting will be quick, but she took two
2 hours which one we enjoyed.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, that's her
4 quickness? Okay.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: And she explain
6 it was very good, actually is very good chart, I
7 think so everybody has it and, you know, I'm very
8 impressed. This is the good chart they make it. I'm
9 very glad, I think so India and Cliff, I mean they
10 did good. We added new titles. So far six of them
11 new titles, and new position, they create for five of
12 them, for in the future, some other time.

13 The whole thing is, the chart, I
14 believe, is for -- so MUA can run smoothly.

15 And what about when it comes check and
16 balance, so new title, a few of them: Director of
17 Administration; Director of Finance; Assistant
18 Manager, Lab Technician, Water Sample Collector and
19 the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor. So this is the
20 six new titles. And new position is Communication
21 Specialist, then Purchasing Agent, Chief
22 Construction, Water Inspector and Security.

23 So which one is very good. I study a
24 little bit when I coming home which one looks very
25 good and I think so, Ms. India and Cliff can go

1 further a little bit.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

3 India, would you like the elaborate on
4 that before you look at the resolution?

5 MS. STILL: Sure.

6 Yeah, we spent a lot of time working on
7 this chart and -- and really started meeting on a
8 weekly basis to review some of the positions. And
9 many of the -- the new titles are, you know, they're
10 just being changed to reflect what people are doing
11 today. The only one that's a little different,
12 though, is the -- the Director of Administration
13 which is replacing the Deputy Executive Director of
14 Administration.

15 So that position will not have the
16 finance -- financial piece in it because Anita has
17 been performing that financial oversight for quite
18 some time. And so that position will go from
19 Assistant Director of Finance to Director of Finance.

20 And, yeah, the others are -- are,
21 again, they're positions that people are -- jobs that
22 people are already doing. We're just, kind of,
23 making the titles more -- a little more appropriate
24 to the function.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: This was a

1 collaboration of all of Anita's office, your office,
2 Cliff's office and then Personnel Committee, correct?

3 MS. STILL: Correct.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

5 MS. STILL: And the Personnel Office.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: And the Personnel
7 Office, right.

8 And I want to thank Ms. Langford for
9 keeping us on our toes here, for getting this done.
10 And we said we would address it in the next -- from
11 the last meeting and they have.

12 And so you know it still might need to
13 be tweaked here and there, but we have a pretty basic
14 new updated, more relevant organizational chart. And
15 all of you should have seen that.

16 Anybody have a question about that?

17 (No Response.)

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Hearing none, let's
19 read resolution 8 b please.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

21 CHART OF ORGANIZATION - HUMAN
22 RESOURCES.

23 WHEREAS, the Atlantic City MUA in the
24 pursuit of its core mission underscores its reliance
25 upon its dedicated human resource workforce.

1 WHEREAS, the AC MUA is undergoing a
2 wage compensation study designed to provide empirical
3 analysis for staffing assignments and planning.

4 WHEREAS, AC MUA staff has been engaged
5 in a review of its human resource in view of ongoing
6 and future objectives towards a determination of an
7 effective Chart of Organization of human resources.

8 WHEREAS, combined efforts of the AC MUA
9 Staff and Board review has determined the revised
10 organization chart, as attached, will serve as an
11 effective guideline to document titles and reporting
12 structures for AC MUA human resource.

13 NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors
14 of the MUA approves the attached revisions to the AC
15 MUA Organization Chart and authorizes the Executive
16 Director to implement the said organization chart
17 into AC MUA policies and procedures as necessary.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

19 Questions?

20 (No Response.)

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: I think we discussed
22 this quite a bit, so we'll -- I'm looking for a
23 motion to accept that.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Motion.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

1 And a second?

2 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: I'll second.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: And roll call?

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

7 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

9 Okay. He's gone.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Ms. Langford?

11 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

13 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: And, Ms. Davies?

15 COMMISSIONER DAVIES: Yes.

16 (Whereupon, Commissioner Banfield has
17 returned to the meeting at 10:20 a.m.)

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

19 And again thank you, Mr. Dedar, and
20 your committee and all the staff for working on that.

21 We will move onto our Executive
22 Director Ms. Still's report and she's been very busy
23 as always.

24 Ms. Still?

25 MS. STILL: Yes, I supplied you with

1 just a brief description of some of the activities
2 that have been taking part in this past month.

3 But the only thing that I wanted to
4 elaborate on was the employee retreat that we had on
5 June 5th. It was very well attended. I think all of
6 the staff, except for maybe three, were there. It
7 was an all day event. We had two guest speakers.

8 And thank you, Mr. Hill, for stopping
9 in, that went over very well with the staff. They
10 were happy to see you there.

11 But I started out with -- I went over
12 the mission, vision and values. And then I went into
13 just a little bit about the managers' retreat that we
14 had where we did a SWAT analysis and after that we
15 had Mr. Tolsen (phonetic) spoke. We also had Patrick
16 from -- Quinlan from the IT department speak. And he
17 was very well received as well. He gave some great
18 advice with respect to cyber security.

19 And we had some interactive moments
20 with the staff and supplying ideas. All -- you know
21 all in all we got great feedback on the event.

22 I do have some survey results that I
23 can share at a later point with you.

24 But I -- I just haven't had a chance to
25 even get back to it yet myself and look at it.

1 But I think the -- the objective was
2 really to give the entire organization a big picture
3 view of the MUA and where we're going with respect to
4 projects and Anita spoke about finances. And Cliff
5 spoke about all the projects. And you know it was
6 like -- the staff was very appreciative to understand
7 that big picture view. And morale has already
8 started to tick up. And so -- yeah, it was -- I
9 think it was a good success for us.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'd like to just thank
11 you for really pushing this.

12 And as I asked Ms. Johnson that day, I
13 don't think we've ever done this, as long as I have
14 been at the MUA. So this was a great way for
15 everybody to get together, see each other face to
16 face from administration, to our laborers, to our
17 support staff.

18 And, again, as Ms. Still said, they
19 covered a lot of topics. And it gave everybody a
20 bigger view, kind of, of where we are that's it's --
21 we just don't have all this money lying around to do
22 everything we want to do. We are working on grants
23 and all those kind of things.

24 So, again, congratulations and I
25 commend you for really moving it forward. It was a

1 great way to kind of start of this summer season as
2 well.

3 And, of course, having good food there
4 always helps. So that's great.

5 So good job everybody of putting it
6 together.

7 Any questions from any of the other
8 Board Members on that topic?

9 MS. STILL: I just want to mention one
10 other item, I don't think that we talked about the --
11 during the last meeting, I think it fell somewhere in
12 between the meeting.

13 We had a ratings call with Moody's,
14 right? And so our rating was increased one notch,
15 still not investment grade, but, you know, it shows
16 that we're moving in the right direction. And I sent
17 around a thank you note to all the staff because, you
18 know, everyone it's -- it's really an effort of
19 everybody here when something like that happens.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

21 Thank you for bringing that up because
22 that was the same week that there was some chatter
23 out there in the other world of media kind of
24 criticizing one or two things of us. But then this
25 came right out and it's a great way of saying, no,

1 wait, don't take everything the way it might --
2 certain people might present it that this is
3 something very positive. It's a lot of hard work.

4 So that what great. And you're right
5 we didn't mention it last time, India.

6 Okay. Anything else for now?

7 I know you'll be speaking in Executive.

8 MS. STILL: I guess just that I -- I
9 mean you already introduced Dawn Bryant to the group.
10 She's here because next month she's going to step
11 into this shoes of Anita and do the financials. And
12 so -- and this is also part of our focus of trying to
13 cross train staff and build in some succession.
14 We're -- we're going to be focusing on that a lot in
15 the next year, making sure that -- that people have
16 others to step in and -- and understand their
17 positions.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

19 And we want to wish Anita, who works so
20 hard and does such great work, a great, wonderful
21 trip and vacation. Safe travels.

22 MS. THAPA: Thank you. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Really.

24 Ms. Still mentioned about Patrick
25 Quinlan from the city coming in to talk about

1 security, cyber security and IT issue.

2 And I did have a note I forgot to
3 mention in my report, I apologize for that, just a
4 nice friendly reminder that Board Members need to
5 complete the cyber training by June 30th.

6 So I know it's not easy and it takes a
7 little bit of time, but just a reminder. I needed to
8 do that. I'm sorry. So --

9 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: It's going to be
10 -- Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, it's going to be how --
11 how long is going to be the training here? How many
12 hours?

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: It takes a good 45 --
14 about 45 minutes.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Oh, okay. It's
16 very simple.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: And another one
19 is -- another question I have to you, of course India
20 is here, is any plan this summer, the Board Member
21 can tour the plant or all plants or wherever it comes
22 up.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Do I -- yeah, I think
24 -- yeah, what do you think, guys?

25 Cliff?

1 MS. STILL: Yes. That's actually
2 something that we want to have -- that we're -- we've
3 been talking about a lot about and -- because there
4 are certain staff here who have never seen the plant.
5 And, yeah, at any point in time we can accommodate a
6 Board Member's schedule for that.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Maybe, we can pick two
8 or three dates and send that out and see which one is
9 the most popular or the most -- that people can make
10 it?

11 Would that be easier? That way they
12 don't give you 14 different dates so, you know --

13 MS. STILL: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: You know maybe just
15 pick, you know, two in July and two in August and
16 then -- or whatever it is. And then people can see
17 --

18 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes, if you offer
19 a few dates then the Board Members will respond.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Exactly.

21 MS. STILL: Okay.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: And then once
23 they can make a plan.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

25 Send some dates.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: All right.

2 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. That's
4 good, you brought that up.

5 We're going to let Cliff speak, our
6 Deputy Executive Director of Operations. He's also
7 always very busy. Engineering and operations, we got
8 them sent to us, but maybe you'd like to do some
9 follow-up.

10 Cliff?

11 MR. KEEN: Yes, absolutely.

12 We're moving into what normally is the
13 busier time of the year for us, so our usages go up,
14 our pumping goes up. And, you know, your staff has a
15 lot to do during the summer.

16 The water treatment plant is operation
17 -- operating as well as a water treatment plant of
18 its age can operate.

19 And I just want to say thank you for
20 all the hard work that the water treatment plant
21 staff has. And, of course, we're dealing with leaks
22 and breaks, and meter issues every day here in the
23 City. So the distribution staff is -- is very busy
24 and continuously out there doing everything we can
25 for our customers and our residents.

1 So I just want to say thank you to our
2 staff for all that.

3 This month -- I'm sorry? Was there a
4 question?

5 Okay. I just -- I want to point out
6 that there's a few emergency resolutions on the
7 agenda, what those are for, repairs that were done
8 during the winter months. We are working on having
9 an RFP go out for emergency service or, I guess, a
10 bid go out for an emergency services contractor.
11 Ours ended. And we're kind of working with a new QPA
12 to make sure we've got all our "T's crossed and "I"s
13 dotted. And that -- that will, you know, change the
14 need to do these individual emergency resolutions.
15 But there are two there and I think the -- the work
16 that was done was enumerated in those resolutions.

17 And, yeah, I think that outside of --
18 there are two rejection bids -- two bid rejections we
19 need to do that are -- that missed the agenda. And I
20 apologize for that.

21 The -- the resolutions already
22 completed. One is for the lateral bid that went out.
23 We received it, but after consulting, after reviewing
24 again and consulting, we'd like to add something to
25 it before we accept it. So we're going re-bid that.

1 And then the other one was for the
2 valve that's needed to repair the sluice gate, that
3 came in over budget over-estimate. And we're going
4 to review that later this week or earlier next week
5 and try to re-bid that so that it comes out less
6 expensive or find a solution around it that's not a
7 million dollar.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Question, something you
9 said --

10 MR. KEEN: Uh-huh.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- I just wanted to go
12 back because my brain's a little slow, I guess, the
13 QPA position, you're saying once they're on board or
14 more actively involved, will help us eliminate the
15 emergency services contractor?

16 MR. KEEN: So -- so --

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Can you go back to
18 that?

19 MR. KEEN: So what we will -- what
20 we're going to do is have a bid for a company to win
21 --

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

23 MR. KEEN: -- the emergency repairs, so
24 that when we have an issue, we sort of have a price
25 already set aside and we can call a contractor in.

1 We know they're going to respond because they won
2 that contract. And then that eliminates the need to
3 continuously have a resolution for emergency
4 contractor awards.

5 What we'll do in the operations report
6 is make sure that it continues to be enumerated on
7 where the breaks were and how much that was.

8 And, you know, I'll --

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Gotcha.

10 MR. KEEN: -- I'll point those out as we
11 go along as well.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you.

13 MR. KEEN: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Questions?

15 (No Response.)

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: And again both of the
17 reports were attached to this meeting so if we --
18 again, I urge you to look at the operations and the
19 engineering report that was submitted.

20 Okay. Accounting and finance, Anita?

21 Tell us where we are with our monies?

22 MS. THAPA: Sure.

23 So the financing reports are for
24 April 2024. So far we recorded 22 percent of our
25 total revenue, which totals about 5.7 million. It is

1 about 4 percent down as compared to what we
2 anticipated for 2024. Hopefully in summer we can
3 recoup some of this money.

4 The total operating costs as of April
5 is about 4 million.

6 And as for the collection, and this is
7 as of May we are -- we collected about 7.8 million
8 which including the 82,400 in connection fee.

9 So collection wise we are doing pretty
10 good.

11 And for cash management we are earning
12 about 4.95 percent in our mostly money market
13 accounts. And about 5.28 percent in New Jersey cash
14 management. Okay.

15 And the capital expenditures so far as
16 of April we spent about 400,000.

17 And I want to give -- okay. I just
18 want to go down the list.

19 The balance adjustments as usual is per
20 your review.

21 Shut-offs are still ongoing. We do do
22 probably -- we try to do it first week and the last
23 week of the month, each a month. But that's still
24 ongoing.

25 And I do want to give some update on

1 the 2023 audit. Right now, our gas V68 (phonetic)
2 report has come out. The good news is that the
3 liability did went in 2023 to 5.5 million from 6
4 million in 2023.

5 But still the 2023 audit is not
6 completed. We are waiting for the gas V75 (phonetic)
7 which was released through the portion -- retirement
8 and health benefit there.

9 Last year it kind of came out at the
10 end of the July so, hopefully, doesn't come out when
11 I'm gone, but -- but we should be fine as far as
12 completing the report because everything is done.
13 We're just waiting for that number to come out.

14 And so far 2023 financial reports are
15 pretty good.

16 And I also want to update on our -- the
17 short-term loan with the NJIV for the lead service
18 project. The loan -- I know the loan we did, the
19 board approved in -- back in April was about
20 10 million, but we are closing this -- which is
21 today, by the way, we are closing this short-term
22 loan as 6,286,199 to be exact. So all the papers are
23 all done. Everything should be moved forward and
24 which we are awarding about 4.-some-million for the
25 lead service project which is coming this resolution

1 in later on.

2 So that's about it. If any questions
3 Dawn is here, if any financial questions or anything
4 she will be helping.

5 And if any issues or anything -- and I
6 hope nothing will be the major issues while I'm gone
7 or, you know.

8 But I'll be back, I know one month will
9 be very -- pretty quick. Next thing you'll know it's
10 like, okay, we'll be here.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Then when you come back
12 it's so much fun to catch up.

13 MS. THAPA: Sure. Yes. Right.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: A quick question,
15 Anita, on a -- and I'm not -- I just want to make
16 sure we're on top of it, for a lot of reasons --

17 MS. THAPA: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Show Boat and water
19 park is up-to-date in payments?

20 MS. THAPA: They're not, but they are
21 paying, you know, here and there so they're not, you
22 know, as a regularly paying it, but --

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: But it's -- it's not a
24 gigantic amount?

25 MS. THAPA: No.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

2 MS. THAPA: Not now, not right now.

3 But definitely before the lien time
4 they would pay it, because they don't want to go into
5 lien.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Because they
7 have some issues.

8 I'm sorry.

9 MS. THAPA: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Anybody have a question
11 for Anita?

12 (No Response.)

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Hearing none, we can
14 close that.

15 Thank you, Anita.

16 And we'll go to old business and agenda
17 we're at 10.

18 And as Cliff mentioned, we're going to
19 be rejecting some bids for -- rejecting bids for
20 janitorial services both at the plant and at the
21 building, that's 10 a(1) and 10 a(2).

22 I guess we can put them together or,
23 no, maybe we should not. No. We better not.
24 Solet's just do 10 a(1) first then we'll move for the
25 rejections.

1 Stella?

2 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF
4 THE RECEIVED BID FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES -
5 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING(S).

6 WHEREAS the Atlantic City MUA
7 advertised for bid proposals and the sole bid was
8 received and opened on May 23rd, 2024.

9 WHEREAS the Atlantic City MUA received
10 one bid from ServiceMaster Commercial Cleaning
11 Company.

12 WHEREAS, the Deputy Executive Director
13 of Operations of the MUA desires to reject the bid
14 received on May 23rd, 2024 due to the bid being over
15 the department budget and the need to revise the
16 specifications to specifically include the Water
17 Treatment Plant Building(s).

18 WHEREAS the Purchasing office requests
19 authorization to rebid Janitorial Services.

20 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the
21 Board of Directors of the MUA, is authorized to
22 formally reject the one bid received on May 23rd,
23 2024, from ServiceMaster Commercial Cleaning Company
24 for Janitorial Services at the administration office
25 and allow the purchase office to rebid Janitorial

1 Services.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: So, Cliff, it's because
3 you want to include both of them in one contract?

4 MR. KEEN: Yeah.

5 It's a combination of that and that the
6 -- the bid that we received that was the low bidder
7 was significantly higher than what we had estimated
8 in our budget for it.

9 So, you know, ultimately we think that
10 combining them into one contract for both buildings
11 may lower the price and that's what we're hoping for.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

13 And it kind of makes sense. I'm not
14 sure we why did it separate to begin with but --

15 MR. KEEN: It had been like that for
16 many years.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- so when it gets --
18 it has been. That I know, yeah, exactly.

19 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: So when it gets
20 re -- so when it gets readvertised for new bids it
21 will include both the administration -- it will
22 include both buildings?

23 MR. KEEN: That's correct, it will
24 include all of our facilities that need janitorial
25 services in the same bid which should, hopefully,

1 reduce the overall price.

2 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: So it'll -- it
3 won't be -- so it won't be two separate projects,
4 it'll be one.

5 MR. KEEN: That's correct.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

7 Right. That's kind of what I thought
8 too. Okay.

9 So we'll move on to -- we'll move that.
10 We're going to reject that first one. We'll do the
11 next one. And then we'll go back out.

12 So here we go. I'll more 10 a (1).

13 Can I have a second please?

14 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: I'll second it.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: And roll call?

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

19 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

21 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

23 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

25 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 Then going on to resolution 10 a (2),
3 it's for the same -- obviously the same reason and
4 the same logic.

5 Can we read the resolution?

6 MS. JOHNSON: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
7 THE REJECTION OF THE RECEIVED BID FOR JANITORIAL
8 SERVICES - WATER TREATMENT PLANT BUILDING(S).

9 WHEREAS the Atlantic City Municipal
10 Utilities Authority advertised for bid proposals and
11 the sole bid was received and opened on May 23rd,
12 2024.

13 WHEREAS the Atlantic City Municipal
14 Utilities Authority received one bid from
15 ServiceMaster Commercial Cleaning Company.

16 WHEREAS, the Deputy Executive Director
17 of Operations of the MUA desires to reject the bid
18 received on May 23rd, 2024 due to the bid being over
19 the department budget and the need to revise the
20 specifications to specifically include the
21 Administration Building(s).

22 WHEREAS the Purchasing office requests
23 authorization to rebid Janitorial Services.

24 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the
25 Board of Directors of the MUA is authorized to

1 formally reject the bid from ServiceMaster Commercial
2 Cleaning Company, the one bid, received on May 23rd,
3 2024, for Janitorial Services and allow the
4 purchasing office to rebid Janitorial Services.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

6 We'll entertain a motion.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Motion.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

9 And a second?

10 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIES: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

16 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

18 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

20 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

22 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

24 So now we want to also reject two bids
25 for the laterals and also the sluice gate which is

1 just ongoing, but, of course, let's put them -- can
2 we put them together as one? I think we could.

3 Cliff, do you want to do them
4 separately.

5 MR. KEEN: Yes.

6 I think we have to --

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: 10 a (3) or 10 a (4).

8 MR. KEEN: I think we have to do them
9 separately. They're separate bids to reject.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

11 MR. KEEN: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Do you want to give us
13 any information on -- since we don't have the
14 resolution, any -- why you want to reject the lateral
15 first, which would be 10 a (3).

16 MR. KEEN: Absolutely. So --

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Resolution 10 a (3),
18 Stella.

19 Go ahead.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Cliff, go ahead.

22 MR. KEEN: So the service lateral bid
23 went out and it was received and the prices that came
24 back were competitive, however it did not include
25 road restoration in the original bid.

1 And after speaking with the
2 distribution manager and some of the staff, there is
3 considerable extra work that has to be done to go
4 from the lateral work to having the road completely
5 paved and -- and done as a whole.

6 So instead of dealing with two
7 contractors, multiple contractors, what we'd like to
8 do is have that bid go back out with the road
9 restoration included. We believe I will be
10 competitive, but we want to make sure that the
11 project is complete and there isn't need for a
12 manager to have two interactions with two different
13 companies.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

15 So resolution 10 a (3) will be to
16 reject the service lateral bid that went out and
17 include road restoration. Okay?

18 Can we have a motion on that?

19 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Motion.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

21 And a second?

22 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD. Second.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

24 And roll call.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

3 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

5 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

7 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

9 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

11 And we're going to move the 10 a (4),
12 which you do not see. This is a rejection of the
13 sluice gate that went out. And again we talked about
14 this a lot in engineering but, Cliff, can you fill us
15 in why we're rejecting this one?

16 MR. KEEN: Absolutely.

17 So in order to do the work on the
18 sluice gate there are several options that we had and
19 it seemed that the least expensive and easiest one to
20 have accomplished was to install a valve downstream
21 from the -- from the sluice gate, itself, so that we
22 can control the flow somewhere else.

23 The bids came in much higher than
24 anticipated, so they came in at a Million dollars or
25 estimate was -- was far less than that.

1 So what we'd like to do is reject that
2 bid and consult with our engineers and our plant
3 manager and -- and come up with another solution that
4 isn't as expensive to move for with the sluice gate
5 repair.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

7 Is Remington working with you in that?

8 MR. KEEN: Yes.

9 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: So, Bob, can we get
11 that down a little bit you think, maybe?

12 MR. SMITH: Yes. We're going to set up
13 a meeting with Cliff and with Ed and evaluate what
14 our options are.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Right. Okay.

16 We got the do what we get to do.

17 All right. So we're going move on
18 resolution 10 a (4), rejection of the sluice gate bid
19 due to price of the bid. So, that's basically it.

20 I'll move that.

21 Do we have a second?

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIES: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Stephanie.

24 And a roll call?

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
3 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.
4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
5 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.
6 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
7 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.
8 MS. JOHNSON: And, Mr. Eccles?
9 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.
10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
11 Now 10 b (1) --
12 MR. SMITH: Chairman, I just -- I just
13 wanted to add the reason for the rejection is it
14 exceeded, far exceeded the engineer's estimate.
15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes, right. Exactly.
16 So go -- we'll see if we can hopefully
17 save some money there.
18 Okay. But we know we need to get it
19 done as well, so that's our Catch 22.
20 Okay. We're going move now to accept a
21 bid, not reject, and that's the hydrated lime which
22 is resolution 10 b (1).
23 Can we read that resolution please?
24 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
25 BID AWARD: FURNISHING AND DELIVERING

1 HIGH CALCIUM HYDRATED LIME.

2 WHEREAS, the Atlantic City MUA owns and
3 operates its own water department and the treatment
4 and production of water and to supply the City of
5 Atlantic City is the responsibility of the MUA.

6 WHEREAS, the water treatment plant uses
7 High Calcium Hydrated Lime to treat and produce water
8 and the price total for High Calcium Hydrated Lime
9 will exceed the bid threshold.

10 WHEREAS, the Authority received the bid
11 of Carmeuse Lime for Furnishing and Delivering High
12 Calcium Hydrated Lime, which bid was received and
13 publicly opened on May 23rd, 2024 and was the lowest
14 responsible bidding.

15 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the
16 Board of Directors of the MUA that the bid of
17 Carmeuse Lime for Delivering High Calcium Hydrated
18 Lime to the Water Treatment Plant is hereby accepted
19 in the amount of \$123,860.75.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

21 Questions? Something we need to do our
22 job.

23 I will entertain a motion.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Motion.

25 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 And we had a second.

3 Mr. Banfield, thank you.

4 Roll call?

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

8 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

10 (No Response.)

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

12 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

14 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: And, Mr. Eccles?

16 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Moving onto new
18 business, you can see there's a number of items and I
19 want to -- I know Mr. Dedar was not here the last
20 meeting.

21 We have now moved into a consent
22 agenda, which is common practice for a lot of
23 municipalities and other state organizations. It's
24 listed there, all of the things that we're going
25 consent, including the abatements.

1 And, again, I am urging if there's any
2 one item any Board Member wants to not vote on or
3 recuse themselves, please state that when you're
4 voting.

5 All the documentation was attached for
6 each item under new business.

7 As you heard earlier in the meeting I
8 -- I had a question about one or two things. And
9 then we took care of that earlier. I wanted
10 everybody to know about the Martin Luther King
11 movement and also the Atlantic Shores.

12 So I kind of highlighted them for us to
13 have a discussion on.

14 But feel free if anybody else has
15 questions. There's the emergency actions we talked
16 about on the engineering committee. And I believe a
17 grant as well. So take a minute to look over that.

18 Is there anybody wants to pull any of
19 those to discuss, other than what I did?

20 (No Response.)

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Is there any of those
22 items that administration would like to discuss?

23 MR. WARD: Yes 11 m (1), Connection
24 Control.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: We'll pull that.

1 MR. WARD: On the second page:
2 NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the
3 Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority hereby
4 directs the ACMUA, not the QPA, the enter into a
5 Professional Services Agreement.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: To make the change,
7 that edit.

8 MR. WARD: Uh-huh.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: We got that, Stella?
10 That would be resolution m.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

12 Can he repeat that one which paragraph?

13 MR. WARD: Yes.

14 We're changing the word QPA in the,
15 "NOW THEREFORE" section on page 2, QPA should be
16 changed to ACMUA.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

19 So now I don't know exactly how we're
20 going to -- we don't -- we don't have to read all of
21 these resolutions, I know that.

22 So, India, would you suggest doing a
23 generic resolution of consent items blah, blah, blah?

24 MS. STILL: Yes, we can do it that way.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's what I thought.

1 Okay. So can we help Stella with that
2 maybe, Bruce or India?

3 MS. STILL: Sure.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: How do we want to say
5 it?

6 MS. STILL: So it would be items on the
7 consent agenda from 11 a (1) to 11 o.

8 MR. WARD: Yes, to O.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: And acceptance of.

10 MR. WARD: For consent.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Acceptance of
12 those items. Okay.

13 I already asked for questions, if
14 anybody had a question.

15 So we can move forward on this. I will
16 move all of those items under consent.

17 Can I have a second?

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIES: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a roll call.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

23 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

25 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

2 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: And, Mr. Eccles?

4 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

6 That ends the consent agenda. We're
7 moving onto bills, the monthly bills which is usually
8 the end of the open session. So let's read the
9 resolution 12 a.

10 MS. JOHNSON: APPROVING MONTHLY BILLS.

11 WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Municipal
12 Utilities Authority has indebtedness to the following
13 companies for services rendered in the amount of
14 \$1,078,431.95.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: There's a list of
16 bills, can you all review.

17 If there's anything you want to discuss
18 now is the time.

19 (No Response.)

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're going to seen
21 spending a lot more money once we get these projects
22 moving forward as Anita mentioned. So -- okay.

23 I'll accept a motion to approve the
24 bills.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Motion.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 And a second?

3 COMMISSIONER DAVIES: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

5 Roll call.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

9 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

11 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

13 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: And, Mr. Eccles?

15 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

17 Okay. We're now going to be moving
18 into Executive Session and talk about a part-time
19 inspector and some other issues.

20 If -- I have one I want to bring up as
21 well.

22 So let's read resolution 13 a to go
23 into Executive.

24 MS. JOHNSON: APPROVING TO ENTER INTO
25 CLOSED SESSION.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: There we go.
2 I'll move it.
3 Can we have a second?
4 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: I'll second.
5 CHAIRMAN HILL: And roll call.
6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
9 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.
10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
11 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.
12 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
13 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.
14 MS. JOHNSON: And, Mr. Eccles?
15 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.
16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
17 We'll go into closed.
18 Remington thank you very much. Have a
19 good week. Have a good holiday.
20 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Chairman.
21 Everybody enjoy your weekend. Thank you.
22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
23 (Whereupon, the Executive Session,
24 regular monthly meeting continued at
25 11:10 a.m.)

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2 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're back in Open
3 Session. We just exited Executive Session and I need
4 a motion to return it to open session please.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Motion.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

7 And the second?

8 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call?

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

13 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

15 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

17 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: And, Mr. Eccles?

19 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

21 In Executive Session we discussed an
22 advisory committee that was formed to help or to work
23 with our City Solicitor Mr. Ward on a possible MUA
24 agreement with the City of Atlantic City for
25 abandoned properties and rates. So they're going

1 back into the market we hope.

2 And I want to -- and Mr. Banfield who
3 is our Treasurer and Ms. Davies have volunteered for
4 that committee. So I want to thank them. That's
5 just for public record.

6 Also Ms. Still has a comment for open
7 session.

8 MS. Still.

9 MS. STILL: Yes, I just wanted to
10 mention that we have someone retiring from the MUA,
11 Mr. Tom Corsin (phonetic) he's been an operator for
12 29 years now. And I guess some time in this coming
13 July he'll be leaving the MUA.

14 So I just wanted to mention that for
15 the Board.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you very much.

17 And we do have one resolution we will
18 be moving on and we discussed that in Closed Session
19 with our inspection teams. We're going to be doing
20 13 a (1), which is our Head Inspector -- excuse me--
21 position, and let's read that resolution please?

22 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Resolution 13 a (1).

24 MS. JOHNSON: EMPLOYEES FORMER ACMUA
25 EMPLOYEE PART-TIME INSPECTOR - MR. KEVIN JENNINGS.

1 WHEREAS the Authority employs former
2 MUA employees on a part-time basis as inspectors to
3 assist with the completion of projects in the
4 ordinary course of business.

5 WHEREAS, the Authority's intention is
6 to also utilize the part-time employees to train
7 full-time employees as inspectors.

8 WHEREAS, Kevin Jennings returned to the
9 MUA as a part-time inspector, but has taken on
10 additional responsibilities in coordinating projects
11 from their commencement.

12 WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of
13 the Deputy Executive Director of Operations that
14 Mr. Kevin Jennings serve in the title of Chief
15 Construction Inspector at the hourly rate of \$38.00
16 with no additional benefits unless mandated by law.

17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the
18 Board of Directors of the MUA to adjust the salary of
19 Mr. Kevin Jennings to \$38.00 per hour effective as of
20 June 24th, 2024.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.

22 Questions?

23 (No Response.)

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Hearing none, we'll,
25 move on that.

1 Could I have a recommendation please?

2 A motion?

3 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: I'll make the

4 motion.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

6 And a second?

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIES: Second.

8 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

10 And a roll call?

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

14 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

16 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

18 COMMISSIONER LANGFORD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: And, Mr. Eccles?

20 COMMISSIONER ECCLES: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

22 And we also did discuss hopefully next
23 month bringing on a position for our engineer for the
24 MUA. We'll have more on that in the next month.

25 So I think that does it. We're looking

1 for an adjournment.

2 And I want to wish everybody a Happy
3 4th of July.

4 Thank you for your time and service to
5 the MUA.

6 Can we have a motion for adjournment?

7 COMMISSIONER BANFIELD: Motion.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second?

9 VICE CHAIRMAN DEDAR: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: And that's it.

11 Thank you very much. Bey. Great job,
12 guys.

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14 (Whereupon, the regular monthly meeting
15 concluded at 11:16 a.m.)

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