



# *Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority*

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OPEN SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**ATLANTIC CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
401 N. VIRGINIA AVENUE  
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ 08401**

In accordance with the provision of the Open Public Meetings Law, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-10), the Regular Board Meeting of the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Gary L. Hill at 10:01AM. The Board of Directors held their public meeting as designated below both via Zoom Conference or In-person on February 19, 2025 in the Board Room, located on the first floor of the Administrative Offices, 401 N. Virginia Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER – OPMA NOTICE - OPENING STATEMENT**

Gary L. Hill read the Opening Statement.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

The Roll was called.

### **BOARD PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING:**

Board Members present at that time were: Gary L. Hill, Chairman (via Zoom); Mohammed Dedar, Vice Chairman/Deputy (via Zoom); Glenn Banfield, Treasurer (via Zoom); Nynell Langford, Board Member (via Zoom); John Eccles, Jr., Board Member (via Zoom); Stephanie Davies, Board Member, Alternate 1 (via Zoom); and Sayed Kausar, Board Member Alternate 2 (via Zoom).

### **MUA STAFF PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING:**

India Still, Executive Director; Clifford Keen, Deputy Executive Director, Operations (via Zoom); Anita Thapa, Assistant Director of Accounting & Finance (via Zoom); Karen Upshaw, Director of Administration; G. Bruce Ward, Solicitor; Michael Riley, Labor Counsel (Absent); and Stella Johnson, Board Secretary.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

William Swain, representing the State of New Jersey (via Zoom); Robert Smith and Ed Dennis representing Remington & Vernick Engineers (via Zoom).

3. FLAG OF SALUTE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No one present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #22: BOARD MINUTES OPEN SESSION – JANUARY 15, 2025

No changes or deletion to the Board Minutes Open Session.

The Board was asked to approve the Open Session transcript of minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of January 15, 2025.

A motion was made by Mohammed Dedar and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

Glenn Banfield abstained.

RESOLUTION #23: BOARD MINUTES CLOSED SESSION – JANUARY 19, 2025

No changes or deletion to the Board Minutes Closed Session.

The Board was asked to approve the Closed Session transcript of minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of January 15, 2025.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by Mohammed Dedar to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

Glenn Banfield abstained.

6. REORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION #24: CHAIRMAN

The Board was asked to nominate Gary L. Hill to be elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year, expiring February 1, 2026.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and seconded by Mohammed Dedar to approve the resolution. By roll-call Mohammed Dedar, Glenn Banfield, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

Gary L. Hill abstained.

RESOLUTION #25: VICE CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY

The Board was asked to nominate Mohammed Dedar to be elected as Vice Chairman/Deputy of the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year, expiring February 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

Mohammed Dedar abstained.

RESOLUTION #26: TREASURER

The Board was asked to nominate Glenn Banfield to be elected as Treasurer of the Board for a period of one (1) year, expiring February 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by Mohammed Dedar to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

Glenn Banfield abstained.

RESOLUTION #27: SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Board was asked to authorize the schedule of monthly Board Meetings, commencing with March 21, 2025 and ending February 18, 2026. The meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, except for the months of March and November Board Meetings.

A motion was made by Nynell Langford and seconded by Mohammed Dedar to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Glenn Banfield, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #28: CASH MANAGEMENT

The Board was asked for authorization to approve the Authority's Cash Management Plan for February 19, 2025 through February 18, 2026, which will be file with the Municipal Clerk of the City of Atlantic City.

A motion was made by Nynell Langford and seconded by Stephanie Davies to approve the

resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Glenn Banfield, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #29: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – 2<sup>ND</sup> LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT COUNSEL.

The Board was asked to authorize a Request for Proposals for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Labor and Employment Counsel firm from April 17, 2025 to March 19, 2026 to be published in the Press Newspaper and posted on the ACMUA Website.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #30: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – 2<sup>ND</sup> SPECIAL COUNSEL

The Board was asked to authorize a Request for Proposal for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Counsel firm from April 17, 2025 to March 19, 2026 to be published in the Press Newspaper and posted on the ACMUA website.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #31: 2613 ARCTIC AVENUE – FAHMLDA KHATUN – PLUMBING SYSTEM FAILURE

The Board was asked to approve the abatement to grant a fifty (50%) percent abatement of \$289.42 to Fahmla Khatun, 2613 Arctic Avenue, Account Number 604901-0.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #32: 18 N. GEORGIA AVENUE – SHAH S. ALI – PLUMBING SYSTEM FAILURE

The Board was asked to approve the abatement to grant a fifty (50%) percent abatement of \$1,550.57 to Shah S. Ali, 18 N. Georgia Avenue, Account Number 525601-0.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #33: CONNECTION FEE - 12 MONTH PAYMENT PLAN – 320 N. TRENTON AVENUE – EDNA AYLER

The Board was asked to grant the connection fee of \$2,440.75 to Edna Ayler, 320 N. Trenton Avenue, Account #751101-0, which was granted a delay for a one (1) year interest free Payment Plan provided that twelve (12) equal payments of \$203.40 (totaling \$2,440.75) to be paid the last day of each month, until all associated fees are paid.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #34: PUBLIC AGENCY CMOPLIANCE OFFICER (PACO)

The Board was asked to designate Clifford Keen as the Authority's Public Agency Compliance Officer to ensure being in compliance with State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance & Equal Opportunity Officer.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #35: RENEWAL OF DENTAL INSURANCE WITH DELTA DENTRAL PLAN OF NJ, INC.

The Board was asked to authorize the renewal of services with Delta Dental Plan of NJ, Inc. for providing dental claims administrative and dental network services as part of the Authority's Health Benefits for the year 2025 to 2026.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #36: STATE CONTRACT VENDORS

The Board was asked to authorize the Authority to purchase various items and services for the year 2025 from all vendors who are approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property Statewide Contract List, which shall be amended as

needed.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #37: SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

The Board was asked to Support Publishing Legal Notices on Official Government Websites.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

END CONSENT AGENDA

ROLL CALL AGENDA

RESOLUTION #38: MUNICIPAL ADVISORY SERVICES – PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC

The Board was asked to accept the Request for Proposal from Phoenix Advisors, LLC for Municipal Advisory Services in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and seconded by Mohammed Dedar. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #39: RATE STUDY – NEWGEN STRATEGIES & SOLUTIONS, LLC.

The Board was asked to accept the proposal from NewGen Strategies & Solutions, LLC. for Rate Study Professional Services from March 19, 2025 to March 19, 2026 for the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by John J. Eccles, Jr. and seconded by Mohammed Dedar to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

**RESOLUTION #40: APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

The Board was asked to appoint various Professional Services from H2M Architects & Engineers, Remington & Vernick Engineers, and Polistina Associates, LLC for Consulting Engineer Services; Tracey S. Cosby as Hearing Officer; Riley & Riley as Labor and Employment Counsel; G. Bruce Ward, Esq. as Solicitor; and Riley & Riley as Special Counsel. Bond Counsel services will be re-advertised.

A motion was made by John J. Eccles, Jr. and seconded by Mohammed Dedar to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

**RESOLUTION #41: ENERGY CONSULTANT – UTILITY ADVANTAGE,LLC**

The Board was asked to accept the proposal from Utility Advantage, LLC an Energy Consulting firm from March 19, 2025 to March 19, 2026 for the amount not to exceed \$22,000.00.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

**RESOLUTION #42: ANNUAL REPORT – REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS**

The Board was asked to accept the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for Preparation of the Annual Report for the amount not to exceed \$3,500.00.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by Mohammed Dedar to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

**RESOLUTION #43: BALTIC AVENUE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS – CHANGE ORDER #4 – ARTHUR R. HENRY, INC.**

The Board was asked to accept Change Order #4 from Arthur R. Henry, Inc. from the original agreement, dated June 20, 2024, for the Baltic Avenue Water Main Improvements, which represents supplemental items for changing the insertion valve manufacturer, modifying the hydrant connection item and quantity adjustments for existing contract items, which will decrease the contract price by \$169,220.54 for a total contract price from \$4,800,428.99.00 to \$4,631,208.45.

A motion was made by Glenn Banfield and seconded by Nynell Langford to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and

John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #44: EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BACKWASH PUMP INSTALLATION AND RENTAL FOR ADDITIONAL 3 MONTHS (IF NEEDED) - PUMPING SERVICES INC.

The Board was asked to authorize to pay Pumping Services Inc. for Emergency Temporary Backwash Pump Installation and Rental for an additional 3 Months (If Needed) due to the failure of both backwash pumps at the Water Treatment Plant, which caused an emergent condition, in the sum of \$47,743.00.

A motion was made by Glenn Banfield and seconded by Nynell Langford to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Glenn Banfield, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #45: EMERGENCY WATER MAIN AND ROAD REPAIR – ARTHUR R. HENRY, INC

The Board was asked to authorize to pay Arthur R. Henry, Inc. for Emergency Water Main and Road Repair, because a leak repair on the water main at Indiana Avenue and Marmora Avenue was required to keep the system operational, in the sum of \$21,680.80.

A motion was made by Nynell Langford and seconded by Gary L. Hill to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Glenn Banfield, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

RESOLUTION #46: EMERGENCY PURCHASES – CATARINA SUPPLY, INC.

The Board was asked to authorize to pay Catarina Supply, Inc. for Emergency Purchases, because several water main repairs occurred in the winter of 2024 and utilized the inventory of repair clamps and fittings, in the sum of \$17,462.50.

A motion was made by Glenn Banfield and seconded by Nynell Langford to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Glenn Banfield, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

**RESOLUTION #47: ATLANTIC SHORES OFFSHORE WIND (ASOW) – H2M ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS**

The Board was asked to approve Amendment #1 of the Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind (ASOW) contract for the Task Order, pursuant to the ongoing ASOW project, in the increased amount of \$15,000.00, which shall increase the contract price from \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and seconded by Mohammed Dedar to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

**RESOLUTION #48: PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR BOARDWALK VALVE INVESTIGATION AND REPLACEMENTS – REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS**

The Board was asked to accept the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for Planning and Design Services for inspection, replacement and/or exercising of valves below the Boardwalk between Tennessee Avenue and New Jersey Avenue, in the amount not to exceed \$47,000.00.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by Mohammed Dedar to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Glenn Banfield, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

**BILLS**

**RESOLUTION #49: MONTHLY BILLS**

To approve the monthly bill resolution in the amount of \$1,277,328.18.

A motion was made by Mohammed Dedar and seconded by Glenn Banfield to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #50: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by Glenn Banfield to go into Executive Session at 11:24am. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board exit the Executive Session at 11:52am by roll call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

DISCUSSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session the Board discussed the following topics: A personnel issue; Atlantic Shore Escrow Agreement; and An update on a residential service issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board Adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:54am by roll call Gary L. Hill, Glenn Banfield, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford and John Eccles, Jr.

Respectfully,

WaStella E. Johnson  
Board Secretary