



Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OPEN SESSION

JULY 16, 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 July 16, 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; Mohammed Dedar, Vice Chairman/Deputy (Zoom); Glenn Banfield, Treasurer (Absent); 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); and Andrew Shawl representing Remington & Vernick Engineers (via Zoom).

3. FLAG OF SALUTE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #144: BOARD MINUTES OPEN SESSION – JUNE 25, 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 June 25, 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; John Eccles and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #145: BOARD MINUTES CLOSED SESSION – JUNE 25, 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 June 25, 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; John Eccles and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

6. CHAIRMAN – Gary L. Hill, Chairman

India Still will discuss the Employee Retreat that has to be rescheduled.

The Board Ethic Training will be scheduled in August.

7. AUTHORITY'S SOLICITOR REPORT – Bruce Ward, Esq.

There is one matter to be discussed in detail in the Closed Session.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Engineering Committee – Gary L. Hill, Chairman

The Board was given a brief update on the various engineering projects that were discussed at the Engineering Committee Meeting.

- b. Personnel Committee – Mohammed Dedar, Vice Chairman/Deputy

There is one personnel item that India Still, Executive Director will discuss in Closed Session.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Executive Director – India Still

A report was given to the Board.

- b. Deputy Executive Director, Operations – Cliff Keen

A report was given to the Board. More information can be reviewed on the Engineers and Operations Reports.

- c. Accounting And Finance - Anita Thapa, Assistant Director of Accounting & Finance

(1) Financial Reports: The Board was previously given a detailed report for May 2025, and a brief summation of this report was conveyed.

(2) Cash Management: The Board was previously given a detailed report for May 2025, and a brief summation of this report was conveyed.

(3) Balance Adjustment was previously given to the Board for review.

(4) Shut Offs: Information was given to the Board regarding the shut offs for this month.

(5) 2024 Audit: An update was given to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #146: WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT – 35 S. ANNAPOLIS LLC – 37 S. ANNAPOLIS AVENUE, UNIT A

The Water Service Agreement with 35 S. Annapolis, LLC for the property 37 S. Annapolis Avenue, Unit A, Block 199, Lot 4.03 in the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey, which the parties paid the installation and connection fee of \$6,426.68.

RESOLUTION #147: WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT – 35 S. ANNAPOLIS LLC – 37 S. ANNAPOLIS AVENUE, UNIT B

The Water Service Agreement with 35 S. Annapolis, LLC for the property 37 S. Annapolis Avenue, Unit B, Block 199, Lot 4.03 in the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey, which the parties paid the installation and connection fee of \$6,426.68.

RESOLUTION #148: WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT – 35 S. ANNAPOLIS LLC – 39 S. ANNAPOLIS AVENUE, UNIT A

The Water Service Agreement with 35 S. Annapolis, LLC for the property 37 S. Annapolis Avenue, Unit A, Block 199, Lot 4.04 in the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey, which the parties paid the installation and connection fee of \$6,426.68.

RESOLUTION #149: WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT – 35 S. ANNAPOLIS LLC – 39 S. ANNAPOLIS AVENUE, UNIT B

The Water Service Agreement with 35 S. Annapolis, LLC for the property 39 S. Annapolis Avenue, Unit B, Block 199, Lot 4.04 in the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey, which the parties paid the installation and connection fee of \$6,426.68.

RESOLUTION #150: WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT – VENICE PARK READY LLC – 1402 N. OHIO AVENUE, UNIT A

The Water Service Agreement with Venice Park Ready, LLC for the property 1402 N. Ohio Avenue, Block 681, Lot 8 in the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey, which the parties paid the installation and connection fee of \$13,336.24.

RESOLUTION #151: ADVERTISEMENT – GRANULATED ACTIVATED CARBON

To advertise bids for Granular Activated Carbon in the Press Newspaper and on the ACMUA Website to accept bid on a date and time to be determined and publicly announced in accordance with law.

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

Glenn Banfield was absent.

END CONSENT AGENDA

ROLL CALL AGENDA

RESOLUTION #152: AWARD WATG/SOSH FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OF ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT

To authorize the Board to accept the proposal from WATG/SOSH for Professional Service Architectural Consultant from July 18, 2025 to July 17, 2026, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

Mohammed Dedar and Glenn Banfield were absent.

RESOLUTION #153: WATER SERVICE LATERALS AND APPURTENANCES IN VARIOUS LOCATION WITH REPAIRS TO UTILITY ROAD SERVICES – ARTHUR R. HENRY INC – RENEWAL

To authorize the Board to accept the bid proposal to re-enter an agreement with Arthur R. Henry, Inc. to furnish, deliver and install Water Service Laterals and Appurtenances in Various locations, with Repairs to Utility Road Services for year two (2) from September 19, 2025 to September 18, 2026, not to exceed the budgeted amount.

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

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #154: LICENSED OPERATOR IN DIRECT RESPONSIBLE CHARGE/OPERATORS MANAGER AND BACKUP LICENSED OPERATORS - WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - RENEWAL

To authorize the Board to accept the proposal to re-enter an agreement with Water Resource Management to Furnish Licensed Operator in Direct Responsible Charge/Operations Manager and Backup Licensed Operators for the Water Distribution and Treatment Plant System for year two (2) from September 19, 2025 to September 18, 2026, in the amount of \$250,000.00.

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, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #155: LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PHASE 1 ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES – AMENDED TASK ORDER

To authorize the Board to accept the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for an amended Task Order for additional Construction Management Services for Lead Service Line Replacement Phase I in the amount of \$280,000.00.

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

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #156: APPLICATION TO NJDEP AND THE NJIB FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

To authorize the Board to amend Resolution 24-153 adopted on August 21, 2024 for various security resiliency projects to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank for Infrastructure Projects to more fully describe the project scope to finance the acquisition of security related items, such as I.T. Network Equipment and an All-Terrain Utility Vehicle at a projected cost of \$130,329.48.

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

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #157: APPLICATION TO NJDEP AND THE NJIB FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

To authorize the Board to amend Resolution 24-153 adopted on August 21, 2024 for various security resiliency projects to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank for Infrastructure Projects to more fully describe the project scope to finance the acquisition of security related items, such as Access Control System Upgrades, Security Cameras, Fencing, Generators and Automatic Transfer Switches at a projected cost of \$3,003,251.47.

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

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #158: SHARED SERVICES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY

To authorize the Board to amend Resolution 25-113 approved on May 28, 2025 for the Shared Services - Information Technology with the City of Atlantic City to update the amount of IT Systems Professional at \$90.00 per hour and the Assistant at \$50.00 per hour, with a total annual cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #159: INCREASE IN BID THRESHOLD

To authorize the Board to conform to the updated thresholds established by the State Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 that it bid threshold is increased to \$53,000.00, and as a result the quotation threshold shall be fifteen (15%) percent of the bid threshold, now \$7,950.00.

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, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #160: EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO BACKWASH PUMP #1 – RAPID PUMP & METER SERVICE CO.

To authorize the Board to pay Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co. for Emergency Repairs to Backwash Pump #1 to restore the Authority's operation capacity for \$141,765.46.

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, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #161: EMERGENCY REPAIR AND REDEVELOPMENT OF WELL #20 – A.C. SCHULTES

To authorize to pay A.C. Schultes for Emergency Repair and Redevelopment of Well #20, due to additional work needed to repair and redevelop Well #20, because after inspection, a leak in the piping system of the well had to be repaired for a total amount of \$3,000.00.

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

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #162: INSTALLMENT OF REPLACEMENT SECURITY EQUIPMENT

To authorize the Board to receive approval from the NJ Infrastructure Bank and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's New Jersey Water Bank program to enter into an agreement with Kane Communication, LLC to purchase and install of security equipment, such as access control systems, automatic transfer switches and cameras, in the amount not to exceed \$1,478,017.47.

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, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

BILLS

RESOLUTION #163: MONTHLY BILLS

To approve the monthly bill resolution in the amount of \$1,024,635.05.

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

Glenn Banfield, John Eccles, Jr. and Sayed Kauser were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION #164: EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mohammed Dedar and seconded by Stephanie Davies to go into Executive Session at 11:04am. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford, Stephanie Davies and Sayed Kausar.

Glenn Banfield and John Eccles, Jr. were absent.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board exit the Executive Session at 11:40am by roll call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

DISCUSSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session, the Board discussed the following topics: Update on meter issues; Hearing Officer; Promotions and Salary Adjustments; and Atlantic Shores.

RESOLUTION #165: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OF HEARING OFFICE - CSG LAW

To authorize the Board to enter into an agreement with Jason Holt of CSG Law on July 8, 2025 as Hearing Officer for the matter beginning July 10, 2025, with attorney fee of \$200.00 per hour and the paralegal fee of \$125.00 per hour.

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, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #166: PROMOTIONS AND SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

To authorize the Board for the promotion and salary adjustment for Daniel McCollum to the position of Supervisor from \$52,763.34 to \$56,984.00.

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

Glenn Banfield was absent.

RESOLUTION #167: REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR LEGAL AND ENGINEERING REVIEW – ATLANTIC SHORES OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT, LLC

To authorize the Board to accept the Payment and Release Agreement from Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project 1, LLC for test boring and or excavations throughout certain public streets in Atlantic City during August 2024 through March 2025, for a reimbursement amount of \$88,302.10, and shall release, indemnify, acquit and forever discharge Atlantic Shores from any liability for claims and damages resulting from the Test Pit Campaign.

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, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board Adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:49pm by roll call Gary L. Hill, Mohammed Dedar, Nynell Langford, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Glenn Banfield was absent.

Respectfully,

WaStella E. Johnson
Board Secretary