



Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OPEN SESSION

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

**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 10:03AM. The Board of Directors held their public meeting as designated below both via Zoom Conference or In-person on February 18, 2026 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 MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING:

Board Members present at that time were: Gary L. Hill, Chairman (via Zoom); John Eccles Jr., Vice Chairman/Deputy (via Zoom); Nynell Langford, Treasurer (Absent); Ahmed MD Shaharear, Board Member (via zoom); Morreen Johnson, Board Member (In-person); Stephanie Davies, Board Member, Alternate 1 (via Zoom); and Sayed Kausar, Board Member Alternate 2 (Absent).

ACMUA STAFF PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING:

India Still, Executive Director (via Zoom); Clifford Keen, Deputy Executive Director, Operations (via Zoom); Anita Thapa, Chief Financial Officer (via Zoom); G. Bruce Ward, Solicitor (In-person); Michael Riley, Labor Counsel (Absent); and Amir Brock, Confidential Assistant/Board (In-person).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

William Swain DCA, representing the State of New Jersey (via zoom); Tracey Riley of Riley & Riley Law Offices (Absent); and Andrew Shawl representing Remington & Vernick Engineers (via Zoom)

3. FLAG OF SALUTE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steven Young, National Action Network (South Jersey Chapter) addressed the Board and requested a follow-up meeting with the Executive Director

5. REORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION #18: 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, 2027.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. By roll-call John Eccles Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson

Gary L. Hill abstained. Nynell Langford and Stephanie Davies were absent.

RESOLUTION # 19: VICE CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY

The Board was asked to nominate by John Eccles, Jr to be elected as Vice Chairman/Deputy of the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year, expiring February 1, 2027.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Ahmed MD Shaharear, and Morreen Johnson.

John Eccles Jr., abstained. Nynell Langford and Stephanie Davies were absent.

RESOLUTION #20: TREASURER

The Board was asked to nominate by Nynell Langford to be elected as Treasurer of the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year, expiring February 1, 2027.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson, and Stephanie Davies

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #21: BOARD MINUTES OPEN SESSION – JANUARY 21, 2026

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 21, 2026.

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

Nynell Langford was absent. Ahmed MD Shaharear and Morreen Johnson abstained.

RESOLUTION #22: BOARD MINUTES CLOSED SESSION – JANUARY 21, 2026

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 21, 2026.

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

Nynell Langford was absent. Ahmed MD Shaharear and Morreen Johnson abstained

RESOLUTION #23: SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

The board was asked to approve the tentative Board meeting schedule for the March 2026 – February 2027 year.

A motion was made by John Eccles Jr. and seconded by Stephanie Davies. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson, and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

7. CHAIRMAN – Gary L. Hill, Chairman

Gary L. Hill thanked public participant Steven Young from National Action Network for his remarks.

The Chairman welcomed new board members Ahmed MD Shaharear and Morreen Johnson to

their newly elected positions and gave brief overview of Board Meeting regulations and how meetings operate. The Chairman also allowed time for new members to address the board and provide formal introductions.

The Chairman also let the board know about 2026 Committee changes.

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

The solicitor had no report.

9. 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. Including the completion of the work on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and updates on Lead Service Line Phase 3.

Andrew Shawl also shared that Remington and Vernick Engineering will be meeting with the New Jersey Department of Transportation once a checklist is completed.

b. Personnel Committee – Ahmed MD Shaharear, Board Member

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Executive Director – India Still

The Board was reminded of the themes selected by the Executive Director for the 2026 year: Personal and Professional Growth.

The Board was given a overview of a manager's retreat on January 31, 2026 with upper management. Additionally, the Board was updated on the Human Resources department and the steps being taken to fill those gaps. The Board was also updated on the ACMUA's search for a more reasonable health insurance policy.

Lastly, the board received an update on the emergency communication system that ACMUA is seeking to roll out to customers.

b. Deputy Executive Director, Operations – Cliff Keen

A report was given to the Board. More information can be reviewed in the Engineers and Operations Reports. Additionally, the Deputy Executive Director gave a brief history of the ACMUA water system for new board members.

The Board was given updates on a meeting with Atlantic City Sewer Company regarding meters switching from cubic feet to gallons and proper billing metrics.

c. Accounting And Finance - Anita Thapa, Chief Financial Officer

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #24: AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ADS PIPES

Authorization to allow the ACMUA to advertise and request bids in an official newspaper and on the ACMUA website for furnishing and delivering ads pipes in accordance with N.J.S.A: 40A: 11-23.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and was seconded by Stephanie Davies. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #25: 2017 CASPIAN AVENUE – DOIN IT DOWN THE SHORE LLC - PLUMBING SYSTEM FAILURE

The Board was asked to approve the abatement to grant a fifty percent (50%) abatement of \$1,355.89 to Doin It Down The Shore, 2017 Caspian Avenue, Account #965701-0.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and was seconded by Stephanie Davies. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #26: AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT FOR PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (PACO)

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

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and was seconded by Stephanie Davies. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #27: ANNUAL REPORT – REMMINGTON AND 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 John Eccles, Jr. and was seconded by Stephanie Davies. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #28: CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board was asked for authorization to approve the Authority's Cash Management Plan for February 18, 2026 through February 17, 2027, which will be filed with the Municipal Clerk of the City of Atlantic City.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and was seconded by Stephanie Davies. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #29: AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED STATE
CONTRACT VENDORS

The Board was asked to authorize the Authority to purchase various items and services for the year 2026 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 John Eccles, Jr. and was seconded by Stephanie Davies. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

END CONSENT AGENDA

12. ROLL CALL AGENDA

RESOLUTION #30: ENGINEERING PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR CITY-
WIDE DOMESTIC WATER METER REPLACEMENT – REMMINGTON AND VERNICK
ENGINEERS

The board was to authorize and accept a proposal from Remmington and Vernick for Engineering Planning and Design services for City-wide domestic water meter replacement for a total cost of \$98,000.00.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and seconded Gary L. Hill. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #31: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – KMD BUSINESS CONSULTANTS LLC

To authorize the Board to accept the proposal from KMD Business Consultants LLC for the purpose of procurement consultant. The compensation fee for the services rendered is the amount equal to \$75.00 per hour with the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 from March 1, 2026 to March 1, 2027.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr and seconded by Stephanie Davies to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #32: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE III – REMMINGTON AND VERNICK ENGINEERS

To authorize the Board to accept the proposal from Remmington and Vernick Engineers to provide services for construction management for Lead Service Line Replacement Project Phase III for a total cost of \$1,855,400.00

A motion was made by Stephanie Davies and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #33: AMENDMENT – FIRE HYDANTS, STAINLESS STEEL REPAIR CLAMPS, CAST IRON FITTINGS, AND OTHER PARTS – FERGUSON WATER WORKS AND CORE AND MAIN LP

The Board was asked to accept the amendment to resolution 26-12 which was approved during the January 21, 2026 meeting for fire hydrants, stainless steel repair clamps, cast iron fittings, and other parts. This will amend the original total amount of \$991,070.53. Adding to Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$41,108.86 and Core and Main LP in the amount of \$4,620.88 for a new total of \$1,036,800.27.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #34: AWARD – 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; CSG Law as Hearing Officer; Decotiis, FitzPatrcik, Cole and Giblin LLP as Labor and Employment Counsel; G. Bruce Ward, Esq. as Solicitor; and Decotiis, FitzPatrcik, Cole and Giblin LLP as Special Counsel and Bond Counsel.

A motion was made by Stephanie Davies and seconded by John Eccles, Jr., to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #35: AWARD – ELECTRICITY TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS –
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.

The Board was asked to accept the bid via reverse auction that was received by Constellation NewEnergy. Constellation NewEnergy will provide electricity to various ACMUA locations for a rate of \$.08230/kWh for the term of twenty-five (25) months from March 13, 2026 to March 29, 2028.

A motion was made by Morreen Johnson, and seconded by Stephanie Davies to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

John Eccles, Jr. and Nynell Langford were absent.

RESOLUTION #36: MUNICIPAL ADVISORY SERVICES – PHEONIX ADVISORS

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 Morreen Johnson, and seconded by Stephanie Davies to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

John Eccles, Jr. and Nynell Langford were absent.

RESOLUTION #37: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT TO THE FIVE (5)
SEDIMENTATION TANKS AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT – GMH ASSOCIATES
OF AMERICA INC.

The board was asked to allow the ACMUA to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with GMH Associates of America, Inc. which will result in significant savings for the Authority. GMH Associates of America, Inc. provided quotes for cleaning and dehumidification of the gear housing and the installation of density current baffles on the center column for a total not to exceed \$1,623,218,40.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill, and seconded by Stephanie Davies to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #38: EMERGENCY PLC BYPASS AND REPLACEMENT FOR THE FILTER BUILDING – OPTIMUM CONTROLS CORP.

The board was asked to approve the emergency PLC bypass and replacement for the Filter Building with work being done by Optimum Controls Corp. for all labor, material and equipment, and services furnished in the amount not to exceed \$74,654.00.

A motion was made John Eccles, Jr., and seconded by Stephanie Davies to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

RESOLUTION #17: MONTHLY BILLS

To approve the monthly bill resolution in the amount of \$2,379,823.03.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. to approve the resolution. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board Adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:51 am. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Ahmed MD Shaharear, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford was absent.

Respectfully,

Amir Brock
Confidential Assistant/Board Secretary