



Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OPEN SESSION

JANUARY 21, 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 10:07AM. The Board of Directors held their public meeting as designated below both via Zoom Conference or In-person on January 21, 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); Mohammed Dedar, Vice Chairman/Deputy (Absent); 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 (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); Karen Upshaw, Director of Administration (via zoom); G. Bruce Ward, Solicitor (via Zoom); Michael Riley, Labor Counsel (Absent); and Amir Brock, Confidential Assistant/Board (via Zoom).

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 meeting with the Executive Director

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #1: BOARD MINUTES OPEN SESSION – DECEMBER 18, 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 December 18, 2025.

A motion was made by Nynell Langford 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 #2: BOARD MINUTES CLOSED SESSION – DECEMBER 18, 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 December 18, 2025.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by Nynell Langford 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.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION #3: EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Nynell Langford and seconded by Stephanie Davies to go into Executive

Session at 10:20am. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Nynell Langford, John Eccles, Jr., and Stephanie Davies

George G. Frino Esq., Special Counsel and Erica DyReyes, Consultant, and Cliff Keen, Deputy Director attended the Executive Sessions

Mohammed Dedar and Glenn Banfield were absent.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board exit the Executive Session at 10:40am
The Board discussed a contract matter.

Mohammed Dedar and Glenn Banfield were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

The Board voted to go back into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and seconded by Nynell Langford to go into Executive Session at 10:45am. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Nynell Langford, John Eccles, Jr., and Stephanie Davies

The Director of Administration was invited to attend the Executive Session.

Mohammed Dedar and Glenn Banfield were absent.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board exit the Executive Session at 11:30am. A motion was made by Nynell Langford and seconded by Gary L. Hill. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Nynell Langford, John Eccles, Jr., and Stephanie Davies

Mohammed Dedar and Glenn Banfield were absent.

7. CHAIRMAN – Gary L. Hill, Chairman

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

The Chairman also thanked ACMUA staff and the Chief Financial Advisor for their hard work in

helping the ACMUA receive an upgraded Moody's credit rating for the second time in two years.

The Chairman also notified the Board of upcoming appointments and re-appointments for the February 2026 Board Meeting and thanked those who may not be re-appointed.

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

The Authority Solicitor provided updates for two new construction projects in progress in the Atlantic City Inlet. The Solicitor also notified the Board of two properties that may be going into bankruptcy

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 1.

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

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

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Executive Director – India Still

The Board was given a brief update on the ACMUA's upgraded Moody's credit rating.

The Board was notified of a manager's retreat on January 31, 2026 with upper management. Additionally, the Board was updated on contract negotiations. Lastly, the Board was also updated on the ACMUA's search for a more reasonable insurance policy.

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.

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, Director of Finance

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

(2) Cash Management: The Board was previously given a detailed report for November 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 #4: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CHEMICAL SERVICES

An amendment to Resolution #25-267 needed to Bid for Chemical Services by regular, competitive bidding, cancelling the usage of reverse auction process.

Authorization to allow the ACMUA to advertise and request bids in the Press of Atlantic City and on the ACMUA for chemical services in accordance with N.J.S.A: 40A: 11-1 et seq for various chemical services

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and was 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 #5: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON ONLINE ACTION WEBSITE

Authorization to allow the ACMUA to purchase electricity through the use of public auction site in accordance with Local Government Electronic Procurement Act (P.L. 2018, c 156).

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and was 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 #6: 408 ATLANTIC AVENUE – ALI CHARLES AHMAD – PLUMBING SYSTEM FAILURE

The Board was asked to approve the abatement to grant a fifty percent (50%) abatement of \$1,104.32 to Ali Charles Ahmad, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Account #127801-0.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and was 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 #7: 2045 MORNINGSIDE AVENUE – LYNDA ANN DESANTIS – PLUMBING SYSTEM FAILURE

The Board was asked to approve the abatement to grant a fifty percent (50%) abatement of \$293.23 to Lynda Ann DeSantis, 20245 Morningside Avenue, Account #1010901-0.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and was 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 #8: 2013 GRANT AVENUE – SAINT KEROLOS LLC – PLUMBING SYSTEM FAILURE

The Board was asked to approve the abatement to grant a fifty percent (50%) abatement of \$1,784.40 to Saint Kerolos LLC, 2013 Grant Avenue, Account #970501-0.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and was 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 #9: WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT – 50 N. TRENTON AVENUE – DUE HUYNTH

The Water Service Agreement with Due Huynth for the property 50 N. Trenton Avenue, Block 236, Lot11 in the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey, which the parties paid the installation and connection fee of \$5,611.48.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and was 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 #10: APPROVAL FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES TO UTILIZE FSA PROGRAM

The Board was asked to allow part-time employees at the ACMUA to utilize the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) program. With an investment limit of \$1,800.00.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and was 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.

END CONSENT AGENDA

12. ROLL CALL AGENDA

RESOLUTION #11: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF METER PIT AND LIDS – CATERINA SUPPLY INC.

To authorize the Board to accept the bid from Caterina Supply, Inc. to provide meter pits and lids in the amount not to exceed \$65,125.00 for pit rings and in the amount not to exceed \$89,375.00 for monitor lids. proposed on January 21, 2026, and/or until all monies for this contract have been expended.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr. and seconded Nynell Langford. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Nynell Langford, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Mohammed Dedar and Glenn Banfield were absent.

RESOLUTION #12: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF FIRE HYDRANTS, STAINLESS STEEL REPAIR CLAMPS, CAST IRON FITTINGS, AND OTHER PARTS – CATERINA SUPPLY INC., FERGUSON WATERWORKS, AND CORE AND MAIN LP.

To authorize the Board to accept the bid from Caterina Supply, Inc., Ferguson Waterworks, and Core and Main LP. to provide fire hydrants, stainless steel repair clamps, cast iron fittings, and other parts in for a total of \$51,631.73 for Caterina Supply Inc., for a total of \$722,755.20 for

Ferguson Waterworks, and for a total of \$216,683.60 for Core and Main LP in the amount not to exceed \$991,070.53. proposed on January 21, 2026 and/or until all monies for this contract have been expended.

A motion was made by Nynell Langford 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 #13: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD A NON-FAIR AND OPEN (NFAO) CONTRACT FOR LICENSED SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL (L.S.R.P) AND ENGINEER FOR UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL AND REINSTALLATION PROJECT FOR THE PLEASANTVILLE SITE AND VIRGINIA AVENUE SITE– DEMAIO INC

To authorize the Board to accept the bid from Demaio Inc. to provide services as an L.S.R.P and Engineer for the underground storage tank removal and reinstallation project in the amount not to exceed \$35,358.75 for the Pleasantville site and in the amount not to exceed \$35,435.00 for the Virginia Site. proposed on January 21, 2026, and/or until all monies for this contract have been expended.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by John Eccles, Jr. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Nynell Langford, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Mohammed Dedar and Glenn Banfield were absent.

RESOLUTION #14: LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PHASE I – ARTHUR R. HENRY INC. – CHANGE ORDER #1

The Board was asked to accept Change Order #1 from Arthur R. Henry, Inc. from the original agreement, dated June 20, 2024, for the Lead Service Line Replacement Phase I project to amend the changed scope of work, which will decrease the contract price by \$309.00 for a new total contract price from \$5,148,087.00 to \$5,147,778.00.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr and seconded by Stephanie Davies 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 #15: BAL TIC AVENUE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT– ARTHUR R. HENRY INC. – CHANGE ORDER #8

The Board was asked to accept Change Order #8 from Arthur R. Henry, Inc. from the original

agreement, dated June 20, 2024, for the Baltic Avenue Water Main Improvements to amend the changed scope of work, which will increase the contract price by \$73,482.74 for a new total contract price from \$4,836,186.17 to \$4,909,668.91.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill 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 #16: UTILITY BENCHMARKING PROJECT – H2M – AMENDMENT #1

The Board was asked to accept Amendment #1 from H2M from the original agreement, dated July 17, 2024, for the Utility Benchmarking project to amend the changed scope of work, which will increase the contract price by \$60,000.00 for a new total contract price from \$95,00.00 to \$155,000.00.

A motion was made by John Eccles, Jr, and seconded by Gary L. Hill 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 #17: MONTHLY BILLS

To approve the monthly bill resolution in the amount of \$2,387,605.85.

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board Adjourn the Board Meeting at 12:03 am By roll-call Gary L. Hill, Nynell Langford, John Eccles, Jr. and Stephanie Davies.

Mohammed Dedar and Glenn Banfield were absent.

Respectfully,

Amir Brock
Confidential Assistant/Board Secretary