



# *Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority*

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

**MARCH 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 10:02 AM. The Board of Directors held their public meeting as designated below both via Zoom Conference or In-person on March 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 (via Zoom); Ahmed MD Shaharear, Board Member (Absent); Morreen Johnson, Board Member (In-person); Stephanie Davies, Board Member, Alternate I (via Zoom).

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

India Still, Executive Director (In-person); 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) Engineers from H2M

3. FLAG OF SALUTE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marvin Napper from EZ AS 123 LLC addressed the Board and requested a payment plan for five (5) planned development units

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #40: BOARD MINUTES OPEN SESSION – MARCH 18, 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 March 18, 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 Morreen Johnson

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent. Nynell Langford and Stephanie Davies abstained.

6. CHAIRMAN – Gary L. Hill, Chairman

Gary L. Hill thanked public participant Marvin Napper from EZ AS 123 LLC for his remarks and assured the participant that the Board would continue to explore payment options.

The Chairman notified the Board the Alternate Board Member II would like to resign effective immediately from their position as Alternate Board Member II. The board was notified that next steps would come from the City of Atlantic City for the Alternate replacement.

The Chairman also let the board know that the Engineering Meetings shall be rescheduled from the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Wednesday of the month to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Wednesday.

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

The solicitor had no report.

## 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. Including the completion of the work on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Iowa Avenue. Additionally, the Board received updates on Lead Service Lean Phase II and Phase III

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

### b. Personnel Committee – Ahmed MD Shaharear, Board Member

## 9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### a. Executive Director – India Still

The Board was notified that the ACMUA would be applying for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding for the Atlantic City MUA Water System Resiliency and Transmission Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project.

The Board was also given an update on the New Jersey Future Workforce Program, the ACMUA will become partner in the workforce program and allow up to ten (10) staff member to participate and receive training.

### 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 description of the Atlantic City MUA Water System Resiliency and Transmission Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project for board members.

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

(1) Financial Reports: The Board was previously given a detailed report for January 2026, and a brief summation of this report was conveyed.

(2) Cash Management: The Board was previously given a detailed report for January 2026, 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.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

NO CONSENT AGENDA

END CONSENT AGENDA

11. ROLL CALL AGENDA

RESOLUTION #41: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NONFAIR AND OPEN (NFAO) CONTRACT FOR DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY UPSCALING FOR MUA STAFF – MINDBYTES LLC

The board was asked to appoint MindBytes LLC for digital and technology upskilling for ACMUA employees for a two (2) year period from Year 1: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027, and Year 2: April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028 in the amount not to exceed \$48,600.00 .

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #42 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NONFAIR AND OPEN (NFAO) CONTRACT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES – DARRIEN DAVENPORT

The board was asked to appoint Darrien Davenport for human resources services for ACMUA employees for a twelve (12) month period in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #43: AWARD – FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ADS PIPES– CATERINA SUPPLY INC.

To authorize the Board to accept the bid from Caterina Supply, Inc. to furnish and deliver ADS pipes in the amount not to exceed \$253,175.00. proposed on March 11, 2026.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #44: AWARD – WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS TO VARIOUS VENDORS WITH OPTION TO RENEW FOR SECOND YEAR

The Board was asked to accept various vendors for chemical services for the Water Treatment Plant FROM Carmeuse Lime Inc., Polydyne Inc., Miracle Chemical Company, Carus LLC, and Usalco LLC.

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., Nynell Langford, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #45: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR NINE (9) POWER GENERATORS WITH 10 YEAR WARRANTY – FM GENERATORS INC.

The board was asked to allow the ACMUA to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with Fm Generators Inc. which will result in significant savings for the Authority. Fm Generators Inc. provided quotes for the supply and installation of nine (9) power generators for a total not to exceed \$1,214,380.00.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #46: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE CAVITY PUMPS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT– RAPID PUMP AND METER SERVICE CO.

The board was asked to allow the ACMUA to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with Rapid Pump and Meter Service Co. which will result in significant savings for the Authority. Fm Generators Inc. provided quotes for the supply of services and material associated with installing two (2) progressive cavity pumps for the Water Treatment Plant for a total not to exceed \$35,784.00.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #47: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT THROUGH BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE ROOF FOR ALL MATERIALS, LABOR, EQUIPMENT, SUPERVISION, AND REQUIRED INSURANCE FOR ROOF REPAIR IN PLEASANTVILLE – US GENERAL CORPORATION

The board was asked to allow the ACMUA to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with USA General Corporation which will result in significant savings for the Authority. USA General Corporation provided quotes to furnish all materials, labor, equipment, supervision, and required insurance for roof repair in Pleasantville for a total not to exceed \$270,000.00.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #48: AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL RESOLUTION 26-33 AND AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO CORRECT RESOLUTION 26-12 FOR 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 cancellation of the amendment 26-33 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 \$35,227.32. Decreasing the total not to exceed amount by \$90,288.53 for Ferguson Waterworks to \$632,466.67 for a new total of \$1,026,279.85.

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., Nynell Langford, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #49: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OF CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE DECREASE FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS – FRED SCAVONE CONSTRUCTION

The Board was asked to authorize the Change Order #1 to decrease the contract price by \$272,498.16, decreasing the total contract price from \$2,373,838.00 to \$2,101,339.84.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #50: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE A BOBCAT UV34XL AS A SECURITY VEHICLE – BOBCAT OF NORTH JERSEY

The board was asked to allow the ACMUA to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with Bobcat of North Jersey which will result in significant savings for the Authority. Bobcat of North Jersey provided quotes for a Bobcat UV34XL for a total not to exceed \$34,975.00.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent

RESOLUTION #51: AMENDMENT #3 TO RESOLUTION 25-138 FOR THE TASK ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR N. IOWA AVENUE EMERGENCY WATER MAIN FROM ARTIC AVENUE AND THE TERMINUS OF THE ROAD – REMINGTON AND VERNICK

The Board was asked to authorize amendment #3 to increase the contract price by \$4,000.00, decreasing the total contract price from \$47,160.00 to \$51,160.00.

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., Nynell Langford, and Morreen Johnson.

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent. Stephanie Davies abstained.

RESOLUTION #52: CHANGE ORDER #1 EMERGENCY WATER MAIN AND ROAD REPAIR ON IOWA AVENUE – ARTHUR R. HENRY

The Board was asked to authorize the Change Order #3 to increase the contract price by \$243,000.00, increasing the total contract price from \$515,603.00 to \$758,603.

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., Nynell Langford, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #53: AMENDMENT TO 24-119 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WATER MAIN PROJECTS ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD – REMINGTON AND VERNICK

This resolution was moved to the April 15, 2026, Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION #54: TASK ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING INTERIOR RENOVATIONS – H2M ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS INC.

The Board was asked to authorize the Task Order to H2M Architects and Engineers Inc., to provide professional services including conceptual design, detailed design, bid support, and construction administration services for the Administration Building Interior Renovations in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #55: AWARD – TASK ORDER PROPOSAL FOR PHASE II OF ACMUA SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS – H2M ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS INC.

The Board was asked to authorize the Task Order to H2M Architects and Engineers Inc., to continue Phase II of the security infrastructure improvements project in the amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

RESOLUTION #56: APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS) APPLICATION FOR WATER SYSTEM RESILIENCY AND TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

The Board was asked to approve the application to Senator Andy Kim's Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) program for the Water System Resiliency and Transmission Infrastructure Project. The ACMUA is seeking \$1,000,000.00 in funding.

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., Nynell Langford, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

#### RESOLUTION #57: MONTHLY BILLS

To approve the monthly bill resolution in the amount of \$2,866,041.24.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

#### RESOLUTION #58: EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Gary L. Hill and seconded by Stephanie Davies to go to into 11:31 AM. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Nynell Langford, Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent.

#### EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board exit the Executive Session at 12:10 PM. By roll call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Morreen Johnson and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford and Ahmed MD Shaharear were absent.

#### DISCUSSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session, the Board discussed the following topics: Salary increases for certain employees, part-time Human Resources partnership, Union contract negotiations, and litigation updates.

#### RESOLUTION #59: SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

The Board was asked to approve the increase in the hourly rate for Cindy Cotton. Adjusting the rate from \$40/hour to \$65/hour not to exceed 24 hours per week.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent Nynell Langford and Ahmed MD Shaharear were absent.

RESOLUTION #60: NEW JERSEY FUTURE WORKFORCE PROGRAM

The Board was asked to approve the receipt of funds from the New Jersey Future Workforce Program to supply training for staff members.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent Nynell Langford and Ahmed MD Shaharear were absent.

RESOLUTION #61: AWARD – HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES – WORKFORCE CONNECTS LLC

The board was asked to appoint Workforce Connects LLC for human resources services for ACMUA employees for a six (6) month period in the amount not to exceed \$115.00/hour.

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

Ahmed MD Shaharear was absent Nynell Langford and Ahmed MD Shaharear were absent.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gary L. Hill requested that the Board Adjourn the Board Meeting at 12:26 AM. By roll-call Gary L. Hill, John Eccles, Jr., Morreen Johnson, and Stephanie Davies.

Nynell Langford and Ahmed MD Shaharear were absent.

Respectfully,

Amir Brock  
Confidential Assistant/Board Secretary