



# **UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

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## **Union County Utilities Authority**

**July 16, 2014**

### **Regular Meeting**

Chairman Huff called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m., in the meeting room of the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1 & 9 North, Rahway, New Jersey.

Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Joseph C. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Huff, Vice-Chairman Erdos, Secretary Kennedy, Treasurer People, Commissioners Eastman, Jackus, and Kahn. Also present were alternate Commissioners Bonanno and Lombardo.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Badri and Kulish.

Others Present: Daniel Sullivan and Thomas Brennan of the Authority's staff; Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Richard Bauch of Bauch Zucker Hatfield; Tim Gillen of CME; Johnathan Williams of DeCottiis Fitzpatrick and Gluck; Deputy Clerk Lisa M. da Silva; and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek

Chairman Huff appointed Alternate Commissioner Bonanno for Commissioner Kulish and Alternate Commissioner Lombardo for Commissioner Badri.

Chairman Huff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Huff noted that the start time of the June 18, 2014 meeting was 7:21 pm, and should be corrected in the minutes. Commissioner Kahn mover for approval of the public and executive session minutes of June 18, 2014, as noted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and ordered approved with Commissioners Eastman and Lombardo, abstaining on both the public and executive session minutes and Commissioner Erdos abstaining on the executive session.

#### Communications

There were no communications.

## Report of Officers

There were no reports from the officers.

## Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session I

### Finance and Budget.

Commissioner Jackus reported on the meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee. The Committee met and recommended approval of the bill list. Commissioner Erdos moved the following resolutions, 1) Approving operating and resource recovery facility vouchers for processing and payment; 2) Approving consulting and legal vouchers for processing and payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and were unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Jackus noted that the Committee met on resolution 60-2014 and was moving it for a vote by the full board. Commissioner Kennedy moved the resolution approving legal services vouchers relating to employee stipend fact finding inquiry for processing and payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn, and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Commissioners Jackus, People and Erdos, who abstained.

## New Business

There were no items of New Business

## Public Comment

The Clerk read the rules under which public comment would be permitted. There were no public comment.

## Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Executive Session

*Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq., permits the exclusion of the public from a public body meeting in certain circumstances; and*

*Whereas, the Union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and*

*Whereas, the Board of Commissioners wishes to discuss the following issues:*

- 1) *Matters pertaining to stipend payments to certain Authority Employees & Matters covered by the Attorney Client Privilege.*

*Whereas, minutes will be kept of the executive session and once the matter(s) above no longer require confidentiality, the minutes, or appropriate portions thereof, of the executive session will be made available to the public; and*

*Whereas, the public is now being informed that the Authority may take official action at the conclusion of the executive session.*

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Union County Utilities Board of Commissioners that the public be excluded from this meeting.*

Commissioner Bonanno moved the resolution to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 7:05 pm.

Commissioner Kennedy moved to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonanno and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. (Commissioner Erdos left at the start of the executive session.) The Authority returned to public session at 9:25 pm.

#### Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session II

Commissioner Kennedy moved the resolution accepting the report of Vijayant Pawar, Esq. in fact-finding inquiry concerning stipend payments made to certain Authority employees in 2013 and 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes except Commissioner Lombardo, who abstained.

Commissioner Kennedy moved the resolution accepting the PPI Committee's recommendations regarding discipline of certain employees following fact-finding inquiry concerning stipend payments made to certain Authority Employees in 2013 and 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting in favor, except Commissioner Lombardo, who abstained.

#### Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

#### Public Comment by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chris Hudak

There were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Kahn moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and was unanimously ordered approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Joseph C. Bodek  
Clerk

James Huff  
Chairman

James Kennedy  
Secretary