

# RESOLUTION

## OF THE

# UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Resolution No.: 17-2024  
 Date: April 17, 2024

Approved as to form:

*Bianka Vargas*, Clerk

Approved as to sufficiency of funds:

*John Cuffo* Acting Comptroller  
 YES  NO  NONE REQUIRED

### APPROVING THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the County of Union, New Jersey has previously developed the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with the New Jersey Solid Waste Management Act for the purpose of managing the disposal and/or recycling of solid waste generated in Union County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has designated the Union County Utilities Authority (the "Authority"), in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act, as the implementing agency for its Solid Waste Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., the Authority is permitted to exclude the public from that portion of its regular monthly meetings and/or special meetings in order to discuss certain matters including, but not limited, to contracts, anticipated or pending litigation and personnel issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk of the Authority separately maintains minutes of those portions of the meetings during which the public is excluded to memorialize the discussions that take place during these executive sessions from the discussions during the portions of the meetings open to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the minutes for the regular public meeting of March 20, 2024 have been reviewed by the Commissioners of the Authority for approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Union County Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The governing body of the Union County Utilities Authority has reviewed and hereby approves the public session meeting minutes of the Authority's March 20, 2024.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

	PRESENT	ABSENT	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	MOTION	SECOND
<i>Eastman</i>	✓		✓				
<i>Figueiredo</i>	✓		✓				
<i>Holder</i>	✓		✓				
<i>Jackus</i>	✓				✓		
<i>Kahn</i>	✓		✓			✓	
<i>McManus</i>	✓				✓		
<i>Rachlin</i>	✓		✓				✓
<i>Scutari</i>	✓		✓				
<i>Szpond</i>	✓		✓				
<i>Alma, Alternate No. 1</i>	✓						
<i>Scott-Bey, Alternate No. 2</i>	✓						

**Union County Utilities Authority  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 20, 2024**

Chairman Szpond called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m., by way of the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1 & 9 North, Rahway, New Jersey. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom's virtual meeting online platform.

Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Bianka Vargas, clerk of the Authority.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Figueiredo, Holder, Kahn, Rachlin, Alternate Commissioners Alma and Scott-Bey, Vice-Chairperson Scutari, Chairperson Szpond

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Eastman, Jackus & McManus

Other Attendees: Acting Executive Director Linda Stender; Deputy Executive Director/Director of Administrative Services Lisa M. Da Silva; Comptroller John Cuiffo; Kraig Dowd, Esq., Clerk Bianka Vargas.

Chairman Szpond appointed Alternate Commissioner Alma to sit in for absent Commissioner Eastman and Alternate Commissioner Scott Bey to sit in for absent Commissioner McManus.

Chairman Szpond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Vargas provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chair Scutari moved the resolution approving the Public Session Minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 13, 2024, and the Annual Reorganization Meeting held on February 21, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rachlin and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor.

**Communications** – Acting Executive Director Linda Stender informed the board of the 2023 Annual Safety Award the UCUA received.

**Report of Officers** - There were no reports from the officers.

**Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel- Public Session I**

**a. Finance and Budget Committee**

Vice-Chair Scutari gave the report of the Finance and Budget Committee. Alternate Commissioner Alma moved the following resolutions: 1) Approving operating, consulting, and legal vouchers for processing and payment; 2) Increasing the cap for Weiner Law Group, LLP in their existing

professional services contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

**b. Personnel/Procurement/Insurance**

No report to review.

**New Business** - No new business to discuss.

**Public Comment** – No members of the public were present.

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

There were no items for discussion in Executive Session.

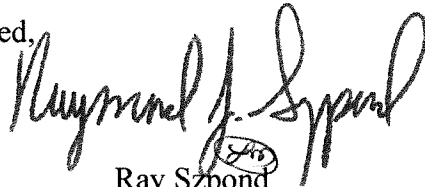
**Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session II**

**Old/Unfinished Business** – There was no unfinished business.

**Public Comment by Commissioners/County Commissioner Liaison Granados-** Acting Executive Director Linda Stender and Chairman Szpond both discussed the progress the UCUA has made around the increase in tonnage in the last 2 months, having the highest increase in recent years.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Alternate Commissioner Alma moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and was unanimously ordered approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Bianka Vargas  
Clerk

Ray Szpond  
Chairman

Margaret McManus  
Secretary