

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

August 26, 2021

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 6:01 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the August 26, 2021 Work Session was read into the record by Michael Henwood, Board Secretary.

BEFORE: The Honorable Commissioners of the Authority
Ronald Phillips, Chairman
Louis DeLisio, Vice Chairman
Catherine T. Bentz, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner
Daniel Gumble, Commissioner
Thomas S. Kelley, Commissioner
Peter C. Massa, Commissioner
Diane T. Testa, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Jon Warm, Commissioner

The meeting was opened to the public. No one from the public wished to speak.

Review of August 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the August 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Phillips reported progress on a number of key projects and initiatives.

Finance and Legal Report:

Vice Chairman DeLisio advised the Board regarding Resolution 21-1-041 to accept the Independent Auditor's Report for 2020. Vice Chairman DeLisio provided the Board with a full report on the key findings contained in the report.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux provided an update on Plant Operations specific to the current Covid-19 conditions. Director Laux cited tonight's Resolution 21-2-056, the expansion of Covid -19 Wastewater Study with Columbia University, AECOM and the County of Bergen. Director Laux reported on the status of Plant Operations after Hurricane Ida's impact earlier this week. Director Laux reported progress on Capital Improvement projects including planning and financing. Director Laux thanked Auditor Ralph Picone, Lori Zoklu, Treasurer and CFO and her team on the successful completion of the 2020 Audit. Director Laux advised the Board of a request by the Hackensack Riverkeeper for the BCUA's annual sponsorship of the Clean Water Celebration in October. A Motion to approve the *Clean Water Defender* level was made, seconded and unanimously carried. Director Laux

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concluded by thanking the Board and BCUA Staff for their continued support and extraordinary efforts as Covid variants extend the Pandemic's effect on Health, Safety and Plant Operations.

Deputy Director Wierer relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Engineering Dominic DiSalvo provided a brief update on the Columbia University Covid-19 Wastewater Study. Director DiSalvo further relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Water Pollution Control Stephen Askew relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Strategic Planning Bashar Assadi relied upon his written report as submitted.

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Lori Zoklu relied upon her written report as submitted.

Security Administrator Louis D'Arminio provided a security update.

Motion to adjourn the Work Session was made, seconded and unanimously carried.



Michael Henwood
Board Secretary