

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

September 22, 2022

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 6:08 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the September 22, 2022 Work Session was read into the record by Richard Wierer, Deputy Executive Director.

BEFORE: The Honorable Commissioners of the Authority
Ronald Phillips, Chairman
Louis DeLisio, Vice Chairman
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Daniel Gumble, Commissioner
Peter C. Massa, Jr., Commissioner
Diane T. Testa, Commissioner
Jon Warms, Commissioner

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

Review of September 22, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the September 22, 2022 Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Phillips reported progress on a number of initiatives.

Finance and Legal Report:

Vice Chairman DeLisio advised the Board regarding Resolution 22-1-043 to accept the Independent Auditor's Report for 2021. Vice Chairman DeLisio provided the Board with a full report on the key findings contained in the report.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux Director Laux thanked our Auditor, Lori Zoklu, Treasurer/CFO and the Finance Department Staff on the successful completion of the 2021 Audit. Director Laux advised the Board that the BCUA will be recognized for "Excellence in Public Service" by the Hackensack Riverkeeper at their annual Clean Water Celebration in October. Director Laux requested Board feedback on the 2021 Annual Safety Report as submitted by Stephen Askew, Director of WPC. Director Laux noted that there was a year over year decline among the key Safety Statistics. Director Askew summarized the Report and provided additional comments. Several questions and comments were made by Board members. A recommendation to award the same amount as 2020 Safety Incentive was made. A Motion to approve the 2021 Annual Safety Incentive Award was made, seconded and unanimously carried. Director Laux advised the Board that the Annual Employee Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 28th.

Deputy Director Richard Wierer relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Engineering Dominic DiSalvo relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of WPC Stephen Askew relied upon his written report as submitted.

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

Director of Engineering - Civil Bashar Assadi relied upon his written report as submitted.

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



Michael Henwood - Board Secretary
(Telephonically)