

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

October 24, 2024

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 6:03 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the October 24, 2024 Work Session was read into the record by Michael Henwood, Board Secretary.

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

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

Review of October 24, 2024 Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the October 24, 2024 Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Finance and Legal Committee Report:

Vice Chairman DeLisio advised the Board that today's Regular Meeting includes Resolutions introducing the 2025 Water Pollution Control and Solid Waste Management Budgets. Vice Chairman DeLisio reported that the Finance and Legal Committee met last week and reviewed the proposed budgets in detail. Vice Chairman DeLisio provided the Board an overview of the respective 2025 budgets. The Vice Chairman thanked the Finance Department as well as the accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci and Bliss, LLP for the significant effort in preparation of the Budgets. Vice Chairman DeLisio advised that the Finance and Legal Committee recommends introduction of the 2025 Water Pollution Control and Solid Waste Management Budgets as presented today.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Phillips made several comments regarding tonight's 2025 Budget introductions. Chairman Phillips reported that he attended the annual Hackensack RiverKeeper's Dinner last week and that the BCUA's continued commitment to the health of the Hackensack River was well received. Chairman Phillips reported continued progress regarding the final funding approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") Recovery and Mitigation Program//New Jersey–Hurricane Sandy FEMA-4086-DR.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux commended the Finance Department as well as the accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci and Bliss, LLP for their effort in preparation of the 2025 Budget. Director Laux thanked Finance and Legal Committee Chair DeLisio and the Committee for their recommendation of tonight's 2025 Budget Introduction. Director Laux advised the Board that a Public Hearing and final adoption of the 2025 Budgets will be held at the December 19th Board Meeting. Director Laux offered additional comments regarding the pending final funding approval from FEMA's Recovery and Mitigation Program.

Director of Solid Waste and Information Technology Richard Wierer relied upon his written report as submitted.

Interim CFO/Treasurer Richard Wierer relied upon his written report as submitted.

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

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

Director of Water Pollution Control Michael Cammett relied upon his written report as submitted.



Michael Henwood - Board Secretary