

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
WORK SESSION**

**October 28, 2021**

**Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 6:02 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the October 28, 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 (Telephonically)  
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner (Telephonically)  
Thomas S. Kelley, Commissioner  
Peter C. Massa, 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 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Finance and Legal Committee:

Vice Chairman DeLisio advised the Board that today's Regular Meeting includes Resolutions introducing the 2022 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 2022 budgets. The Vice Chairman thanked Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer Lori Zoklu and her staff as well as the accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP for the significant effort in preparation of the Budgets. Vice Chairman DeLisio advised that the Finance and Legal Committee recommends adoption of the 2022 Water Pollution Control and Solid Waste Management Budgets as presented today.

Chairman's Report:

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

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux introduced Gerald Reiner as the new BCUA Purchasing Manager and advised the Board of two Resolutions on tonight's agenda for Purchasing/QPA Shared Services with the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority and Bergen County Board of Social Services. Director Laux advised the Board that tonight's agenda includes two 2021 Budget Amendment Resolutions and two 2022 Budget Introductions. Director Laux

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commended Treasurer/CFO Lori Zoklu and her entire team as well as the accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP for their effort in preparation of the 2022 Budget. Director Laux thanked Finance and Legal Committee Chair DeLisio and the Committee for their recommendation of tonight's 2022 Budget Introduction. Director Laux thanked all the appointed Professional Consultants for their support and professionalism this past year and throughout the entire pandemic. Director Laux recognized the retirements of Thomas Logan and Daniel Belinsky and thanked them for their years of service.

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

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

Director 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.



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Michael Henwood  
Board Secretary