

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
WORK SESSION**

**July 22, 2021**

**Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 12:18 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the July 22, 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  
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner  
Daniel Gumble, Commissioner  
Thomas S. Kelley, Commissioner  
Peter C. Massa, Commissioner  
Jon Warms, Commissioner (Telephonically)

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

Review of July 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the July 22, 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.

Safety Committee Report:

Commissioner Bentz reported that the Safety Committee met telephonically last Thursday to review the 2020 Annual Safety Report as submitted by Stephen Askew, Director of WPC. Commissioner Bentz referring to the Staff Report Dated May 2021 notes that there was an overall year over year decline among the key Safety Statistics. Commissioner Bentz noted that the Safety Committee took into consideration the unprecedented impact the Covid-19 Pandemic may have had on the 2020 working conditions. Commissioner Bentz also requested that the Board take into consideration the recommendation of the Executive Director for the Annual Safety Incentive Award as a result of the 2020 Safety Report. A Motion to approve the reduced 2020 Annual Safety Incentive Award was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux provided an update on Plant Operations specific to the current

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Covid-19 conditions. Director Laux reported that over 80% of BCUA employees are fully vaccinated. However, due to the rise of new Covid variants (i.e. Delta), Director Laux announced that random nasal swab testing will resume shortly.

Deputy Director Wierer relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Engineering Dominic DiSalvo provided an 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.



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Michael Henwood  
Board Secretary