



**NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
INSURANCE FUND**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

**Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference and in Person
North Jersey Country Club
594 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ
10:00am - Open Session
Closed Session Immediately Following**

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AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order – *10:00am* – Open Public Meetings Act Read

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY (1) SENDING SUFFICIENT NOTICE HEREWITH TO STAR-LEDGER, (2) POSTING ON THE NJIIF WEBSITE, (3) FILING ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WITH THE CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH MEMBER MUNICIPALITY AND (4) POSTING A COPY OF THE MEETING NOTICE ON THE PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARD OF ALL MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Roll Call of Executive Committee and Professionals for Open Session
2. Approval of Executive Board Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2024
 - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – November 6, 2024
3. Approval of Executive Board Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2024
 - Motion to approve minutes of special Executive Board Meeting – November 13, 2024
4. Approval of Executive Board Meeting Minutes – November 26, 2024
 - Motion to approve minutes of special Executive Board Meeting – November 26, 2024
5. Correspondence
6. Finance Report- (Robert Calise)
7. Chairman's Report

8. Committee Reports

- a. Nominating (McNamara)
- b. By-Laws (Carroll)
- c. Legislative (Carroll)
- d. Coverage (Konopada)
- e. Professionals/Management Oversight (Tucci)
 - Introduction of Resolution NJIIF-P-2024-027, Appointment of Additional Panel Defense Counsel for Multi-Line Matters for 2024 (PEM Law LLP)
 - Motion to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2024-027, Appointment of Additional Panel Defense Counsel for Multi-Line Matters for 2024 (PEM Law LLP)
- f. Budget/Finance (McNamara)
 - Introduction of Second Amended 2024 NJIIF Budget
 - Motion to Adopt Second Amended 2024 NJIIF Budget
- g. Safety/Risk Management (Lazorisak)
 - Introduction of Resolution NJIIF-O-2024-021, Amendment to 2023 Safety Incentive Program
 - Motion to approve NJIIF-O-2024-021, Amendment to 2023 Safety Incentive Program
- h. New Member & Development (Chumacas)

9. Risk Manager's Report (John Serapiglia, Polaris Galaxy)

10. Director of Marketing Report (Al Barlas)

11. Loss Control Consultant's Report (Tim Weir, PMA)

12. TPA Report (Jennifer Signs, PMA)

- Motion to approve all Professionals' Reports

13. Bill List (Robert Calise)

- Motion to approve Bill List

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Comment

IN ORDER TO DISCUSS MATTERS INVOLVING LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION OR CONTRACT MATTERS, AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, THE NJIIF EXECUTIVE BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(B)(7) OF THE NJ OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, ET SEQ). MINUTES SHALL BE TAKEN DURING THIS CLOSED SESSION AND ONCE THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY NO LONGER EXISTS WITH REGARD TO EACH MATTER, THE APPLICABLE MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

- Motion to move into Closed Session (Closed Session to be convened immediately following the suspension of Open Session, via separate Zoom video conference link)

17. *Closed Session – (Eric Nemeth, Esq., Eric J. Nemeth, PC) – Closed Session Matters*

- Motion to approve minutes of Closed Session from November 6, 2024 Executive Board Meeting
- Motion to approve minutes of Closed Session from November 26, 2024 Executive Board Meeting
- Motion to accept Workers Compensation and Multi-Line claims recommendations, and General Counsel’s report as presented.
- Motion to return to Open Session.
- Motion to approve all actions recommended in Closed Session.

18. Adjournment



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The Executive Board

MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting of November 6, 2024



**THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

November 6, 2024

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 10:01 a.m. via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference. Chairman Tucci read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement and announced that notices were placed in designated newspapers and posted as required.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Tucci opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call:

Executive Board Members

Chairman: Thomas Tucci (Township of Cedar Grove)

Thomas Carroll (Borough of Wanaque)

Maureen Chumacas (Borough of Roseland)

Beverley Konopada (Borough of Mantoloking)

Walter Laurencio (City of Union City)

Executive Board Alternates, Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates

Sukaina Barlas (Township of Cedar Grove)

Denise Callery (City of Asbury Park)

Jamie Cryan (Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills)*

Joseph D'Arco (Township of Verona)

Adam Nemeth (Borough of Woodland Park)*

Monica Orlando (Borough of Milltown)

Patrick Wherry (Township of Maplewood)

Sam Yodice, Jr. (Borough of Woodland Park)*

NJIIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

Al Barlas (Director of Marketing/Co-Administrator)*

Nancy DiMartino (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C./Recording Secretary)

Zach Edelman (Fairview Insurance)

Patricia Fahy (NAIMC)*

Justin Gallo (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)

Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.- Office of General Counsel/Co-Administrator)**

Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant)

John Matthews (PMA Risk Control Services)

Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)

John Serapiglia (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)

Jennifer Signs (PMA TPA)
Peter Soriero (SIP)
Scott Stohrer (PMA Risk Control Services) Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)

**Joined the meeting after Roll Call*

***Attended Closed Session Only*

Chairman Tucci announced that Commissioner Joseph D'Arco (Township of Verona) will be serving on the Executive Board today in the absence of Commissioner Lazorisak.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of October 23, 2024. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's October 23, 2024 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, D'Arco, Konopada, Laurencio
Nay: None
Abstain: None

3. Correspondence: None.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the monthly NJIIF financials through November 2, 2024, including assessments, claims payments and latest investment report, are in the Meeting packet. Calise advised as to the status of the NJIIF's current cash balance and interest rates on cash investments.
5. Chairman's Report: Chairman Tucci reported that the 2025 budget is being prepared and that a special meeting will be called in late November for its introduction .
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Nominating Committee (Chair Heather McNamara) No Report.
 - b. By-Law Committee (Chair Thomas Carroll) No Report.
 - c. Legislative Committee (Chair Thomas Carroll). No report.
 - d. Coverage Committee (Chair Beverley Konopada) –See Agenda Item 15, Closed Session, below.
 - e. Professionals Committee (Chair Thomas Tucci). No Report.
 - f. Budget/Finance Committee (Chair McNamara). GC/Co-Admin Nemeth reported that the 2025 budget is under development and will be ready for introduction in November.
 - g. Safety/Risk Management Committee (Chair Alex Lazorisak). No Report.
 - h. Member & Development Committee (Chair Maureen Chumacas) No report.

7. Risk Manager’s Report (Polaris Galaxy). J. Gallo reported that all 2025 excess policy renewal submissions have been made and quotes are coming in.
8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). A. Barlas reported that the New Member Committee is evaluating quotation requests by eight prospective members.
9. Loss Control Consultant Report (J. Matthews/ PMA Risk Control Services). J. Matthews reported that PMA held a number of safety meetings and training sessions for Fund members over the past few weeks.
10. TPA Report (PMA /J. Signs). J. Signs provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 11/1/24. It was reported that total claims in 2024 are somewhat higher than the 5 year average, however the total incurred losses for 2024 to date are well below the 5-year average. Further, the NJIIF has a total of 415 reported COVID cases with 110 related claim petitions filed to date. No new COVID claims have been received this year.

It was moved by D’Arco, seconded by Carroll, to approve all Professionals’ Reports.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, D’Arco, Konopada, Laurencio
Nay: None
Abstain: None

11. Bill List. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by D’Arco to approve the November Bill Lists as presented.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, D’Arco, Konopada, Laurencio
Nay: None
Abstain: None

12. Old Business – None.
13. New Business – None.
14. Public Comment. Chairman Tucci opened the Public Comment Section of the Meeting.

There being no public comment, Chairman Tucci closed the Public Comment period.

15. Closed Session. It was moved Konopada, seconded by Laurencio, that the Board move into Closed Session.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, D’Arco, Konopada, Laurencio
Nay: None
Abstain: None



**THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – Closed Session Summary and Adjournment**

November 6, 2024

Call to Order: Closed Session of the November 6, 2024 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:14 a.m. via Zoom conference.

Minutes of Closed Session: October 23, 2024. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio that the Minutes of Closed Session of the NJIIF’s meeting of October 23, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, D’Arco, Konopada, Laurencio
Nay: None
Abstain: None

It was moved by D’Arco, seconded by Carroll, that the WC and ML Claims recommendations and General Counsel's Report be accepted as presented.

Roll Call:
Aye Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, D’Arco, Konopada, Laurencio
Nay: None
Abstain: Each Executive Board Member abstains as to claims against its Member entity.

It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Laurencio, that the Board return to Open Session.

Roll Call:
Aye Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, D’Arco, Konopada, Laurencio
Nay: None
Abstain: None

It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Chumacas, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the November 6, 2024 Executive Board Meeting, including but not limited to requests for settlement authority for WC and/or ML matters listed in the Closed Session Matters agenda and the coverage positions recommended in Closed Session.

Roll Call:	
Aye	Tucci, Chumacas, D'Arco, Konopada, Laurencio
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Each Executive Board Member abstains as to claims against its Member entity.

16. Adjournment - There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Konopada, seconded by Laurencio, to adjourn the November 6, 2024 Executive Board Meeting.

Roll Call:	
Aye	Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None

The NJIIF's November 6, 2024 Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.



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Executive Board Meeting of November 13, 2024



**THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

November 13, 2024

Call to Order: A special meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 9:37 a.m. via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference. Chairman Tucci read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement and announced that notices were placed in designated newspaper and posted as required.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Tucci opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call:

Executive Board Members

Chairman: Thomas Tucci (Township of Cedar Grove)

Thomas Carroll (Borough of Wanaque)

Maureen Chumacas (Borough of Roseland)

Beverley Konopada (Borough of Mantoloking)

Executive Board Alternates, Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates

Monica Orlando (Borough of Milltown)

Kevin O'Sullivan (Township of Verona)

NJIIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

Nancy DiMartino (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C./Recording Secretary)

Justin Gallo (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)

Tom Hudash (Lincoln Risk Management)

Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.- Office of General Counsel/Co-Administrator)

Matt McArrow (GJEM-Otterstedt Agency)

Trevor Morris (Acrisure)

Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)

Jennifer Signs (PMA TPA)

Peter Soriero (SIP)

2. Consideration of new member application of the East Orange Parking Authority. Risk Manager J. Gallo provided background for the new member application of the East Orange Parking Authority. He advised that they are seeking membership in the NJIIF effective November 18, 2024, with the term expiring on December 31, 2027.

It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll, to accept the East Orange Parking Authority's application for membership in the NJIIF.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada
Nay: None
Abstain: None

3. Other Business. None.

4. Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Carroll, seconded by Konopada, to adjourn the NJIIF's November 13, 2024 Meeting.

Roll Call:
Aye Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada
Nay: None
Abstain: None

The November 13, 2024 Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



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Executive Board Meeting of November 26, 2024



**THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

November 26, 2024

Call to Order: A special meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 2:19 p.m. via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference. Chairman Tucci read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement and announced that notices were placed in designated newspaper and posted as required.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Tucci opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call:

Executive Board Members

Chairman: Thomas Tucci (Township of Cedar Grove)

Secretary: Heather McNamara (Township of Wayne)

Thomas Carroll (Borough of Wanaque)

Maureen Chumacas (Borough of Roseland)

Alex Lazorisak (Warren County)

Executive Board Alternates, Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates

Sukaina Barlas (Township of Cedar Grove)

Joseph D'Arco (Township of Verona)

NJIIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

David Balkan (Balken Risk)

Al Barlas ((Director of Marketing/Co-Administrator)

Lou Beckerman (Acrisure)

Robert Calise (CMFO)

Nancy DiMartino (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C/Recording Secretary)

Justin Gallo (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)

Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.- Office of General Counsel/Co-Administrator)

Matt McArrow (GJEM-Otterstedt Agency)

Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)

Peter Soriero (SIP)**

**Joined after roll call

2. Introduction of 2025 NJIIF Budget. Financial Consultant Kronyak, Risk Manager J. Gallo and CMFO Calise provided an summary of the proposed 2025 NJIIF Budget, which was

provided to the Board for review. It was explained that claim projections have been developed with input from the NJIIF's Actuary.

It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Carroll to introduce the 2025 NJIIF Budget as presented.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Lazorisak
Nay: None
Abstain: None

3. Chairman Tucci introduced Resolution NJIIF-P-2024-026, Appointment of Hartfield Schwartz LLC to the NJIIF's Panel Defense Counsel list for Multi-Line Matters for 2024.

It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by McNamara, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2024-026, Appointment of Hartfield Schwartz LLC to the NJIIF's Panel Defense Counsel list for Multi-Line Matters for 2024.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Lazorisak
Nay: None
Abstain: None

4. Other Business. None.

5. Closed Session. It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Chumacas, that the Board move into Closed Session.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Lazorisak
Nay: None
Abstain: None



**THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – Closed Session Summary and Adjournment**

November 26, 2024

Call to Order: Closed Session of the November 26, 2024 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 2:29 p.m. via Zoom conference.

It was moved by Carroll, seconded by McNamara, that the ML Claim recommendation and General Counsel's Report be accepted as presented.

Roll Call:	
Aye	Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Lazorisak
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Each Executive Board Member abstains as to claims against its Member entity.

It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Carroll, that the Board return to Open Session.

Roll Call:	
Aye	Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Lazorisak
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None

It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Carroll, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the November 26, 2024 Executive Board Meeting, including but not limited to requests for settlement authority for the ML matter listed in the Closed Session Matters agenda and the coverage positions recommended in Closed Session.

Roll Call:	
Aye	Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Lazorisak
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Each Executive Board Member abstains as to claims against its Member entity.

6. Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by McNamara, seconded by Carroll, to adjourn the NJIIF's November 26, 2024 Meeting.

Roll Call:	
Aye	Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Lazorisak
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None

The November 26, 2024 Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



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CLOSED SESSION MATTERS



Closed Session Motion

For the December 11, 2024 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund

Following are the matters to be discussed in Closed Session:

Workers Compensation Fund Claim Matters

Case Update Reports, Coverage Recommendations and Requests for Settlement Authority (RSA):

1. Newsome adv. City of Asbury Park (W003520285) ----- RSA
2. Anderson adv. City of Bayonne (W001069060) ----- RSA
3. Anderson adv. City of Bayonne (W001241030) ----- RSA
4. Yarussi adv. Township of Maplewood (W003598771) ----- RSA
5. Mora adv. City of Union City (W004075031) ----- RSA
6. Castner adv. Warren County (W003973611) ----- RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

7. Love adv. City of Asbury Park (W002720124) ----- Recovery
8. Buda adv. City of Union City (W004198631) ----- Pending Matter
9. Hermosa adv. City of Union City (W004261061) ----- Pending Matter
10. Rodriguez adv. City of Union City (W004032192) ----- Pending Matter

Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters

Case Update Reports or Requests for Settlement Authority (RSA):

11. Best, Estate of v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2098 / L003298578) ----- RSA
12. Greenhow v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#1905 / L002762672) ----- Case Closure
13. Hagans v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2115 / L003331519) ----- Case Closure
14. Salcedo v City of Union City (OGC#2072 / L003100798) ----- Case Closure
15. Brummel v. Township of Wayne (#2034 / L003015056) ----- Case Closure

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

16. Del Signore v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2643 / L004379238)
17. Pettibone Paradise LLC v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2642 / L004450653)
18. Warraich v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2649 / L004453658)
19. Burns v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2653 / L004462438)
20. Najera & Smith v. Township of Maplewood (OGC#2646 / L004394152)
21. PRO CAP 8 v. Parsippany-Troy Hills (OGC#2652 / L004455674)

22. Picillo v. Borough of Roseland (OGC#2645 / L004449523)
23. Sierchio v. Borough of Roseland (OGC#2648 / L004182737)
24. 4409 Palisade Ave. LLC v. City of Union City (OGC#2644 / L004452754)
25. Flores, Joselina v. City of Union City (OGC#2640 / L004228919)
26. Hernandez v. City of Union City (OGC#2641 / L004450395)
27. Jones, Claire v. City of Union City (OGC#2651 / L003973097)
28. Pica adv. Borough of Wanaque (OGC#2655 / TBA)
29. Gerhold v. Warren County (OGC#2647 / L004259346)
30. Battershill v. Township of Wayne (OGC#2639 / L004445933)
31. Donald v. Township of Wayne (OGC#2650 / L004441382)