



**NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
INSURANCE FUND**

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

**Meeting via Zoom Video Conference
10:00am - Open Session
Closed Session Immediately Following**

Agenda

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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 – January 28, 2026
 - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – January 28, 2026
3. Correspondence
4. Finance Report- (Robert Calise)
5. Chairman’s Report
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Nominating (McNamara)
 - b. By-Laws (Lazorisak)
 - c. Legislative (Carroll)
 - d. Coverage (Konopada)
 - e. Professionals/Management Oversight (Tucci)
 - f. Budget/Finance (McNamara)

- g. Safety/Risk Management (Lazorisak)
 - h. New Member & Development (Chumacas)
7. Risk Manager's Report (Justin Gallo, Polaris Galaxy)
 8. Director of Marketing Report (Al Barlas)
 9. Loss Control Consultant's Report (Bill Baskay, PMA)
 10. TPA Report (Jennifer Signs, PMA)
 - Motion to approve all Professionals' Reports
 11. Bill List (Robert Calise)
 - Motion to approve Bill List
 12. Old Business
 13. New Business
 14. 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 NJIF 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)
15. *Closed Session – (Eric Nemeth, Esq., Eric J. Nemeth, PC) – Closed Session Matters*
 - Motion to approve minutes of Closed Session from January 28, 2026 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.

16. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn.



The Executive Board

MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting of January 28, 2026



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

January 28, 2026

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 10:02 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)

Secretary: Heather McNamara (Wayne Township)

Tom Carroll (Borough of Wanaque)

Maureen Chumacas (Borough of Roseland)

Beverly Konopada (Borough of Mantoloking)

Walter Laurencio (City of Union City)

Alex Lazorisak (Warren County)

Executive Board Alternates, Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates

Anthony DeZenzo (Township of Bloomfield)

Anahita Feltz (Township of Old Bridge)

Cathy Finkler (Township of Bloomfield)

Russ Jones (Township of Livingston)

Michael Kraus (Township of Verona)*

Hector Olmo (Borough of Paramus)

Kevin O'Sullivan (Township of Verona)*

Alex Palumbo (Borough of Caldwell)

Alysa Sauchelli (Township of Bloomfield)

Patrick Wherry (Township of Maplewood)

Joe Zichelli, Esq. (Township of Cedar Grove)**

NJIIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

Al Barlas (Director of Marketing/Co-Administrator)

Bill Baskay (PMA Safety & Loss Control)

Alex Best (Fairview Insurance)

Robert Calise (CMFO)

Danielle Christiano (Township of Bloomfield)
 Nancy DiMartino (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C./Recording Secretary)
 Patti Fahy (Acrisure)Justin Gallo (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)
 Katelyn Gamba, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
 Carol Karp (Acrisure)
 Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
 Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant)
 Steven Martino (Township of Bloomfield)
 John Matthews (PMA Safety & Loss Control)**
 Matt McArrow (GJEM-Otterstedt Agency)
 Spiro Molfetas (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)
 Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
 Amy Pieroni (Acrisure)*
 Peter Soriero (SIP)
 Jennifer Signs (PMA TPA)
 Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)

**Joined the meeting after Roll Call*

***Only participated in Closed Session*

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of December 30, 2025. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's December 30, 2025 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of December 31, 2025. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Carroll, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's December 31, 2025 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Reorganization Meeting of January 7, 2026. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by McNamara, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's January 7, 2026 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

5. Correspondence: GC/Co-Administrator Nemeth reported that he received an email from DOBI regarding the status of the 12/31/24 Audit Report, and further, that he advised DOBI that the report was scheduled for approval at the NJIIF’s Executive Board Meeting scheduled for 1/28/26.
6. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the NJIIF financials through December 31, 2025, 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.
7. Chairman’s Report: Chairman Tucci expressed his appreciation to all NJIIF Committees for their work in December and January and announced the 2026 Committee assignments as follows:

<p><u>Budget</u> Heather McNamara – Chairperson Thomas Tucci Thomas Carroll Robert Calise – Advisor Michael Kronyak – Advisor</p>	<p><u>By-Laws</u> Alex Lazorisak– Chairperson Maureen Chumacas Pat Wherry</p>
<p><u>Coverage</u> Beverly Konopada – Chairperson Alex Lazorisak Walter Laurencio</p>	<p><u>Legislative</u> Thomas Carroll - Chairperson Anahita Feltz Joe Wassel Al Barlas - Advisor</p>
<p><u>New Member Development</u> Maureen Chumacas – Chairperson Thomas Carroll Alex Palumbo Al Barlas – Advisor</p>	<p><u>Nominating</u> Heather McNamara – Chairperson Walter Laurencio Beverly Konopada</p>
<p><u>Professional/Management Oversight</u> Thomas Tucci – Chairperson Walter Laurencio Denise Callery</p>	<p><u>Safety</u> Alex Lazorisak – Chairperson Joseph Zichelli Kevin O’Sullivan Bill Baskay - Advisor</p>

Chairman Tucci further acknowledged the reported shortage of rock salt during the January 25th snowstorm and underscored the importance of municipalities maintaining an adequate supply.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Nominating Committee (Chair Heather McNamara) No report.
- b. By-Law Committee (Chair Alex Lazorisak) No report.
- c. Legislative Committee (Chair Thomas Carroll). Commissioner Carroll reported that Governor Murphy recently signed new legislation instituting new regulations regarding E-bikes. Carroll and Co-Administrator Barlas prepared a summary which will be circulated to the Members.
- d. Coverage Committee (Chair Beverley Konopada) –See Agenda Item 17, Closed Session, below.
- e. Professionals Committee (Chair Thomas Tucci). Following a brief summary of same by Co-Administrator Nemeth, Chairman Tucci introduced Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-014, Appointment of Additional Panel Defense Counsel for Multi-Line Matters for 2026. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by McNamara, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-014, Appointment of Additional Panel Defense Counsel for Multi-Line Matters for 2026.

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

- f. Budget/Finance Committee (Chair McNamara). Commissioner McNamara introduced Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-017: Acceptance of the December 31, 2024 Audit Report. Financial Consultant Kronyak provided an overview of the report, noting that the NJIIF continues to improve its financial condition. It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Carroll, to approve Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-017: Acceptance of the December 31, 2024 Audit Report.

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

- g. Safety/Risk Management Committee (Chair Alex Lazorisak). No report.
 - h. Member & Development Committee (Chair Maureen Chumacas). No Report.
9. Risk Manager’s Report (Polaris Galaxy). RM/ Co-Administrator J. Gallo advised that almost all Members have received the 1st installment invoice for their 2026 assessments.

Gallo also noted that the 2026 policies will be distributed via a secure link to all Members. Additionally, Gallo noted that the Cbiz property appraisals for 2026 have begun.

10. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). Barlas advised that with the change in excess carriers for 2026, new vendors are being sought for the NJIIF’s web-based training programs.
11. Loss Control Consultant Report (PMA/W. Baskay). Baskay reported conducting in-person visits with 11 members since PMA’s last report. Baskay also announced that the January edition of The Safety Seen newsletter has been circulated. He also reminded Members that PMA provides support for OSHA submittals as well as PEOSH written programs.
12. TPA Report (J. Signs/PMA TPA). J. Signs advised that the data for the Executive Summary was not yet available, but noted that based upon that data, the NJIIF achieved a 78% timely reporting within three (3) days, which is the highest percentage over the past 7 years. Signs then provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 1/1/26. Further, Signs reported that no new COVID claims have been received since 2023, and reported that out of 110 related claim petitions, only 22 remain open.

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

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

13. Bill List. CFO Calise reported that the January Bill List is higher than usual due to the payment of 2026 insurance premiums. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Lazorisak, to approve the January Bill List as presented.

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

14. Old Business – None.
15. New Business – GC/Co-Administrator Nemeth reported that the City of Bayonne experienced a cyber-attack, which is being handled and investigated by the NJIIF’s cyber carrier.
16. Public Comment. Chairman Tucci opened the Public Comment Section of the Meeting.

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

17. Closed Session. It was moved Laurencio, seconded by McNamara, that the Board move into Closed Session to consider the matters listed on the Closed Session Matters agenda.

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



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

January 28, 2026

Call to Order: Closed Session of the January 28, 2026 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:36 a.m. via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference.

Minutes of Closed Session: December 30, 2025. It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Carroll that the Minutes of Closed Session of the NJIIF’s meeting of December 30, 2025 be accepted as presented.

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

It was moved by Konopada, seconded by McNamara, that the WC and ML Claims recommendations and General Counsel's Report for the matters listed on the Closed Session Matters agenda be accepted as presented.

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

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

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

Executive Board Returns to Open Session via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference at 11:14 a.m.

It was moved by Carroll, seconded by McNamara, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the January 28, 2026 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, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak
Nay: None
Abstain: None

1. Adjournment - There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by McNamara, seconded by Lazorisak, to adjourn the January 28, 2026 Executive Board Meeting.

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

The NJIIF's January 28, 2026 Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.



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The Executive Board

***CLOSED SESSION MATTERS
FEBRUARY 25, 2026***



Closed Session Agenda

For the February 25, 2026 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. McCoy adv. City of Asbury Park (W004098817)----- RSA
2. Salama adv. City of Bayonne (W003670676)----- RSA
3. Candurra adv. Township of Old Bridge (W004381213) ----- RSA
4. Ortiz adv. City of Union City (W004551315) ----- RSA
5. Velasquez adv. City of Union City (W004217227)----- RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1. Fox adv. Township of Wayne (W003784148)----- Recovery
2. Rodriguez adv. City of Union City (W003774807)----- Case Update
3. Champouillon adv. City of Asbury Park (W004261183)----- Case Update

Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters

Property Damage Payment Requests

1. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (L004995814; DOL: 7/25/25)----- \$95,000
2. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (L00485664; DOL: 4/29/25) ----- \$95,000
3. Township of Wayne (L004944708; DOL: 12/17/25)----- \$63,519.09

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

1. Brown v. City of Bayonne (OGC #2270 / PMA Claim# L002968395)----- Case Closure
2. Landi v. City of Bayonne (OGC #2298 / PMA Claim# L003793468) ----- RSA
3. Smith v. Borough of Roseland (OGC #2438 / PMA Claim# L003986556)----- RSA
4. Nin-Cuello v. City of Union City (OGC#2405 / PMA Claim# L003444525) ----- Case Closure
5. Vicioso, Estate of v. City of Union City (OGC#2265 PMA Claim# L003709440) ----- Case Closure
6. Livingston v. Warren County(OGC#2087 / PMA Claim# L003149211)----- Case Closure
7. Happle v. Township of Wayne (OAGC#2361 / PMA Claim# L003793733)----- Case Closure

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

1. Ford v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2804 / PMA Claim# L005060544)
2. Gerena v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2812 / PMA Claim# L005067709)



3. Rafla v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2813 / PMA Claim# L004362029)
4. Corona v. Town of Dover
5. Gussman v. Township of Livingston
6. Wagner v. Township of Livingston (OGC# 2814 / PMA Claim# TBA)
7. Barnes v. Borough of Milltown (OGC# 2803 / PMA Claim# L005054443)
8. Smith-Johnson v. Town of Morristown
9. Global Business LLC v. Township of Old Bridge (OGC# 2809 / PMA Claim# L005070404)
10. McConnell v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (OGC# 2816 / PMA Claim# L005065211)
11. Pilinci v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (OGC# 2807 / PMA Claim# L005065197)
12. Weiss v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (OGC# 2808 / PMA Claim# L005065218)
13. Murphy v. Borough of Roseland (OGC# 2815 / PMA Claim# L004289767)
14. Ocasio v. City of Union City (OGC# 2811 / PMA Claim# L004571310)
15. RANIBA LLC v. City of Union City (OGC# 2810 / PMA Claim# TBA)
16. Salazar v. City of Union City (OGC# 2813 / PMA Claim# L004285302)
17. Torres v. City of Union City (OGC# 2796 / PMA Claim# L005061443)
18. Kester v. Township of Verona (OGC# 2817 / PMA Claim# L005070788)
19. Marino v. Township of Wayne (OGC# 2818 / PMA Claim# L004323513)