



**NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
INSURANCE FUND**

Wednesday, March 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 – February 25, 2026
 - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – February 25, 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)

- Introduction and Motion to adopt Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-016, Appointment of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP as Panel Defense Counsel for 2026.
 - f. Budget/Finance (McNamara)
 - Introduction and Motion to adopt First Amended 2026 NJIIF Budget
 - Introduction and Motion to adopt Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-017, Amendment to NJIIF Professionals Compensation for 2026
 - 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 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)

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

- Motion to approve minutes of Closed Session from February 25, 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 February 25, 2026



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

February 25, 2026

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 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)

Secretary: Heather McNamara (Wayne Township)

Maureen Chumacas (Borough of Roseland)

Beverley Konopada (Borough of Mantoloking)

Walter Laurencio (City of Union City)

Alex Lazorisak (Warren County)

Executive Board Alternates, Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates

Jillian Barrick (Town of Morristown)

Kathy Boffa (Township of Livingston)

Anahita Feltz (Township of Old Bridge)

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)**

Sam Yodice (Borough of Woodland Park)**

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

NJIIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

Ezio Altamura (GJEM- Otterstedt Agency)

Al Barlas (Director of Marketing/Co-Administrator)

David Balken (Balken Risk)

Bill Baskay (PMA Safety & Loss Control)

Lou Beckerman (Acrisure)
 Robert Calise (CMFO)
 Nancy DiMartino (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C/Recording Secretary)
 Patti Fahy (Acrisure)Justin Gallo (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)
 Justin Gallo (Polaris Galaxy/Risk Manager)
 Carol Karp (Acrisure)
 Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
 Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant)
 Angelo Lobosco (Lobosco Insurance Group)
 John Matthews (PMA Safety & Loss Control)
 Spiro Molfetas (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)
 Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
 Amy Pieroni (Acrisure)
 Joe Razzano (Fairview Insurance)Jennifer Signs (PMA TPA)
 Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)
 Cindy Villagran (Acrisure)
 Karen Waters (IMAC Insurance)
 Stephanie Wehrman (PMA TPA)
 Jack Zisa (Regional Risk Managers)

***Joined the meeting after Roll Call*

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of January 28, 2026. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by McNamara, that the Minutes of the NJIIF’s January 28, 2026 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

3. Correspondence: None.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the NJIIF financials through February 18, 2026, 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. Finally, Calise reported that most members have paid their initial assessment installments, and that the majority now remit payment via ACH or wire transfer, with only a few continuing to pay by check.
5. Chairman’s Report: Chairman Tucci commented on the recent snowstorm and emphasized that while clearing the snow is important, it is equally important to have safety protocols in place to protect our first responders and DPW personnel.
6. 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). No report.
- d. Coverage Committee (Chair Beverley Konopada) –See Agenda Item 15, Closed Session, below.
- e. Professionals Committee (Chair Thomas Tucci). Following a brief summary of same by Director of Marketing Barlas, Chairman Tucci introduced Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-015, Appointment of HSI, Inc. as Web-Based Training Provider, It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Lazorisak, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-015, Appointment of HSI, Inc. as Web-Based Training Provider.

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

- f. Budget/Finance Committee (Chair: McNamara). No report.
 - 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). RM/ Co-Administrator J. Gallo reported that his office is currently underway with the cyber and property renewals. Gallo also requested that Risk Managers submit their executed RMC agreements. Finally, Gallo noted that the NJIIF cyber training program has been highly successful and recommended that members who have not yet started the training contact his office.
 8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). Barlas reported that seven NJIIF members are up for renewal this year and that, to date, 10 prospective new members have been identified for consideration.
 9. Loss Control Consultant Report (PMA/W. Baskay). Baskay reported that in-person training sessions were canceled due to the recent snowstorm and that his office is in the process of rescheduling those sessions. Additionally, he advised that a section has been added to the monthly *Safety Seen* newsletter encouraging members to submit safety successes and other safety-related information for inclusion. Mr. Baskay further noted that March is National Ladder Safety Month and that his office is available to assist with ladder training, as required by PEOSH. Finally, he announced that PMA will host a webinar on December 10 titled “Law Enforcement Response to Fire Emergencies.”
 10. TPA Report (J. Signs/PMA TPA). J. Signs provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 2/1/26. It was reported that to-date, several Members have no reported claims for 2026, and that for those claims filed so far in 2026, the NJIIF achieved a 79%

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 2/1/26. Further, Signs reported that no new COVID claims have been received since 2023, and reported that out of 110 related claim petitions, only 21 remain open.

It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Chumacas, to approve all Professionals' Reports.

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

11. Bill List. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Lazorisak, to approve the February Bill List as presented.

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

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – Chairman Tucci announced that Commissioner Walter Laurencio was recently promoted to Chief of the Union City Police Department and extended his congratulations. He further noted that Chief Laurencio has been a pivotal member of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund Executive Board and an outstanding colleague.

14. Public Comment. Chairman Tucci opened the Public Comment Section of the Meeting.

Ezio Altamura (GJEM-Otterstedt Agency) publicly congratulated Commissioner Laurencio on his promotion to Chief of Police for Union City. Additionally, in response to Altamura's inquiry regarding the new web-based training contractor, Director of Marketing Barlas advised that he expects the training program to be fully operational by the second week of March, and that he will be circulating a course catalog to all members.

Chairman Tucci closed the Public Comment period.

15. Closed Session. It was moved Konopada, 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, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None



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

February 25, 2026

Call to Order: Closed Session of the February 25, 2026 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:26 a.m. via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference.

Minutes of Closed Session: January 28, 2026. It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Lazorisak that the Minutes of Closed Session of the NJIIF’s meeting of January 28, 2026 be accepted as presented.

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

It was moved by Lazorisak, 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, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak
Nay: None
Abstain: None

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

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

Executive Board Returns to Open Session via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference at 11:03 a.m.

It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Lazorisak, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the February 25, 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, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak
Nay: None
Abstain: None

16. Adjournment - There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Konopada, seconded by Laurencio, to adjourn the February 25, 2026 Executive Board Meeting.

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

The NJIIF's February 25, 2026 Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.



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The Executive Board

***CLOSED SESSION MATTERS
MARCH 25, 2026***



Closed Session Agenda

For the March 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. Atienza adv. Township of Maplewood (W004345597) ----- RSA
2. Bellamy adv. City of Union City (W004453964) ----- RSA
3. Canteros Krenz adv. City of Union City (W004410766)----- RSA
4. Rowe adv. Township of Wayne (W004251407)----- RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1. Figueroa adv. City of Union City (W004272991)----- Case Update
2. Hennem adv. Borough of Wanaque (W004509990)----- Case Update
3. Aguilar adv. Borough of Woodland Park (W004472778)----- Case Update

Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters

Property Damage Payment Requests

1. Borough of Hasbrouck Heights (L005024022; DOL: 11/18/25) ----- \$52,513.17

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

1. Morales v. City of Asbury Park (OGC #2717 / PMA Claim# L004613783)----- RSA
2. Morrieson v. City of Bayonne (OGC #2700 / PMA Claim# L004575962) ----- Case Closure
3. Percella v. City of Bayonne (OGC#1281 / PMA Claim# L001223729) ----- Case Closure
4. Cummis v Maplewood (OGC#1687 / PMA Claim# L002154357)----- Case Closure
5. Whitaker v. Township of Maplewood (OGC#2296 / PMA Claim# L003518578) ----- Case Closure
6. Mendez v. Township of Old Bridge (OGC#2414 / PMA Claim# L004013127) ----- Case Closure
7. Mohamed v. Township of Old Bridge (OGC#2412 / PMA Claim# L004013127)----- Case Closure
8. Roshdy v. Township of Old Bridge (OGC#2413 / PMA Claim# L004013127) ----- Case Closure
9. Kordja, Estate of v. Borough of Totowa (OGC #2236 / PMA Claim# L001066224)----- RSA

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

1. Conci v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2820 / PMA Claim# L005081133)
 2. Roesinger v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2821 / PMA Claim# L004580840)
 3. Brewah v. Township of Bridgewater (OGC# 2830 / PMA Claim# L005092536)
 4. Hunt v. Township of Cedar Grove (OGC# 2824 / PMA Claim# L004483307)
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5. Aldrich v. Township of Maplewood (OGC# 2827 / PMA Claim# TBA)
6. Lawson adv. Township of Maplewood (OGC# 2828 / PMA Claim# TBA)
7. O'Brien v. Township of Old Bridge (OGC# 2825 / PMA Claim# L005083982)
8. Zicolelli v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (OGC# 2823 / PMA Claim# L004411684)
9. Beshay v. Borough of Roseland (OGC# 2832 / PMA Claim# L005085979)
10. Rodriguez v. Township of Verona (OGC# 2826 / PMA Claim# L004943771)
11. Diaz v. Borough of Wanaque (OGC# 2822 / PMA Claim# L005082110)
12. Fulper & McVey v. Warren County (OGC# 2831 / PMA Claim# L005092767)
13. Lutz v. Warren County (OGC# 2809 / PMA Claim# TBA)
14. WPB Investors LLC v. Township of Wayne (OGC# 2833 / PMA Claim# L001066224)