



**Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

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

**Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

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

**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 26, 2025
  - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – February 26, 2025
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-2025-018, Appointment of Risk Management Consultant for the NJIIF for 2025.
  - f. Budget/Finance (McNamara)
    - Introduction and Motion to adopt First Amended 2025 NJIIF Budget

- g. Safety/Risk Management (Lazorisak)
- h. New Member & Development (Chumacas)
- 7. Risk Manager's Report (John Serapiglia, Polaris Galaxy)
- 8. Director of Marketing Report (Al Barlas)
- 9. Loss Control Consultant's Report (Tim Weir, 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 26, 2025 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.



NEW JERSEY  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
INSURANCE FUND

*The Executive Board*

---

## ***MINUTES***

Executive Board Meeting of March 26, 2025



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

**February 26, 2025**

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 10:13 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

Denise Callery (City of Asbury Park)  
Jamie Cryan (Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills)\*\*  
Nicole Fox (Morristown Parking Authority)  
Katelyn Haroldson (Township of Mine Hill)  
John B. Hayes (City of Asbury Park)  
Russell Jones (Township of Livingston)\*\*  
Monica Orlando (Borough of Milltown)  
Kevin O'Sullivan (Township of Verona)  
Joe Wassel (Borough of Totowa)  
Patrick Wherry (Township of Maplewood)  
Sam Yodice, Jr. (Borough of Woodland Park)  
Joe Zichelli (Township of Cedar Grove)

NJIIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

Ezio Altamura (GJEM-Otterstedt Agency)  
David Balken (Balken Risk)  
Al Barlas (Director of Marketing/Co-Administrator)  
Lou Beckerman (Acrisure)

Alex Best (Fairview Insurance)  
 Robert Calise (CMFO)  
 Nancy DiMartino (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C./Recording Secretary)  
 Zach Edelman (Fairview Insurance)\*\*  
 Justin Gallo (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)  
 Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.- Office of General Counsel/Co-Administrator)  
 Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant)  
 Angelo Lobosco (Lobosco Insurance Group)  
 Matt McArrow (GJEM-Otterstedt Agency)  
 Trevor Morris (Acrisure)  
 Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)  
 Joe Razzano (Fairview Insurance)  
 Wayne Ring (Brown & Brown)  
 John Serapiglia (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)  
 Jennifer Signs (PMA TPA)  
 Peter Soriero (SIP)  
 Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)\*\*  
 Danielle Voda (Fairview Insurance)  
 Stephanie Wehrman (PMA TPA)  
 Jack Zisa (Regional Risk Managers)

*\*\*Joined the meeting after Roll Call*

Chairman Tucci announced that Commissioner Joseph Wassel (Borough of Totowa) will be serving on the Executive Board for today's meeting in place of Commissioner Lazorisak.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of January 22, 2025. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's January 22, 2025 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

3. Correspondence: None.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the final NJIIF financials through February 20, 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.
5. Chairman's Report: No report.

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). Chairman Tucci introduced Resolution NJIIF-P-2025-016, Appointment of TAA as NJIIF Actuary. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Chumacas, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2025-016, Appointment of TAA as Actuary.

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

Chairman Tucci introduced Resolution NJIIF-P-2025-017, Appointment of Coalition, Inc. as the NJIIF's Cyber Security Consultant for 2025. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2025-017, Appointment of Coalition, Inc. as the NJIIF's Cyber Security Consultant.

Roll Call:	
Aye:	Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Wassel
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). Gallo reported that his office is underway with the Cyber and Property renewals, and that he has received the Cbiz proposals for 2025.
8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). No report.
9. Loss Control Consultant Report (J. Signs for PMA Risk Control Services). Signs reported that PMA provided onsite risk control services for several members in January, concentrating on planning for 2025. Signs further reminded everyone that PMA offers several webinars, which are listed in the latest issue of the Safety Seen newsletter.

10. TPA Report (J. Signs/PMA TPA). Signs provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 2/1/25. It was reported that to-date, several Members have no new claims for 2025, and that for those claims filed so far in 2025, the Members have 100% on-time reporting. Further, Signs reported that no new COVID claims were received in 2024 or 2025 to-date, with 110 related claim petitions filed to date.

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

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

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

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

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – GC/Co-Admin Nemeth reported that the 2023 Safety Award plaques are now available and noted that if any Member would like a formal presentation, contact his office.

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 Carroll, seconded by Konopada, that the Board move into Closed Session.

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



1.



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

**February 26, 2025**

Call to Order: Closed Session of the February 26, 2025 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:40 a.m. via Zoom conference.

Minutes of Closed Session: January 22, 2025. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll that the Minutes of Closed Session of the NJIIF's meeting of January 22, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Roll Call:	
Aye:	Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Wassel
Nay:	None

It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio, that the WC and ML Claims recommendations and General Counsel's Report be accepted as presented with the following amendments: (i) WC claim #W004017805, introduced for settlement authority at the NJIIF's 1/22/25 Ex. Bd. meeting, was re-introduced for purposes of seeking an increase in settlement authority, and (ii) the Closed Session matter list is hereby corrected to indicate that the NJIIF member defendant in the claim by plaintiff Fombon (OGC#2676/PMA #L004501819) is Cedar Grove (not Asbury Park).

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

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

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

**Executive Board Returns to Open Session** via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference at 11:24 a.m.

It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the February 26, 2025 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. Please note that this includes the additional settlement authority granted for the claim petition in Fortunato, Rojas adv. Union City (Claim No.: W004017805).

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

16. Adjournment - There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio, to adjourn the February 26, 2025 Executive Board Meeting.

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

The NJIIF's February 26, 2025 Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.



*The Executive Board*

---

## ***CLOSED SESSION MATTERS***



## Closed Session Motion

### For the March 26, 2025 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. Harris adv. City of Asbury Park (W003524683)-----RSA
2. Andreychak adv. City of Bayonne (W004113532)-----RSA
3. Aquije adv. City of Union City (W003168959)-----RSA
4. Aquije adv. City of Union City (W003905408)-----RSA

##### Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1. Melendez adv. City of Union City (W003388954)-----Recovery
2. Cook adv. Borough of Woodland Park (W003758565)-----Recovery
3. Champouillon adv. City of Asbury Park (W004261183)-----Case Update
4. Ramirez adv. City of Union City (W004348337)-----Case Update

#### **Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters**

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

1. Acerra v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#1741/PMA Claim# L002280407)-----RSA
2. Damaskinos v. City of Asbury Park (OGC #1974/PMA Claim# L002845190) Case Closure
3. Warraich v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2053/PMA Claim # L003048349)---RSA
4. McWilliams v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2137/PMA Claim # L003380348)----Case Closure
5. Squillante v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2196/PMA Claim # L003519058) -----Case Closure
6. Cruz, Ida v. City of Union City (OGC#2169/PMA Claim # L002941122)-----Case Closure
7. Franco adv. City of Union City (OGC#2262/PMA Claim # L002974136)-----Case Closure
8. Patino v. City of Union City (OGC#1813/PMA Claim # L002597749) -----Case Closure
9. Beckmeyer v Township of Verona (OGC#2358/PMA Claim # L003905872)-RSA
10. Hess v. Township of Wayne (OGC#1847 / PMA Claim # L002691495)-----Case Closure

##### Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

11. Loladza v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2689 / PMA Claim# L004012279)
12. Macanka v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2690 / PMA Claim# L003976904)
13. Pena v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2378 / PMA Claim# L003951578)
14. Prospect Ave. Urban Renewal v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2688 / PMA Claim# L004543308)
15. Alston v. Township of Old Bridge (OGC#2687 / PMA Claim# L004331052)

16. Butler v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (*OGC#2692 / PMA Claim# L004405472*)
17. De La Pava v. City of Union City (*OGC#2694 / PMA Claim# L004298278*)
18. Filipowski v. City of Union City (*OGC#2691 / PMA Claim# L004554135*)
19. Darpino v. Township of Wayne (*OGC#2693 / PMA Claim# L004298278*)