



**NEW JERSEY  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
INSURANCE FUND**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

**Meeting via Zoom Video Conference  
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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 – March 25, 2026
  - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – March 25, 2026
3. Correspondence
4. Finance Report- (Robert Calise)
5. Chairman’s Report
  - Introduction and Motion to accept NJDOBI’s 2022 Examination Report
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Nominating (McNamara)
  - b. By-Laws (Lazorisak)
  - c. Legislative (Carroll)
  - d. Coverage (Konopada)

- e. Professionals/Management Oversight (Tucci)
    - Introduction of and Motion to Approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-018, Appointment of Coalition, Inc. as the NJIIF’s Cyber Security Consultant.
  - f. Budget/Finance (McNamara)
  - g. Safety/Risk Management (Lazorisak)
    - Introduction and Motion to adopt Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-018: Safety Incentive Program Awards for 2025
  - 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, LODESTAR)
  10. TPA Report (Jennifer Signs, LODESTAR)
    - 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 March 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*

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## ***MINUTES***

Executive Board Meeting of March 25, 2026



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

**March 25, 2026**

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 10:00 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)

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)

Nicole Fox (Morristown Parking Authority)

Melissa Johnson (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)

Patrick Wherry (Township of Maplewood)

Sam Yodice (Borough of Woodland Park)\*\*

Joe Zichelli, Esq. (Township of Cedar Grove)

NJIIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

Al Barlas (Director of Marketing/Co-Administrator)

Alex Best (Fairview Insurance)

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)  
 Justin Gallo (Polaris Galaxy/Risk Manager)  
 Katelyn Gamba, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)  
 Carol Karp (Acrisure)\*\*  
 Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant)  
 Tisa Martin (Polaris Galaxy/Risk Manager)  
 John Matthews (PMA Safety & Loss Control)  
 Matt McArow ((GJEM-Otterstedt Agency)  
 Spiro Molfetas (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)  
 Mike Murphy (SIP)  
 Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)  
 Joe Razzano (Fairview Insurance)  
 Wayne Ring (Brown & Brown)  
 Jennifer Signs (PMA TPA)  
 Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)  
 Cindy Villagran (Acrisure)  
 Karen Waters (IMAC Insurance)

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of February 25, 2026. It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Lazorisak, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's January 28, 2026 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

3. Correspondence: None.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the NJIIF financials through March 19, 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.
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-2026-016, Appointment of Appointment of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP as Panel Defense Counsel for 2026. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by McNamara, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-016, Appointment of Appointment of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP as Panel Defense Counsel for 2026.

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

- f. Budget/Finance Committee (Chair: McNamara). Chairman McNamara introduced the First Amended 2026 NJIIF Budget. CMFO Calise and Financial Consultant Kronyak provided a brief summary, noting that the amended budget accounts for the addition of five new NJIIF members. It was moved by McNamara, seconded by Konopada, to adopt the First Amended 2026 NJIIF Budget.

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

Chairman Tucci introduced Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-017, Amendment to NJIIF Professionals Compensation for 2026. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Laurencio, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-017, Amendment to NJIIF Professionals Compensation for 2026.

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

- g. Safety/Risk Management Committee (Chair: Alex Lazorisak). Lazorisak noted that during his report, Marketing Director Barlas would go into further detail on the web-based safety training program that will soon be available to all NJIIF members.
- 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 pursuing the cyber and property insurance renewals for 2026-27, and will soon begin the Cbiz property appraisals scheduled for this year.
8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). Barlas reported that he is currently identifying prospective new members for the NJIIF. In addition, Barlas reported that the NJIIF will be rolling out new LMS training modules through the Fund’s new web-based training vendor, HSI. He noted that the training available through HIS is comparable to that previously offered through Safety National. Barlas further stated that his office has reviewed each member’s past training usage and will provide recommendations during the rollout.
9. Loss Control Consultant Report (PMA/W. Baskay). Baskay reported that PMA conducted 14 in-person visits over the past month and advised that the March *Safety Scene* newsletter was circulated. He further noted that March is Ladder Safety Month, with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and Work Zone Safety initiatives upcoming in April. Baskay also reported that a PMA webinar, ‘Law Enforcement Response to Fire Emergencies,’ is scheduled for December 10 at 11:00 a.m.
10. TPA Report (J. Signs/PMA TPA). J. Signs provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 3/1/26. 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 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 3/1/26. Signs further reported that PMA will be changing its company name, and will transition from its current data management system, Cinch, to a new platform, RadiusR. She explained that both systems will run in parallel over the next several weeks. Finally, Signs noted that written instructions, as well as a video tutorial for the new platform, are available on the PMA website, and advised that members experiencing any issues may contact her office for assistance.

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

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

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

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

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – GC/Co-Administrator Nemeth reported that on March 9, 2026, the NJIIF held the first of several RLUIPA training sessions for its member Planning and Zoning Boards. Nemeth noted that attendance at these sessions is mandatory for Members to maintain coverage in the event of a RLUIPA claim against their municipality. DiMartino reported that the March 9 session had 50 attendees and that she received positive feedback from the participants.
  
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 McNamara, that the Board move into Closed Session to consider the matters listed on the Closed Session Matters agenda.

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



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

**March 25, 2026**

Call to Order: Closed Session of the March 25, 2026 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:33 a.m. via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference.

Minutes of Closed Session of the February 25, 2026 meeting. It was moved by Laurencio, seconded by Lazorisak that the Minutes of Closed Session of the NJIIF’s meeting of February 25, 2026 be accepted as presented.

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

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

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

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

**Executive Board Returns to Open Session** via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference at 11:09 a.m.

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

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

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

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



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***CLOSED SESSION MATTERS***  
***APRIL 22, 2026***



**Closed Session Agenda**

**For the April 22, 2026 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund**

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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. Vargas adv. City of Asbury Park (W003834439) -----RSA
2. Smith adv. City of Bayonne (W002920953) -----RSA
3. Iturrino adv. City of Union City (W004258100) -----RSA
4. Schulte adv. Township of Wayne (W001381341) -----RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1. Williams adv. City of Asbury Park (W002719941)-----Recovery
2. Paterek adv. Township of Maplewood (W004491170)-----Case Update
3. Fiorentino adv. City of Asbury Park (W004080494)-----Case Closure

**Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters**

Property Damage Payment Requests

None

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

1. Bazer v. City of Asbury Park (OGC# 2784 / Claim# L004988927)-----RSA
2. Rose, Lance v City of Bayonne (OGC# 2449 / Claim# L003592235) -----RSA
3. DaSilva v. Township of Old Bridge (OGC# 2496 Claim# L003586952)-----Case Closure
4. 4409 Palisade Ave v. City of Union City (OGC #2488 / Claim# L004228908)-----Case Closure
5. Toledo v. City of Union City (OGC #2571 / Claim# L003855881) -----Case Closure
6. Vasquez v. City of Union City (OGC# 2420 / Claim# L003896983) -----RSA
7. Bliss v. Township of Verona (OGC# 2120 / Claim# L002764759)-----Case Closure
8. Happle v. Township of Wayne (OGC# 2360 / Claim# L003905288)-----Case Closure

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

1. Hernandez v. Seman Tov v. City of Asbury Park (OGC# 2846 / Claim# L004501807)
2. Clark v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2839 / Claim# L005119500)
3. ELCO Fisherman's Marina v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2849 / Claim# TBA)
4. Machich v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2840 / Claim# L005120140)
5. Mack v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2838 / Claim# L005119510)
6. U.S./Mathews v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2836 / Claim# L005145011)
7. Gorin v. Township of Cedar Grove (OGC# 2850 / Claim# L004946372)
8. Baker Properties v. Township of Maplewood (OGC# 2837 / PMA Claim# L005094764)
9. Holbritter v. Borough of North Haledon (OGC# 2847 / Claim# L005042542)
10. Cun v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (OGC# 2843 / Claim# L005145023)
11. S&A Developers v. City of Union City (OGC# 2848 / Claim# L005148874)
12. Addesso v. Borough of Wanaque (OGC# 2845 / Claim# L005121470)
13. Mestre v. Warren County (OGC# 2844 / Claim# L004987545)
14. Silvestro-Roca, et al. v. Township of Wayne (OGC# 2841 / Claim# L005120148)