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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 NJIF 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 26, 2025
 - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – March 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)
 - f. Budget/Finance (McNamara)
 - 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 March 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

March 26, 2025

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 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 (Township of Wayne)

Thomas Carroll (Borough of Wanaque)

Maureen Chumacas (Borough of Roseland)**

Beverley Konopada (Borough of Mantoloking)

Alex Lazorisak (Warren County)

Walter Laurencio (City of Union City)

Executive Board Alternates, Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates

Kathy Boffa (Township of Livingston)

Denise Callery (City of Asbury Park)

Nicole Fox (Morristown Parking Authority)**

John B. Hayes (City of Asbury Park)

Kevin O'Sullivan (Township of Verona)**

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)

Alex Best (Fairview Insurance)

Robert Calise (CMFO)

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

Justin Gallo (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)
Tom Hudanish (Lincoln Risk Management)
Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.- Office of General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant)
John Matthews (PMA Loss Control)**
Matt McArrow (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)
Amy Pieroni (Acrisure)
Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)

***Joined the meeting after Roll Call*

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of February 26, 2025. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Konopada, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's February 26, 2025 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

3. Correspondence: None.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the final NJIIF financials through March 26, 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: Chairman Tucci advised that he will create a subcommittee including himself, GC/Co-Admin Nemeth, Marketing Director/Co-Admin Barlas, CFO Bob Calise and Financial Consultant Kronyak to investigate AI tools to assist with the review of panel defense counsel bills.
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-2025-018, Appointment of Risk Management Consultant for the

NJIIF for 2025. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Lazorisak, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2025-018, Appointment of Risk Management Consultant for the NJIIF for 2025.

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

- f. Budget/Finance Committee (Chair McNamara). Secretary McNamara introduced the proposed First Amended 2025 Budget; CFO Calise explained the details of the proposed amendment.
- g. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Konopada, to adopt the First Amended 2025 Budget.

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

- h. Safety/Risk Management Committee (Chair Alex Lazorisak). No Report.
 - i. Member & Development Committee (Chair Maureen Chumacas) No report.
7. Risk Manager's Report (Polaris Galaxy). Gallo reported that his office is in the process of sending out the second installment/May assessment invoices. His office has submitted the 2025-26 Property renewal, and the Members are in the process of completing applications for the Cyber renewal.
 8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). No report.
 9. Loss Control Consultant Report (J. Wilkinson on behalf of PMA Risk Control Services). Wilkinson advised that the PMA Risk Control report was included with the meeting packet.
 10. TPA Report (J. Wilkinson/PMA TPA). Wilkinson provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 3/1/25. It was reported that to-date, several Members have no new reported claims for 2025, and that for those claims filed so far in 2025, many Members have 100% on-time reporting. Further, Wilkinson 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 Carroll, seconded by Laurencio, to approve all Professionals' Reports.

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

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

Roll Call:	
Aye:	Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak
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 Carroll, that the Board move into Closed Session.

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**

March 26, 2025

Call to Order: Closed Session of the March 26, 2025 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:21 a.m. via Zoom conference.

Minutes of Closed Session: February 26, 2025. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll that the Minutes of Closed Session of the NJIIF's meeting of February 26, 2025 be accepted as presented.

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

It was moved by Laurencio, seconded by Chumacas, that the WC and ML Claims recommendations and General Counsel's Report 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 Laurencio, 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 10:58 a.m.

It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the March 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.

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

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

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

The NJIIF's March 26, 2025 Meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION MATTERS



Closed Session Motion
For the April 23, 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. Gogan adv. City of Asbury Park (W003629675)----- RSA
2. Morrison adv. North Bergen Parking Authority (W003577453)----- RSA
3. Barbarulo adv. Township of Wayne (W004187095) ----- RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1. Barsolona adv. City of Bayonne (W004282884)----- Case Update
2. Rubio adv. City of Bayonne (W004282774)----- Case Update
3. Cepin adv. City of Union City (W004275943)----- Case Update
4. Figueroa adv. City of Union City (W004272991)----- Case Update
5. Cafone adv. Township of Wayne (W004287708)----- Case Update
6. O'Campo adv. Township of Wayne (W004285351)----- Case Update

Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters

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

1. Martinez, G v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2064 / PMA Claim# L003079106) --- Case Closure
2. Mignoli XII v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#1972 / PMA Claim# L002849458) -- Case Closure
3. Perrault v City of Bayonne (OGC#1878 / PMA Claim# L002737140) ----- Case Closure
4. Barzola v City of Union City (OGC#2263 / PMA Claim# L002991766)----- Case Closure
5. Gonzalez v. City of Union City (OGC#2349 / PMA Claim# L003397918) ----- Case Closure
6. Palisade Vista v City of Union City (OGC#2224 / PMA Claim# L003600238) --- Case Closure
7. Poggi v City of Union City (OGC#2171 / PMA Claim# L003419265) ----- Case Closure
8. Micicche v. Township of Verona (OGC#2310 / PMA Claim# L003528430) ----- Case Closure

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

1. Lidestri v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2701 / PMA Claim# L004574551)
 2. Hulings v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2699 / PMA Claim# L004250899)
 3. Martinez v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2698 / PMA Claim# L004084714)
 4. Morrieson v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2700 / PMA Claim# L004575962)
 5. Roszkowski v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2697 / PMA Claim# L004572395)
 6. Aulita v. Township of Cedar Grove (OGC#2695 / PMA Claim# L004564383)
 7. Severino v. Township of Old Bridge (OGC#2696 / PMA Claim# L004569096)
 8. Valencia v. City of Union City (OGC#2702 / PMA Claim# L004019259)
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