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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 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 – April 23, 2025
  - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – April 23, 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*

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## ***MINUTES***

Executive Board Meeting of April 23, 2025



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

**April 23, 2025**

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 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 (Township of Wayne)

Thomas Carroll (Borough of Wanaque)

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

Jamie Cryan (Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills)

Nicole Fox (Morristown Parking Authority)

Russ Jones (Township of Livingston)

Kevin O'Sullivan (Township of Verona)\*\*

Patrick Wherry (Township of Maplewood)

Sam Yodice, Jr. (Borough of Woodland Park)

Joe Zichelli, Esq. (Township of Cedar Grove)

NJ IIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

David Balken (Balken Risk)

Al Barlas (Director of Marketing/Co-Administrator)

Lou Beckerman (Acrisure)

Alex Best (Fairview Insurance)

Robert Calise (CMFO)

Dominick Cinelli (Brown & Brown)

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

Patricia Fahey (Acrisure)

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)  
John Matthews (PMA Safety & Loss Control)  
Matt McArrow (GJEM-Otterstedt Agency)  
Mike Murphy (SIP)  
Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)  
Amy Pieroni (Acrisure)  
Jennifer Signs (PMA TPA)  
Peter Soriero (SIP)  
Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)  
Stephanie Wehrman (PMA TPA)  
Tim Weir (PMA Safety & Loss Control)

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

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

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

3. Correspondence: None.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the final NJIIF financials through April 17, 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: None.
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). No Report.
  - f. Budget/Finance Committee (Chair McNamara). No Report.

- g. Safety/Risk Management Committee (Chair Alex Lazorisak).
- h. Member & Development Committee (Chair Maureen Chumacas) No report.
- 7. Risk Manager's Report (Polaris Galaxy). Following an inquiry from Commissioner Lazorisak, Gallo advised that the NJIIF's excess carriers have general protocols with regarding to use of, and risk management consideration of AI software, however nothing has been formally implemented to-date. Gallo further advised that he is expecting renewal quotes for Property and cyber coverage shortly, and reported that the Cbiz property appraisals for 2025 are nearly complete.
- 8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). Barlas reported that he and J. Gallo had a meeting with several risk managers to identify potential new members .
- 9. Loss Control Consultant Report (PMA/T. Weir). Weir reported that he and J. Matthews had in-person visits with 11 members, focusing on loss reduction. In addition, Weir advised that in addition to providing support for POSH compliance, they are in the process of expanding the online training offered by Safety National, as well as offering free webinars through PMA. Weir advised that there is an upcoming webinar on May 15<sup>th</sup> for those members that have vehicle maintenance garages and encouraged those members to attend the webinar.
- 10. TPA Report (J. Signs/PMA TPA). Signs provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 4/1/25. It was reported that to-date, several Members have no reported claims for 2025, and that for those claims filed so far in 2025, many Members have 100% on-time reporting. Further, Signs reported that no new COVID claims were received in 2024 or 2025, with 110 related claim petitions filed to date.

It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio, to approve all Professionals' Reports.

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

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

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| 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 McNamara, that the Board move into Closed Session.

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| 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**

**April 23, 2025**

Call to Order: Closed Session of the April 23, 2025 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:26 a.m. via Zoom conference.

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

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

*Commissioner Carroll left the meeting at 10:45.*

It was moved by Chumacas, seconded by Laurencio, that the WC and ML Claims recommendations and General Counsel's Report be accepted as presented.

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

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

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| 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 10:58 a.m.

It was moved by Laurencio, seconded by Chumacas, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the April 23, 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.

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| 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 April 23, 2025 Executive Board Meeting.

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

The NJIIF's April 23, 2025 Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

## ***CLOSED SESSION MATTERS***



## Closed Session Motion

### For the May 28, 2025 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. Giuffi adv. City of Asbury Park (W003953934) ----- RSA
2. Knapper adv. City of Asbury Park (W001069616) ----- RSA
3. Lawson adv. City of Asbury Park (W003856490) ----- RSA
4. Cronin adv. Township of Old Bridge (W003332686) ----- RSA
5. Cupo adv. Borough of Teterboro (W004269265) ----- RSA

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

1. Barbarulo adv. Township of Wayne (W004187095) ----- Recovery
2. Cafone adv. Township of Wayne (W004287708) ----- Recovery
3. Huncken adv. City of Bayonne (W004282774) ----- Case Update
4. Hand adv. City of Asbury Park (W004010615) ----- Case Closure

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

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

1. Banks Investigation -- City of Asbury Park (#2259 / PMA# L003699237) -----Case Closure
2. Thorpe v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2366 / PMA# L003931880) -----Case Closure
3. Warraich v City of Asbury Park (OGC#2053 / PMA# L003048349) -----Case Update
4. McCray v. Borough of Roseland (OGC#2277 / PMA# L003171365) -----Case Closure
5. 814 15th St. LLC v. City of Union City (OGC#2101 / PMA#L003306354) -----Case Closure
6. Khorozian v. City of Union City (OGC#2219 / PMA# L003523950) -----Case Closure
7. Strumulo v. Township of Wayne (OGC#1337 / PMA# L001333017) -----Case Closure

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

1. Trystone Capital Assets v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2711 / PMA# L004587965)
2. Herman v. Township of Bridgewater (OGC#2708 / PMA# L004586207)
3. Fischetta v. Borough of Hasbrouck Heights (OGC#2705 / PMA# L004582818)
4. AGP & Sons, Inc. v. Township of Maplewood (OGC#2709 / PMA# L004585641)
5. Sidiropoulos v. Parsippany (OGC#2704 / PMA# L004580784)
6. Araujo v. City of Union City (OGC#2703 / PMA# L004581286)
7. Caputo v. City of Union City (OGC#2706 / PMA# TBA)
8. Jacobsen v. Township of Verona (OGC#2710 / PMA# L004251461)
9. Cohen v. Borough of Wanaque (OGC#2707 / PMA# L004587104)