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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 May 28, 2025
 - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting May 28, 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)
 - Motion to approve Resolution NJIIF-O-2025-020, Renewal of Property/Cyber/Boiler & Machinery Liability Coverages 7/1/25 through 6/30/26
 - 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 May 28, 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.





The Executive Board

MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting of May 28, 2025





THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

May 28, 2025

<u>Call to Order</u>: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, May 28, 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.

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: Chairman Tucci opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. <u>Roll Call</u>:

Executive Board Members <u>Chairman</u>: 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) Alex Lazorisak (Warren County)

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)** 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)

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) Kathy Boffa (Township of Livingston) Alex Best (Fairview Insurance)** Nancy DiMartino (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C/Recording Secretary) Justin Gallo (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager) Carol Karp (Acrisure) Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.- Office of General Counsel/Co-Administrator)



Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant) John Matthews (PMA Safety & Loss Control) Matt McArrow (GJEM-Otterstedt Agency)** Spiro J. Molfetas (Polaris Galaxy/Risk Manager)** Mike Murphy (SIP) Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator) Amy Pieroni (Acrisure)** Wayne Ring (Brown & Brown) Jennifer Signs (PMA TPA) Peter Soriero (SIP) Cindy Villagran (Acrisure) Stephanie Wehrman (PMA TPA) Tim Weir (PMA Safety & Loss Control)

**Joined the meeting after Roll Call

2. <u>Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of April 23, 2025.</u> It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's April 23, 2025 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

- 3. <u>Correspondence</u>: None.
- 4. <u>Finance Report</u>: (Status presented following Closed Session; see below).
- 5. <u>Chairman's Report</u>: Chairman Tucci commented on the recent youth violence that erupted over Memorial Day Weekend at Seaside Heights and other New Jersey shore towns.
- 6. <u>Committee Reports</u>
 - a. <u>Nominating Committee</u> (Chair Heather McNamara) No Report.
 - b. <u>By-Law Committee</u> (Chair Alex Lazorisak) No Report.
 - c. <u>Legislative Committee</u> (Chair Thomas Carroll). No report.
 - d. <u>Coverage Committee (Chair Beverley Konopada)</u> –See Agenda Item 15, Closed Session, below.
 - e. <u>Professionals Committee</u> (Chair Thomas Tucci). No Report.
 - f. Budget/Finance Committee (Chair McNamara). No Report.
 - g. Safety/Risk Management Committee (Chair Alex Lazorisak). No Report



- h. <u>Member & Development Committee</u> (Chair Maureen Chumacas) No report.
- 7. <u>Risk Manager's Report</u> (Polaris Galaxy). J. Gallo advised that the he expects the renewal quotes for Property and Cyber Liability coverage in the next few weeks, and that his office has received the completed reports for Phase 3 of the Cbiz property appraisals for 2025.
- 8. <u>Director of Marketing Report</u> (Barlas). Barlas reported that he will be sending out an email blast to the Members listing training and programs available through Safety National.
- 9. Loss Control Consultant Report (PMA/T. Weir). Weir reported that he and J. Matthews conducted several in-person visits members, focusing on safety control. In addition, Weir advised that his office is providing support for PEOSH compliance. PMA is also offering 2 upcoming programs: Chain Saw Safety and Elevator Rescue and reported that there are limited open spots. Chairman Tucci commented that the Township of Cedar Grove is undergoing heavy equipment operation training and that other NJIIF members might be interested.
- 10. <u>TPA Report</u> (J. Signs/PMA TPA). J. Signs provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 5/1/25. 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 and of those pending COVID claim petitions, at least 10 are close to settling.

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

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

11. <u>Bill List.</u> It was moved by Laurencio, seconded by Konopada to approve the May Bill Lists as presented.

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

- 12. <u>Old Business</u> None.
- 13. <u>New Business</u> 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. <u>Closed Session</u>. It was moved Konopada, seconded by Laurencio, that the Board move into Closed Session.



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





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

May 28, 2025

<u>Call to Order</u>: Closed Session of the May 28, 2025 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:22 a.m. via Zoom conference.

<u>Minutes of Closed Session: April 23, 2025.</u> It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio that the Minutes of Closed Session of the NJIIF's meeting of April 23, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Roll Call:		
Aye:	Tucci, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak	
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.

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

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

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

Executive Board Returns to Open Session via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference at 11:01 a.m.

It was moved by Laurencio, seconded by Chumacas, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the May 28, 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, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None

<u>Financial Report</u> : On behalf of CFO Calise, Chairman Tucci reported that the NJIIF financials through May 14, 2025, including assessments, claims payments and latest investment report, are in the meeting packet. Chairman Tucci advised as to the status of the NJIIF's current cash balance and interest rates on cash investments.

16. <u>Adjournment</u> - There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Carroll, seconded by Konopada, to adjourn the May 28,2025 Executive Board Meeting.

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

The NJIIF's May 28,2025 Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.





The Executive Board

CLOSED SESSION MATTERS





Closed Session Motion

For the June 25, 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. Milosky adv. Borough of Keyport (*W001069498*)------RSA
- 2. Bellamy adv. City of Union City (W004249643) ------RSA
- 3. Galvez adv. City of Union City (W003441311, W003701002, W003569318) ------RSA
- 4. Reardon adv. Township of Wayne (W003802553) ------RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1.	Morrison adv. North Bergen Parking Authority (W003577453)	-Recovery
2.	Walsh adv. Township of Old Bridge (W003584241)	-Recovery
3.	Leon adv. City of Asbury Park (W004323469)	-Case Update
4.	Suarez adv. City of Union City (W004343681)	-Case Update
5.	Griffeth adv. City of Asbury Park (W004394733)	-Case Closure
6.	Downey adv. Township of Verona (W004364855)	-Case Closure

Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters

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

- 1. Best, Estate of v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2098 / PMA Claim# L003298578)--- Case Closure
- 2. A.S v, Borough of Hasbrouck Heights (OGC#2550 / PMA Claim# L004322932) Case Closure
- 3. Andrade v City of Union City (OGC# 2102 / PMA Claim# L003241417)------RSA
- 4. Huerta v. City of Union City (OGC#2408 / PMA Claim# L004012216)------Case Closure
- 5. Parekh v. City of Union City (OGC#2447 / PMA Claim# L004080061) ------Case Closure
- 6. Price v. City of Union City (OGC#1261 / PMA Claim# L001201095)------Case Closure
- 7. Price v. City of Union City (OGC#1365 / PMA Claim# L001399735)------Case Closure
- 8. Ralda v. City of Union City (OGC #1643 / PMA Claim# L002013077)------Case Closure
- 9. Santos v. City of Union City (OGC #2329 / PMA Claim# L003781894) ------Case Closure
- 10. Garthwaite v. Township of Verona (OGC #2247 / PMA Claim# L003437800)------ Case Closure

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

- 1. Morales v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2717 / PMA Claim# TBA)
- 2. Miller v. City of Bayonne (OGC#2712 / PMA Claim# L004289244)
- 3. Kasperski v. Township of Livingston (OGC#2714 / PMA Claim# L004581274)
- 4. First Serve Tennis LLC v. Borough of Roseland (OGC#2716 / PMA Claim# L004543308)
- 5. <u>24 Bergen LLC v. City of Union City</u> (OGC#2713 / PMA Claim# TBA)
- 6. <u>DeRojas adv. City of Union City</u> (OGC#TBA / PMA Claim# TBA)

