



**NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
INSURANCE FUND**

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

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

Agenda and Reports

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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 – May 22, 2024
 - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – May 22, 2024
3. Correspondence
4. Finance Report- (Robert Calise)
5. Chairman’s Report
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Nominating (McNamara)
 - b. By-Laws (Carroll)
 - c. Legislative (Carroll)
 - d. Coverage (Konopada)
 - e. Professionals/Management Oversight (Tucci)
 - Introduction of Resolution NJIIF-P-2024-024, Appointment of Additional Panel Defense Counsel for Multi-Line Matters for 2024 (Bernstein, DePhillips & Kalosieh, LLP)

- Motion to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2024-024, Appointment of Additional Panel Defense Counsel for Multi-Line Matters for 2024 (Bernstein, DePhillips & Kalosieh, LLP)

f. Budget/Finance (McNamara)

- Introduction of Resolution NJIIF-O-2024-020, Renewal of Property/Cyber/Boiler & Machinery Liability Coverages 7/1/24 through 6/30/25
- Motion to approve Resolution NJIIF-O-2024-020, Renewal of Property/Cyber/Boiler & Machinery Liability Coverages 7/1/24 through 6/30/25

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 22, 2024 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



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MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting of May 22, 2024



THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

May 22, 2024

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 10:04 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)
Walter Laurencio (City of Union City)
Alex Lazorisak (Warren County)

Executive Board Alternates, Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates

Sukaina Barlas (Township of Cedar Grove)
James Cryan (Township of Parsippany)
Joseph D'Arco (Township of Verona)
Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq. (City of Asbury Park)
Joe Wassel (Borough of Totowa)
Patrick Wherry (Township of Maplewood)
Sam Yodice (Borough of Woodland Park)

NJIIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

David Balken (Balken Risk)
Al Barlas (Director of Marketing/Co-Administrator)
Lou Beckerman (Acrisure)
Robert Calise (CMFO)
Nancy DiMartino (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C./Recording Secretary)
Patricia Fahy (NAIMC)
Justin Gallo (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)
Katelyn Gamba, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
Angelo Lobosco (Lobosco Insurance Group)
Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant)

Mathew McArow (GEM – Otterstedt Agency)
 Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
 Joseph Razzano (Fairview Insurance)
 John Serapiglia (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)
 Peter Soriero (SIP)
 Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)
 Tim Weir (PMA Risk Control Services)
 Justin Wilkinson (PMA TPA)
 Jack Zisa (Regional Risk Managers)

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of April 24, 2024. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Laurencio, that the Minutes of the NJIIF’s April 24, 2024 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

3. Correspondence: None.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the monthly NJIIF financials through May 14, 2024, 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 investments.
5. Chairman’s Report: No Report.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Nominating Committee (Chair Heather McNamara) No Report.
 - b. By-Law Committee (Chair Thomas Carroll) 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). No report.
 - h. Member & Development Committee (Chair Maureen Chumacas) No Report.

** Commissioner Beverley Konopada (Borough of Mantoloking) joined the meeting at 10:11)

7. Risk Manager’s Report (Polaris Galaxy). J. Gallo reported that quotes for the July 1 property renewal are expected soon, and will be provided at the June meeting. Additionally, Gallo mentioned that Phase II of the CBiz property appraisals are beginning this month.
8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). No Report.
9. Loss Control Consultant Report (T. Wier/ PMA Risk Control Services). T. Weir reported that PMA had in-person contact with eleven Members over the past month, including monthly safety meetings, loss cause focus issues and compliance-based training. Additionally, PMA’s education session for the “Designated Employee Representative” will be held May 23, 2024 in Maplewood. Weir also reminded Members that if they are contacted by PEOSH through email, written communication, or onsite visit, to contact his office for assistance.
10. TPA Report (PMA./J. Wilkinson). J. Wilkinson provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 5/1/24. He reported that total claims reported in 2024 are somewhat higher than the 5 year average, however the total incurred losses for 2024 thus far are well below the 5-year average. Finally, Wilkinson explained that the NJIIF has a total of 419 reported COVID cases with 106 related claim petitions filed to date. No new COVID claims have been received this year.

It was moved by Chumacas, seconded by Lazorisak to approve all Professionals’ Reports.

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

11. Bill List. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll to approve the May Bill List as presented.

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

12. Old Business – GC/Co-Administrator Nemeth reported that Cyber Liability training is rolling out this month for certain Members.
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 by Carroll, 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 22, 2024

Call to Order: Closed Session of the May 22, 2024 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:21 a.m. via Zoom conference.

Minutes of Closed Session: April 24, 2024. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Konopada that the Minutes of Closed Session from the NJIIF’s meeting of April 24, 2024 be accepted as presented.

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

** Secretary Heather McNamara (Township of Wayne) joined the meeting at 10:23 a.m.)

It was moved by Carroll, 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: Each Executive Board Member abstains as to claims against its Member entity.

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

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

It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Laurencio, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the May 22, 2024 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:	Each Executive Board Member abstains as to claims against its Member entity.

1. Adjournment - There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Carroll, seconded by McNamara, to adjourn the May 22, 2024 Executive Board Meeting.

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

The NJIIF's May 22, 2024 Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



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CLOSED SESSION MATTERS



Closed Session Motion

For the June 26, 2024 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. Love adv. City of Asbury Park (W002894525) ----- RSA
2. Jamie adv. City of Union City (W002027847)----- RSA
3. Varcadipane adv. Township of Wayne (W001152115)----- RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1. Carbone adv. Township of Wayne (W001794023) ----- Recovery
2. Hand adv. City of Asbury Park (W004010615)----- Pending Matter
3. Diaz adv. City of Union City (W003778236) ----- Pending Matter

Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters

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

1. Allen, Dante v. City of Asbury Park (OGC #1477) ----- Case Closure
2. Markey v City of Asbury Park (OGC#2288)----- RSA
3. Morton v. City of Asbury Park (OGC#2280) ----- Case Closure
4. Peterson-Daily v City of Asbury Park (OGC #1992) ----- RSA
5. Bansal v. City of Bayonne (OGC #2165)----- Case Closure
6. Ramos v. City of Bayonne (OGC #2168)----- Case Closure
7. Suryawanshi v Township of Maplewood (OGC #1828)----- Case Closure
8. Machado v. City of Union City (OGC #2243) ----- Case Closure
9. Simpson v Town of Verona (OGC#2147) ----- RSA
10. Brown, Alterra v. Township of Wayne (OGC#2240)----- Case Closure

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

1. O'Neal v. City of Asbury Park (2578 / L003796644)
2. Warraich adv. City of Asbury Park (2575 / L004359369)
3. Flores v. Township of Bridgewater (2573 / L004351974)
4. Farran v. Township of Maplewood (2572 / L004269011)
5. Lilich Corporation v. Township of Maplewood (2563 / L004325510)
6. Morrison v. North Bergen Parking Authority/NJIIIF (2475 / L004196416)

7. Diaz v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (2566 / L004330399)
8. 218 NY Ave. LP v. City of Union City Rent Leveling Bd. (2576 / L004359476)
9. Salvador v. City of Union City (2570 / L004350942)
10. Toledo v. City of Union City (2571 / L003855881)
11. T-Mobile v. Borough of Wanaque (2575 / L004360059)
12. Mahmoud v. Borough of Woodland Park (2565 / L004344098)