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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 – June 24, 2026
 - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – June 24, 2026
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)
 - Introduction of and Motion to Approve Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-021
Approval of NJIIF Office Lease Commencement Date Confirmation for 100
Passaic Avenue, Fairfield NJ.
 - g. Safety/Risk Management (Lazorisak)
 - Introduction of and Motion to Approve Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-022
Adoption of Amended 2026 Risk Management Plan
 - 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 June 24, 2026 Executive Board Meeting
- Motion to accept Workers Compensation and Multi-Line claims and payment recommendations, CFO payment of settlements and invoices, 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 June 24, 2026



THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

June 24, 2026

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 10:05 a.m. via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference and in person at the offices of the NJIIF, 100 Passaic Avenue, Suite 100, Fairfield, NJ 07004. 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)**

Tom 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

Jillian Barrick (Town of Morristown)

Cathy Finkler (Township of Bloomfield)

Nicole Fox (Morristown Parking Authority)

Melissa Johnson (Township of Old Bridge)

Russ Jones (Township of Livingston)

Hector Olmo (Borough of Paramus)

Alex Palumbo (Borough of Caldwell)

Alysa Sauchelli (Township of Bloomfield)

Patrick Wherry (Township of Maplewood)

Joe Zichelli, Esq. (Township of Cedar Grove)

NJIIF Professionals, Risk Managers and Others

Ezio Altamura (GJEM-Otterstedt Agency)

Al Barlas (Director of Marketing/Co-Administrator)

David Balken (Balken Risk)

Bill Baskay (Lodestar Safety & Loss Control)

Lou Beckerman (Acrisure)
 Alex Best (Fairview Insurance)
 Robert Calise (CMFO)
 Nancy DiMartino (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C/Recording Secretary)
 Patti Fahy (Acrisure)
 Justin Gallo (Polaris Galaxy/Risk Manager)
 Katelyn A. 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 (Lodestar Safety & Loss Control)
 Spiro Molfetas (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)
 Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
 Joe Razzano (Fairview Insurance)
 Wayne Ring (Brown & Brown)
 Jennifer Signs (Lodestar TPA)
 Karen Waters (Acrisure)

**Joined the meeting after Roll Call*

***Closed Session only*

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of May 27, 2026. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Lazorisak, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's May 27, 2026 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

3. Correspondence: None.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the NJIIF financials through June 19, 2026, including assessments and latest investments are in the meeting packet. Calise advised as to the status of the NJIIF's current cash balance and interest rates on cash investments. Calise further reported that the 2025 Audit is progressing well and provided an update on its status.
5. Chairman's Report: Chairman Tucci noted that summertime brings seasonal employees and it should be stressed to them that they need to follow the same safety protocols as set forth for the regular municipal employees.
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). GC/Co-Admin Nemeth introduced Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-019 which appoints MAD Global Strategy Group as the NJIIF’s website support consultant. In that regard, Chairman Tucci called for a Motion. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Carroll, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-019 Appointment of MAD Global Strategy Group as Website Support Consultant.

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

GC/Co-Admin Nemeth introduced Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-020, Renewal of Property/Cyber/Boiler & Machinery Liability Coverages 7/1/26 through 6/30/27. Risk Manager/ Co-Administrator J. Gallo then provided an overview of the coverages. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Laurencio, to approve Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-020, Renewal of Property/Cyber/Boiler & Machinery Liability Coverages 7/1/26 through 6/30/27. It was further moved by Laurencio, seconded by Carroll, to provide authority to J. Gallo to bind the coverages at the not to exceed sums stated therein.

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

- g. Safety/Risk Management Committee (Chair: Alex Lazorisak). No report.
 - h. Member & Development Committee (Chair: Maureen Chumacas). No Report.
7. Risk Manager’s Report (Polaris Galaxy). RM/Co-Administrator J. Gallo advised that the final assessment installment invoices have been sent to the Members, and that this is the last payment for 2026.
 8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). Barlas reported that he has been in contact with several Members regarding the NJIIF’s 2026 web-based training courses for the purposes of clarifying that the list of courses provided by the NJIIF were suggested resources for

each Member, not requirements. Members are free to access any of the available training courses at their discretion.

9. Loss Control Consultant Report (Lodestar/W. Baskay). Baskay reported that his office conducted several in person visits over the past month, with emphasis focused on compliance-driven training, safety meetings, seasonal workforce preparedness, and targeted technical services addressing higher-risk exposures. He also highlighted workers' compensation trends showing slips, trips and falls, along with overexertion and lifting injuries as leading causes of lost-time claims. Baskay also emphasized the importance of seasonal employee safety orientations, regular safety meetings, member outreach initiatives, and upcoming training opportunities. Finally, Baskay reported that this year's Snow Plow Rodeo would take place on October 9, 2026 in Verona. Chairman Tucci thanked Verona for hosting this event.
10. TPA Report (J. Signs/Lodestar TPA). J. Signs included detailed handouts with her TPA report which included updated Lodestar WC and ML claims team contact information and claims reporting emails. Signs encouraged those in attendance to share the list with those responsible for managing and reporting claims with their governmental unit. Signs provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 6/1/26. It was reported that to-date, several Members have no reported claims for 2026, and that for those claims filed so far in 2026, and overall the NJIIF achieved an 80.77% timely reporting within three (3) days, which is the first time the NJIIF has reached its goal of 80%. Further, Signs reported that no new COVID claims have been received since 2023, and reported that out of 110 related claim petitions, 17 remain open.

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

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

12. Old Business – None.
13. New Business – GC/Co-Admin Nemeth reminded everyone that we do not have a meeting in July, and that the next Board meeting is August 5, 2026.
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 Lazorisak, seconded by Carroll, that the Board move into Closed Session to consider the matters listed on the Closed Session Matters agenda.

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**

June 24, 2026

Call to Order: Closed Session of the June 24, 2026 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:31 a.m. via Zoom (video and telephonic) conference and in person at the offices of the NJIIF, 100 Passaic Avenue, Suite 100, Fairfield, NJ 07004.

Minutes of Closed Session of the May 27, 2026 meeting. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio that the Minutes of Closed Session of the NJIIF's meeting of May 27, 2026 be accepted as presented.

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

It was moved by Laurencio, seconded by Konopada, that the WC and ML Claims recommendations, as well as the CFO's payment of litigation bills and settlements, and General Counsel's Report for the matters listed on the Closed Session Matters agenda, be accepted as presented.

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

It was moved by Carroll, 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 11:16 a.m.

It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the June 24, 2026 Executive Board Meeting, including but not limited to approval of CFO payments of litigation bills and settlements, 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 Carroll, seconded by Laurencio, to adjourn the May 27, 2026 Executive Board Meeting.

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

The NJIIF's June 24, 2026 Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.



NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
INSURANCE FUND

The Executive Board

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

August 5, 2026



Closed Session Agenda

For the August 5, 2026 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund

Following are the matters to be discussed in Closed Session:

Approval of CFO Payments of Litigation Bills and Settlements.

Workers Compensation Fund Claim Matters

1. Connolly adv. Township of Old Bridge (*W003556042*) -----RSA
2. Matlosz adv. Township of Old Bridge (*W003522084*)-----RSA
3. Soto adv. City of Union City (*W004013368* and *W003293111*)-----RSA
4. Suarez adv. City of Union City (*W004343681*) -----RSA
5. Farano Jr. adv. Warren County (*W001993905*) -----RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1. Miller adv. Borough of Roseland (*W004612812*)-----Case Update
2. Barrera adv. City of Union City (*W004578575*) -----Case Update
3. Colon adv. Warren County (*W004567387*)-----Case Update

Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters

Property Damage Payment Requests

1. City of Union City (*L004604458; DOL 4/1/25*)-----\$49,727.22

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

1. Acerra v. City of Asbury Park (*OGC # 1741 / Claim# L002280407*)-----Case Closure
2. Gralewski v. City of Bayonne (*OGC#2328 / Claim# L003842950*)-----Case Closure
3. AADARI v. Borough of Hasbrouck Heights (*OGC #2242 / L003617068*) -----Case Closure
4. Giordano v. Township of Maplewood (*OGC#2271 / Claim# L003579140*) -----Case Closure
5. Kozak v. Township of Maplewood (*OGC#2524 / Claim #L003579140*)-----Case Closure
6. Leyden v Township of Old Bridge (*OGC #2355 / Claim# L003390155*) -----RSA
7. Wronko v. Township of Old Bridge (*OGC# 2362 / Claim# L003907949*) -----Case Closure
8. 1700 Bergenline LLC v. City of Union City (*OGC #2163 / Claim# L003419170*) ---RSA
9. Morales, Blue Jeanz, Inc v. City of Union City (*OGC#2386 / Claim# L003055336*) Case Closure
10. Unique Scaffolding v. City of Union City (*OGC# 2746 / Claim #L004986323*)-----Case Closure
11. Cisneros v. Township of Wayne (*OGC #2210 / Claim# L003572989*) -----Case Closure

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

1. 610 Sewall Ave. Towers LLC v. City of Asbury Park (OGC# 2906 / Claim# L005191661)
2. Durden v. City of Asbury Park (OGC# 2887 / Claim# L005170018)
3. Abdel-Masih v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2897 / Claim# L005151708)
4. DePaula v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2899 / Claim# L005151708)
5. Mena v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2898 / Claim# L005151708)
6. Jean Paul, Perrault v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2885 / Claim# L005168215)
7. Quick v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2896 / Claim# L005151708)
8. Rutkowski v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2895 / Claim# L004567118)
9. Jarrett, Banda, Correa, Wolfson v. Township of Bloomfield (OGC# 2905 / Claim# L005190382)
10. Gardens at Warren LLC v. Township of Bridgewater (OGC# 2899 / Claim# L005191314)
11. Aptimized LLC v. Town of Dover (OGC# 2901 / Claim# L005189484)
12. Pettoni v. Town of Dover (OGC# 2891 / Claim# L005190995)
13. Alonso v. Borough of Hasbrouck Heights (OGC# 2902 / Claim# L003580549)
14. D'Acunti v. Township of Livingston (OGC# 2889 / Claim# L005016304)
15. St. Louis v. Township of Maplewood (OGC# 2894 / Claim# L005188831)
16. Istvan v. Township of Mine Hill (OGC# 2893 / Claim# L005170622)
17. Kahn v. Town of Morristown
18. Desai v. Township of Old Bridge (OGC# 2907 / Claim# L005193046)
19. Aliaj, Hroncich v. Borough of Paramus
20. Aguilar v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (OGC# 2886 / Claim# L005168816)
21. Barth v. Township of Verona (OGC# 2892 / Claim# L004948349)
22. Severinson v. Warren County (OGC# 2888 / Claim# L005023776)