



**NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
INSURANCE FUND**

Wednesday, August 7, 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 – June 26, 2024
 - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – June 26, 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)
 - f. Budget/Finance (McNamara)
 - Retention of actuarial consultant, TAA, Inc.
 - Benecke Economics historic reserve analysis

- 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 June 26, 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 June 26, 2024



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

June 26, 2024

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 10:03 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)

Executive Board Alternates, Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates

Sukaina Barlas (Township of Cedar Grove)

Denise Callery (City of Asbury Park)

Anahita Feltz (Township of Old Bridge)**

James Cryan (Township of Parsippany)

Lillian L. Nazzaro, Esq. (City of Asbury Park)

Patrick Wherry (Township of Maplewood)

Kevin O'Sullivan (Township of Verona)**

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)

Thomas Hudanish (Lincoln Risk Management)Rija Khan, Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-
General Counsel/Co-Administrator)

Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant)
 John Matthews (PMA Risk Control Services)
 Mathew McArow (GEM – Otterstedt Agency)
 Spiro Molfetas (Polaris Galaxy/Risk Manager)
 Trevor Morris (NAIMC)
 Eric J. Nemeth Esq. (Eric J. Nemeth, P.C.-General Counsel/Co-Administrator)
 Amy Pieroni (Acrisure)
 John Serapiglia (Polaris Galax/Risk Manager)
 Jennifer Signs (PMA TPA)
 Peter Soriero (SIP)
 Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)
 Tim Weir (PMA Risk Control Services)
 Justin Wilkinson (PMA TPA)

**Joined the meeting after Roll Call

Chairman Tucci announced that Commissioner Lillian Nazzaro would be serving on the Executive Board at today’s meeting in the absence of Commissioner Laurencio.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of May 22, 2024. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Carroll, that the Minutes of the NJIIF’s May 22, 2024 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

3. Correspondence: GC/Co-Administrator Nemeth reported that while there has been no formal correspondence received during the month, we have received several requests from DOBI in connection with their general audit, which inquiries are being addressed.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the monthly NJIIF financials through June 21, 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 interest rates on cash investments.
5. Chairman’s Report: Chairman Tucci thanked the Finance Committee for all of their hard work on the Property/Cyber renewal.
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). GC/Co-Administrator Nemeth reported on new State regulations regarding lead paint testing for rental properties.

- 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-2024-024: Appointment of the firm of Bernstein, DePhillips & Kalosieh, LLP as panel defense counsel for Multi Line Matters for 2024. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Chumacas, to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2024-024: Appointment of the firm of Bernstein, DePhillips & Kalosieh, LLP as panel defense counsel for Multi Line Matters for 2024.

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

- f. Budget/Finance Committee (Chair McNamara). Risk Manager J. Gallo provided information with regard to quotes obtained for the NJIIF’s retention of coverage for Property/Cyber/Boiler & Machinery Liability for the period 7/1/24 through 6/30/25. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Lazorisak, to approve NJIIF-O-2024-020, Renewal of Property/Cyber/Boiler & Machinery Liability Coverages 7/1/24 through 6/30/25.

Roll Call:	
Aye:	Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, , Lazorisak, Nazzaro
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). J. Gallo reported that the final installment invoices for 2024 will be sent out in July, and that the CBiz property appraisals are underway. J. Gallo also advised that upon renewal of the Property/Cyber/Boiler & Machinery Liability Coverages, he will be amend the NJIIF’s Risk Management Plan.
 8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). Barlas reported that there is a substantial list of potential new members that the NJIIF will be considering.
 9. Loss Control Consultant Report (T. Wier/ PMA Risk Control Services). T. Weir reported that PMA has provided assistance regarding PEOSH inspections and Notices of Orders to Comply received by several members. In addition, PMA held a “Designated Employee Representative” seminar through Dynamic Testing Service on May 23rd in Maplewood with 9 members attending. T. Weir advised that their June Safety Seen newsletter was distributed and focuses on the annual “Firefighter Safety Stand Down”, Slips, Trips and Falls, and hurricane season preparation.

10. TPA Report (PMA./J. Wilkinson). PMA provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 6/1/24. It was reported that total claims 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. Further, the NJIIF has a total of 420 reported COVID cases with 106 related claim petitions filed to date. No new COVID claims have been received this year.

It was moved by Konopada, seconded by McNamara, to approve all Professionals' Reports.

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

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

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

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



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

June 26, 2024

Call to Order: Closed Session of the June 26, 2024 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:29 a.m. via Zoom conference.

Minutes of Closed Session: May 22, 2024. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Konopada that the Minutes of Closed Session from the NJIIF’s meeting of May 22, 2024 be accepted as presented.

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

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

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, Lazorisak, Nazzaro
Nay: None
Abstain: Each Executive Board Member abstains as to claims against its Member entity.

It was moved by Nazzaro, seconded by McNamara, that the Board return to Open Session.

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

It was moved by Nazzaro, seconded by Lazorisak, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the June 26, 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, McNamara, Carroll, Chumacas, Konopada, Lazorisak, Nazzaro
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 Nazzaro, seconded by McNamara, to adjourn the June 26, 2024 Executive Board Meeting.

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

The NJIIF's June 26, 2024 Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.



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CLOSED SESSION MATTERS



Closed Session Motion

For the August 7, 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. Santiago adv. Township of Aberdeen (W002690096) -----RSA
2. Amato adv. City of Bayonne (W002845925)-----RSA
3. Fabbricatore adv. City of Bayonne (W003555870)-----RSA
4. Iturrino adv. City of Union City (W003638752)-----RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1. Matthews adv. City of Asbury Park (W004040658) -----Pending Matter
2. Coelho adv. City of Bayonne (W004028041) -----Pending Matter
3. Cepin adv. City of Union City (W003603109)-----Pending Matter
4. Gutierrez adv. City of Union City (W004042151)-----Pending Matter
5. Savitsky adv. Township of Wayne (W004031017)-----Pending Matter
6. Champouillon adv. City of Asbury Park (W004010590) -----Case Closure

Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters

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

1. Johnson v. City of Asbury Park (#2176) -----Case Closure
2. McKeon v. City of Asbury Park (#1806) -----Case Closure
3. Diaz-Mendez v. City of Bayonne (#2415)-----Case Closure
4. Percella v. City of Bayonne (#1692) -----Case Closure
5. Vega v. Township of Cedar Grove (#2384) -----Case Closure
6. Dowling v. Township of Maplewood (#2473) -----Case Closure
7. Schlueter v. Township of Old Bridge (#1975) -----Case Closure
8. Barzola v City of Union City (#2263) -----RSA
9. Cruz-Medina adv. City of Union City (#2400)-----Case Closure
10. DeMartino v. Warren County (2153)-----Case Closure
11. Krishnamurthy v. Township of Wayne (#2343) -----Case Closure

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

1. Asbury Park DPW Workers (Agostino (#2586); Brown (#2584); Goodwine (#2585); Jones (#2582); and McKnight (#2583)) adv. City of Asbury Park (L004370744)
2. Gibson v. City of Asbury Park (#2590 / L004366894)
3. Lau v. City of Asbury Park (#2592 / L004372907)
4. O'Neill v. City of Asbury Park (#2593 / L004372929)
5. Pagano v. City of Asbury Park (#2596 / L0043676719)
6. Savoia v. City of Asbury Park (#2591 / L004366798)
7. Raid v. City of Bayonne (#2579 / L004293608)
8. Yannotta v. Township of Bridgewater (N/A / L004360296)
9. Crespo v. City of Union City (#2599 / L004383384)
10. Rovito v. City of Union City (#2598 / L004383578)
11. Debro & Jennings v. Township of Verona (#2594 / L003801433)
12. Mladenovic v. Borough of Wanaque (#2589 / L003836167)
13. Graham & Kries v. Warren County (#2595 / L004379357)
14. Pfeiffer v. Warren County (#2588 / L004365336)
15. Hidden Glen v. Township of Wayne (#2597 / L004379227)
16. Arnau adv. Borough of Woodland Park (#2587 / L004376687)