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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 – August 5, 2026
 - Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting – August 5, 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)

- Introduction of and Motion to approve Resolution NJIIF-P-2026-020
Appointment of Additional Panel Defense Counsel for Multi-Line Matters for
2026: DeCotiis Doyle LLP and King, Moench & Collins LLP
- f. Budget/Finance (McNamara)
 - Closure of Fund Operating Years 1991 and 1992.
- g. Safety/Risk Management (Lazorisak)
- 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 August 5, 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.



NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
INSURANCE FUND

The Executive Board

MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting of August 5, 2026



THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

August 5, 2026

Call to Order: A meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 10:01 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)
Tom Carroll (Borough of Wanaque)
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)*
Kathy Boffa (Township of Livingston)
Victoria Dobrusin (Town of Dover)*
Nicole Fox (Morristown Parking Authority)
Russ Jones (Township of Livingston)
Michael Kraus (Township of Verona)
Hector Olmo (Borough of Paramus)
Alex Palumbo (Borough of Caldwell)
Dr. Edward Ramirez (Town of Dover)
Joseph Wassel (Borough of Totowa)
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)
 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)**
 Michael Kronyak (Financial Consultant)
 Tisa Martin (Polaris Galaxy/Risk Manager)
 John Matthews (Lodestar Safety & Loss Control)
 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)
 Scott Stohrer (Lodestar Safety & Loss Control)
 Myra Tufaro (Lincoln Risk Management)
 Karen Waters (Acrisure)

**Joined the meeting after Roll Call*

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of June 24, 2026. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Konopada, that the Minutes of the NJIIF's June 24, 2026 Executive Board Meeting be accepted as presented.

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

3. Correspondence: GC/Co-Administrator Nemeth reported that the NJIIF received an email inquiry from DOBI regarding the status of the 2025 Audit Report as well as a request to schedule a conference call. Nemeth advised that DOBI has been updated on the Audit Reports' status and that a conference call has been scheduled for Friday, August 7.
4. Finance Report: CFO Calise reported that the NJIIF financials through August 3, 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. Additionally, Calise noted that he is in receipt of 50% of assessments to-date.
5. Chairman's Report: Chairman Tucci reminded everyone that the start of the school year is approaching and emphasized the importance of making sure that appropriate safety measures are in place to help protect students, school staff, and the public.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Nominating Committee (Chair: Heather McNamara) No report.

- b. By-Law Committee (Chair: Alex Lazorisak) Committee Chair Lazorisak reported that he is preparing proposed amendments to the NJIIF's bylaws to reflect recent changes in NJ law that will permit governmental entities to fulfill their notice requirements under the Open Public Meetings Act by posting notices on their official websites in lieu of publishing legal notices in local newspapers.
- 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 provided details on Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-021 Approval of NJIIF Office Lease Commencement Date Confirmation for 100 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield NJ, and authorization for Chairman Tucci to executed the authorization setting the commencement date for the lease of May 1, 2026. It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Lazorisak, to approve Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-021 Approval of NJIIF Office Lease Commencement Date Confirmation for 100 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield NJ

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

- g. Safety/Risk Management Committee (Chair: Alex Lazorisak).

GC/Co-Admin Nemeth explained the background for Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-022 Adoption of Amended 2026 Risk Management Plan; J. Gallo provided a synopsis of the recommended Plan updates. It was moved by Lazorisak, seconded by Carroll, to approve Resolution NJIIF-O-2026-022 Adoption of Amended 2026 Risk Management Plan.

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

- h. Member & Development Committee (Chair: Maureen Chumacas). No Report.

- 7. Risk Manager's Report (Polaris Galaxy). RM/Co-Administrator J. Gallo reported that renewal applications have been distributed with a deadline of September 1, as the renewal process for January 1, 2027 is already underway. Gallo also advised that this year's CBIZ reports have been completed and that members are currently being selected to participate in the program for 2027.

8. Director of Marketing Report (Barlas). No report.
9. Loss Control Consultant Report (Lodestar/W. Baskay). B. Baskay reported that they completed 20 in-person service visits across 12 member entities during June and July, focusing on PEOSH compliance, operational safety, and employee training, and noted that things are becoming busier now that the summer is coming to an end. Baskay announced that the annual Snowplow Rodeo will be held on October 9 (rain date October 16) hosted by the Township of Verona, and that they will be providing a December 10 webinar on law enforcement response to fire emergencies involving lithium batteries and electric vehicles.
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 also announced several staffing changes for both the WC and Multi-Line adjusters. Signs then provided an update on aggregate WC claims received through 8/1/26. It was reported that to-date, several Members have no reported claims for 2026, and that for claims filed so far in 2026, the NJIIF has achieved 82.14% timely reporting within three (3) days, which is the first time the NJIIF has surpassed its goal of 80%. Signs also noted that 12 out of those members achieved 85% timely reporting.

Chairman Tucci commented that workers' compensation adjusters should make it standard practice to determine whether a member can provide light-duty work before placing an injured employee out on temporary disability.

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

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

11. Bill List. It was moved by Laurencio, seconded by Carroll, to approve the July and August Bill Lists as presented.

Roll Call:
Aye: Tucci, Carroll, 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 by Lazorisak, seconded by Laurencio, that the Board move into Closed Session to consider the matters listed on the Closed Session Matters agenda.

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



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

August 5, 2026

Call to Order: Closed Session of the August 5, 2026 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund was called to order at 10:25 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 June 24, 2026 meeting. It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Laurencio that the Minutes of Closed Session of the NJIIF's meeting of June 24, 2026 be accepted as presented.

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

It was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll, 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, Carroll, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak
Nay: None
Abstain: None

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

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

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

It was moved by Laurencio, seconded by Carroll, to approve all actions presented in Closed Session of the August 5, 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, Carroll, Konopada, Laurencio, Lazorisak
Nay: None
Abstain: None

16. Adjournment - There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Konopada, seconded by Carroll, to adjourn the August 5, 2026 Executive Board Meeting.

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

The NJIIF's August 5, 2026 Meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.



The Executive Board

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA
September 30, 2026



Closed Session Agenda

For the September 30, 2026 Meeting of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund

Following are the matters to be discussed in Closed Session:

Workers Compensation Fund Claim Matters

1. Amato adv. City of Bayonne (*W003903357*)-----RSA
2. Conti adv. Township of Old Bridge (*W002308870, W002857709 & W003127483*) -RSA
3. Gaston adv. City of Union City (*W003793920*)-----RSA
4. Napolitano adv. Township of Wayne (*W004588496*)-----RSA
5. Pujol adv. City of Union City (*W004102939*)-----RSA
6. Ramirez adv. City of Union City (*W004472040*)-----RSA

Case Update Reports for WC Fund Subrogation/Restitution Claims:

1. Cardona adv. City of Union City (*W003841316*)-----Recovery
2. Bretton adv. City of Union City (*W004618448*)-----Case Closure

Multi-Line Fund Claim Matters

Property Damage Payment Requests

1. City of Bayonne (*L005150308; DOL 4/7/26*)-----\$47,364.38
2. Township of Bloomfield (*L005192363; DOL 7/21/26*)-----\$34,899.43
3. Township of Maplewood (*L005071826; DOL: 2/10/26*)-----\$69,113.79
4. City of Union City (*L005065647; DOL 1/27/26*)-----\$62,750
5. Township of Wayne (*L005193958; DOL 7/29/26*)-----\$176,024.14

Approval of CFO Payments of Litigation Bills and Settlements.

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

1. Vieiro adv City of Asbury Park (*OGC#2495 / Claim# L004232894*)-----Case Closure
2. Cancel v. City of Bayonne (*OGC# 2602 / Claim# L003965462*)-----RSA
3. Matthews v. City of Bayonne (*OGC# 2110 / Claim# L003317098*)-----RSA
4. Burnett Lot 7 v. Township of Maplewood (*OGC# 2007 / Claim# L002886897*)-----Case Closure
5. Egan v. Borough of North Haledon (*OGC# 2796 / Claim# L005067079*)-----Case Closure
6. Pace v. Borough of Totowa (*OGC# 2605 / Claim# L004080516*)-----RSA
7. Beltran v. City of Union City (*OGC# 2106 / Claim# L003172688*)-----Case Closure
8. Trench Technologies v. City of Union City (*OGC# 2721 / Claim# L004623338*) ---Case Closure

Coverage Recommendations for New Claims/Litigation:

1. 610 Sewall Ave v. City of Asbury Park (OGC# 2928 / Claim# L005191661)
2. Harris v. City of Asbury Park (OGC# 2917/ Claim# L005194976)
3. Johnny Mac House of Spirits v. City of Asbury Park (OGC# 2915/ Claim# L005193709)
4. McClaren v. City of Asbury Park (OGC# 2940/ Claim# L05254589)
5. Wright v. City of Asbury Park (OGC# 2926/ Claim# L005247587)
6. Arroyo-Guzman v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2937/ Claim# L005254165)
7. Dugan v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2932/ Claim# L005251476)
8. Healey v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2912/ Claim# L005195583)
9. Li v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2941/ Claim# L004195607)
10. Lioi adv. City of Bayonne (UIM) (OGC# 2939/ Claim# L004339554)
11. Pagan v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2936/ Claim# L005252045)
12. Prontnicki v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2918/ Claim# L005196040)
13. Williams v. City of Bayonne (OGC# 2927/ Claim# L005248457)
14. Bellamy v. Township of Bloomfield (OGC# 2914/ Claim# L005193684)
15. Francois v. Township of Bloomfield (OGC# 2948/ Claim# L005256196)
16. Medina v. Township of Bloomfield (OGC# 2938/ Claim# L005252692)
17. Montour o/b/o J.P. v. Township of Bloomfield (OGC# 2931/ Claim# L005248798)
18. Benson v. Township of Bridgewater (OGC# 2933 / Claim# L005152258)
19. Butsureishvili v. Township of Bridgewater (OGC# 2950 / Claim# L005121162)
20. U.S. Bank v. Township of Bridgewater
21. O'Connor v. Town of Dover (OGC# 2921/ Claim# L005195288)
22. Valenti v. Borough of Hasbrouck Heights (OGC# 2935/ Claim# L005251866)
23. Koroton v. Township of Livingston
24. Holmes v. Township of Maplewood (OGC# 2911/ Claim# L004602948)
25. Coletta v. Borough of North Haledon (OGC# 2910/ Claim# L005193701)
26. Coletta v. Borough of North Haledon (OGC# 2909/ Claim# L005193714)
27. PN v. Borough of Paramus (OGC# 2900/Claim# TBA)
28. Sidhu v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (OGC# 2943/ Claim# L005255811)
29. Simpson v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (OGC# 2942/ Claim# L004379372)
30. Corbishley v. Borough of Roseland (OGC# 2913/ Claim# L005194953)
31. S&S at Roseland v. Borough of Roseland (OGC# 2923/ Claim# L005197550)
32. Dingman v. Borough of Teterboro (OGC# 2929/ Claim# L004985263)
33. Araujo v. City of Union City (OGC# 2924/ Claim# L005197663)
34. Gomez v. City of Union City (OGC# 2919/ Claim# L005158480)
35. Navarro v. City of Union City (OGC# 2916/ Claim# L005194975)
36. Zavala v. City of Union City (OGC# 2947/ Claim# L005040854)
37. Sloginski v. Borough of Wanaque (OGC# 2922/ Claim# L005197501)
38. Garcia v. Township of Wayne (OGC# 2908/ Claim# L004948857)
39. Maguire v. Township of Wayne (OGC# 2934/ Claim# L005253450)