

TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Meeting Number Thirteen Hundred One

The regular meeting of the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 4:30 P.M. at the office of the Authority, 340 West Water Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08753.

The following were present:

Charles S. Valvano, Chairman
Tariq M. Siddiqui, Vice-Chairman
Philip I. Brilliant, Commissioner
Kim A. Pascarella, Commissioner
James Braaten, Commissioner
Katarina Sevastakis, Alt. Commissioner
Sam Ellenbogen, Alt. Commissioner
Bernard Rutkowski, Executive Director/Sec'y.-Treas.
Joseph D. Coronato, General Counsel
Mike Lee, Chief Financial Officer
Greg Myre, Safety & Compliance Officer
Cindy Toye, Human Resources Manager
Christina Diamante, Executive Assistant/Assistant Sec'y

Meeting #1301 was called to order at 4:30 p.m., April 28, 2026 by Chairman Valvano.

Ms. Diamante, Assistant Secretary, reported that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L.1975, c. 231, notice of this meeting was posted in the Asbury Park Press, The Star Ledger, The Press of Atlantic City, filed with the township Clerk's Office, posted on the Township bulletin board and the Authority bulletin board.

Ms. Diamante then called the roll. Mr. Ellenbogen, Ms. Sevastakis, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano were all present.

Minutes of Meetings for Approval

A. Meeting #1300 - March 24, 2026 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Braaten to approve the minutes of Meeting #1300 March 24, 2026 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano and all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Pascarella abstained as he was absent from the March meeting.

B. Ex. Session #1300 - March 24, 2026 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Braaten to approve the minutes of Ex. Session #1300 March 24, 2026 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano and all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Pascarella abstained as he was absent from the March meeting.

Disbursements

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to approve payment of the Operating Expenses listed in the amount of \$3,172,030.43. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella, Mr.

Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Trust Fund for Contracts

None at this time.

Ratification of Monthly Transfer & Investment Resolutions

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to ratify the monthly transfer and investment resolutions. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Financial Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Braaten to enter the financial reports 6A-6F into the record. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.

Finance & Investments: 6G

A motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to reinvest the available funds of \$2,675.21 into the Ocean First Trust Custodial Account. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.

Operating Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Braaten that the operating reports 7A-7G were accepted as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Development Applications-Major Sub Divisions

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to approve the preliminary application for Sub Division #D-747B (Spark Car Wash, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

A motion was made by Mr. Pascarella and seconded by Mr. Braaten to approve the preliminary application for Sub Division #D-1079 (Toms River Township). A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Brilliant voted no.

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to approve the preliminary application for Sub Division #D-1073 (Radiant Partners, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

A motion was made by Mr. Pascarella and seconded by Mr. Braaten to approve the preliminary application for Sub Division #D-1075 (Psalms 91 Property Mgmt., LLC). A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

A motion was made by Mr. Pascarella and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to approve the final application for Sub Division #D-1017A (Silverstone Equity Partners, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Authority Meeting

The next Authority meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Adoption of Resolutions

9A-2 – A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to authorize the QPA to enter the contracts for goods and/or services with certain vendors under State contracts in 2026. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-3 – A motion was made by Mr. Pascarella and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to authorize the QPA to enter the contracts for goods and/or services with certain vendors under County contracts in 2026. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-4 – A motion was made by Mr. Pascarella and seconded by Mr. Braaten to authorize the unanticipated purchase of (1) mulching lawn mower deck. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9B - Unfinished Business

None.

Committee Reports

Legal

General Counsel reported there were a couple lawsuits that were filed and the Authority received copies, but they ended up really being foreclosures on a couple properties and the reason we were sent copies is because the properties mentioned owed the Authority money for sewer taxes.

Personnel

The Personnel Chair stated that last month we posted and interviewed for Line Maintenance Workers, there were three candidates interviewed, Brad Astin, Michael Durante and James Wutzer. A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Braaten to conditionally offer employment to these three individuals, pending background checks and drug screening. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Engineering & Regionalization

The Engineering Chair informed the work is almost complete for Force Main 9, this was the project that dealt with the easement and the Homeowners Association. For Regionalization Committee, Ocean Gate has asked us for a price to clean and TV their whole system, about 9 miles of pipe. The Executive Director will speak to the Rehab Foreman about it; the time it will take to do and its also contingent upon how accessible their manholes are.

Land

The Executive Director updated that we are stalled on the NJNG project in the back lot due to a long-eared bat habitat. We received the 2 storage bins they promised but the project will probably be halted until September. The Executive Director also added that a Hold Harmless agreement we've used in the past was signed with the NJDOT for the test pits they are using for their road widening project. The project is about 10 years out but first they have to do their test pits for design; there will be about 2 or 3 test pits on our back property in the beginning of May.

Fuel

The TR Schools have cut their escrow check and paid the maintenance fee; there will be a meeting with the CFO and B&G Foreman to sit down and 0 out all our fuel accounts back to January. Moving forward, starting in May,

every entity that fills up here will generate a new bill each month. The Chairman thanked the Authority attorney all involved to get the School agreement done.

Finance/Chairman

Chairman Valvano gave a friendly reminder that Financial Disclosures are due by April 30th. He also thanked everyone who has done the MEL training course so far for the \$250 credit to the Authority from our insurance carrier. The Chairman also reiterated there will be negotiations with the foreman union coming up in July.

Public Comments

Seeing no public comments, Chairman Valvano closed the public portion of the meeting.

Correspondence

A letter was received from a resident in Holiday City commending the work done by our Line Maintenance crew, specifically LMO Ed Saverino and the Foreman Bill McDonald.

Resolution to Enter Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Braaten and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.