TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Meeting Number Thirteen Hundred Six

The regular meeting of the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Tuesday, September 22, 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

Bernard Rutkowski, Executive Director/Sec'y.-Treas.

Joseph D. Coronato, General Counsel

Mike Lee, Chief Financial Officer

Christina Diamante, Executive Assistant/Assistant Sec'y

Meeting #1306 was called to order at 4:30 p.m., September 22, 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. Ms. Sevastakis, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all were present. Mr. Ellenbogen was absent.

Minutes of Meetings for Approval

A. Meeting #1305 - August 25, 2026 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to approve the minutes of Meeting #1305 August 25, 2026 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

B. Ex. Session #1305 - August 25, 2026 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Braaten to approve the minutes of Ex. Session #1305 August 25, 2026 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Disbursements

A motion was made by Mr. Pascarella and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to approve payment of the Operating Expenses as listed in the amount of $485,466.60. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Trust Fund for Contracts

A motion was made by Mr. Pascarella and seconded by Mr. Braaten to approve the release from the Trust

Fund for Contracts as listed in the amount of $29,003.63. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Ratification of Monthly Transfer & Investment Resolutions

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

Financial Reports

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

Finance & Investments: 6G

A motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to reinvest the available funds of $2,105.99 into the Ocean First Trust Custodial Account. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.

Operating Reports

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

Development Applications-Major Sub Divisions

There were no applications submitted for approval.

Authority Meeting

The next Authority meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Adoption of Resolutions

9A-2 – A motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to appoint Bernie Rutkowski as the new CJHIF Fund Commissioner. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.

9A-3 – A motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to approve the Draft 5 Year Capital Plan 2027-2032. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.

9B - Unfinished Business

None.

Committee Reports

Legal

General Counsel reported the issue was resolved with the Quick Lock Clamps, the parent company had dissolved and the new company kept going back and forth with the Authority Attorney over legal documents.

Personnel

An Executive Session is needed.

Engineering/Technology/Regionalization

None.

Land

The Parkway Expansion will go out to bid and be accepted in 2027.

Fuel

The migration of data has been completed and we are just waiting for the new units to be installed at the pumps. The oil tanks are still being held up by the removal of SED language in the contracts and re-reviewal.

Finance/Chairman

Chairman Valvano reminded the annual Rate Hearing is coming up at the November meeting. The Finance Committee will be speaking with the User Charge Committee about rates; no decisions have been made yet.

Public Comments

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

Correspondence

None.

Resolution to Enter Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to adopt the resolution to enter Executive Session at 4:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, litigation/potential litigation and/or contractual matters. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.

Public Session Reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

Back in Public Session, a motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to post, list and interview for the Coordinator of Payroll & Benefits. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.

Another motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Valvano to offer, contingent upon background check, DMV and all that's required, two LMW positions to Sean McAllister and Matthew Rumsby. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Valvano, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.

Another motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Braaten to offer the position of Director of Engineering to Patrick Laudisi, within the ranges as published in the job posting and contingent upon background check, and all that's required by the MUA. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Chairman Valvano then thanked everyone who was involved in the process of these three hirings, such as the Personnel and Engineering Committee.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Braaten to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.