# Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority Reorganization Meeting Minutes February 3, 2025

The reorganization meeting of the Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, February 3, 2025, via Zoom Webinar. Board secretary, Bernadette Green called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM, led the pledge of allegiance.

The board secretary acknowledged receipt of Resolution 2025-7 from the township of Willingboro appointing Patricia Lindsay-Harvey as a member of the Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority for a term to begin February 1, 2025 to January 30, 2030.

Mayor Samantha Whitfield administered the Oath of Allegiance with remarks to follow.

## Board secretary administered the Roll Call

Title, Name	Present	Absent
Commissioner James Boyer	Х	
Commissioner Diallyo Diggs	Х	
Commissioner Carl Turner		Х
Vice-Chair Kevin McIntosh	Х	
Chair Patricia Lindsay-Harvey	Х	
Alternate #1, Commissioner William Weston	Х	
Alternate #2, Commissioner Kimbrali Davis	Х	

Commissioner Turner was not present during Roll Call, however joined at 6:08pm. Board secretary recognized, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Commissioner William Weston as a voting member of the board in Commissioner Turners absence.

### **Others Attending as Panelists**

James Mackie, Executive Director Bernadette Green, Board Secretary Aisha Manners, Board Treasurer Rhonda Gigliotti, Director of Finance Kara Weekly, Director of Op. and Maint. Henry Hall, Director of Human Resources Jason Holt, CSG Law, Solicitor Lionel Galipot, Alaimo Engineering Steven Graham, PCH Technologies John Chayko, Suburban Consulting Ben Weller, Environmental Resolutions, Inc. Mayor Samantha Whitfield

### **Open Public Meetings Act Reading**

The Secretary read:

This meeting, which conforms with the provisions of the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 is an official regular meeting of the Willingboro Municipal Utilities

Authority. Adequate notice has been given to the public in excess of forty-eight hours prior to this meeting in the following manner:

- A. Notice was posted on the official bulletin board of the Authority building, and on the WMUA website.
- B. Notice was mailed to the Municipal Clerks of Willingboro and Westampton Townships, the Secretary of the Edgewater Park Sewerage Authority and the Executive Director of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority.
- C. Public Notice was published in the designated official newspapers the Burlington County Times and Courier-Post.

The Board Secretary is directed to enter this public announcement into the minutes of this meeting.

The Executive Director was requested to explain the resolutions on the agenda.

#### Motion to open Nominations for Board Chair

Motion: Commr Lindsay-Harvey Seconded: Commr Mcintosh Discussion: None

Voice Vote - Unanimous none opposed - Motion passes

Nomination – Commr Lindsay-Harvey by Commr McIntosh 2<sup>nd</sup> – Commr Boyer No other nominations

## Motion to close Nominations for Board Chair

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Mcintosh Discussion: None

Voice Vote - Unanimous none opposed - Motion passes

Motion to select Commissioner Lindsay-Harvey as the Board Chair

Roll Call Vote by name – Commr. Boyer – Lindsay-Harvey; Commr. Diggs – Lindsay-Harvey; Cmmr.

Turner – Lindsay-Harvey; Commr McIntosh – Lindsay-Harvey; Commr Lindsay-Harvey – Lindsay-Harvey

5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed, Commr Lindsay-Harvery accepts nomination as Board chair for the 2025 year.

Chairwoman Lindsay-Harvey to preside the remainder of the meeting.

#### Motion to open Nominations for Board Vice-Chair

Motion: Commr McIntosh Seconded: Commr Diggs Discussion: None

Voice Vote - Unanimous none opposed - Motion passes

Nomination – Commr Diggs by Commr McIntosh 2<sup>nd</sup> – Commr Boyer

No other nominations

Motion to close Nominations for Board Vice-Chair

Motion: Commr McIntosh Seconded: Commr Diggs Discussion: None

Voice Vote - Unanimous none opposed - Motion passes

Motion to select Commissioner Diggs as the Board Vice-Chair

Roll Call Vote by name – Commr. Boyer – Diggs; Commr. Diggs – Diggs; Cmmr. Turner – Diggs; Commr McIntosh – Diggs; Chair Lindsay-Harvey – Diggs 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed, Commr Diggs accepts nomination as Board Vice-chair for the 2025 year.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only - None

# Resolution 2025-02-03-01: Designating Official Newspapers for the Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority

Motion: Commr Boyer Seconded: Commr Mcintosh

Discussion: Questioned the specific papers that are designated as the official newspapers – Ans.

Burlington County Times and The Courier Post

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

### Resolution 2025-02-03-02: Holidays To Be Observed in 2025

Motion: Commr Boyer Seconded: Vice-chair Diggs

Discussion: The day after Thanksgiving is not included and therefore is not an observed holiday for the

WMUA. Further discussion can be had at a later time, if changes are to be made.

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes; Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

# Resolution 2025-02-03-03: Establishing the Regular Meetings of the Willingboro Municipal Utility Authority

Motion: Vice-Chair Diggs Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

### Resolution 2025-02-03-04: Professional Services Appointments for Independent Auditor

Appointee: Bowman & Company LLP

Motion: Commr Boyer Seconded: Commr McIntosh Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

## Resolution 2025-02-03-05: Professional Services Appointments for Special Project Auditor

Nomination: Brent W. Lee & Co.

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote - Commr. Boyer - yes; Commr McIntosh - yes; Cmmr. Turner - yes; Vice-Chair Diggs yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Resolution 2025-02-03-06: Professional Services Appointments for Financial Advisory Services

Motion for Nominations for Financial Advisory Services - NW Financial & FSL Public Finance

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr McIntosh

Motion for Nominations for Financial Advisory Services - NW Financial & Phoenix Advisors LLC

No Second – Motion dies Motion: Commr Boyer

Motion to close nominations – Commr Turner Seconded: Chair Lindsay-Harvey

Roll Call Vote - Commr. Boyer - yes; Commr McIntosh - yes; Cmmr. Turner - yes; Vice-Chair Diggs yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Motion to appoint NW Financial & FSL Public Finance

*Motion: Commr Turner* Seconded: Commr McIntosh Discussion:None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs – yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Resolution 2025-02-03-07: Professional Services Appointment for Insurance Broker

Nomination: Corporate Employee Benefits

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr McIntosh Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote - Commr. Boyer - yes; Commr McIntosh - yes; Cmmr. Turner - yes; Vice-Chair Digas -

5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes

Resolution 2025-02-03-08: Professional Services Appointment for Attorney (Solicitor)

Nomination: Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi, PC

Motion: Commr McIntosh Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Resolution 2025-02-03-09: Professional Services Appointment for Bond Counsel

Nomination: McManimon, Scotland & Baumann

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote - Commr. Boyer - yes; Commr McIntosh - yes; Cmmr. Turner - yes; Vice-Chair Diggs -

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Resolution 2025-02-03-10: Professional Services Appointment for Conflict/Special Counsel

Nomination: The Platt Law Group

Motion: Commr Bover Seconded: Commr Turner Discussion: None Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs – yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Resolution 2025-02-03-11: Professional Services Appointment for Rate & Energy Counsel

Nomination: Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Resolution 2025-02-03-12: Professional Services Appointment for Labor Counsel

Nomination: Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote - Commr. Boyer - yes; Commr McIntosh - yes; Cmmr. Turner - yes; Vice-Chair Diggs -

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Resolution 2025-02-03-13: Professional Services Appointments for Consulting Engineer

Motion to open Nominations for Consulting Engineer

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Nominations for Consulting Engineer (pool) – Alaimo, ERI, and Pennoni

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Motion to close nominations – Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Motion to appoint Alaimo, ERI, and Pennoni

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion:None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Resolution 2025-02-03-14: Professional Services Appointments for Special Project Engineer

Motion to open Nominations for Special Project Engineer

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote - Commr. Boyer - yes; Commr McIntosh - yes; Cmmr. Turner - yes; Vice-Chair Diggs -

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Nomination: Suburban & CME

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Chair Lindsay-Harvey Discussion: None

Motion to close nominations – Commr Turner Seconded: Commr Boyer Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs – yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

#### Motion to appoint Suburban & CME as the Special Project Engineers

Motion: Commr Turner Seconded: Vice-Chair Diggs Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs – yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

#### Resolution 2025-02-03-15: Revising Cash Management Plan

Motion: Commr McIntosh Seconded: Commr Turner Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote – Commr. Boyer – yes; Commr McIntosh – yes; Cmmr. Turner – yes; Vice-Chair Diggs –

yes Chair Lindsay-Harvey – yes 5-affirmative:0-negative Motion passed

Public Comment – None

Resolution 2025-02-03-16 Authorizing Executive Session – not needed

#### **Commissioner Comment**

**Commr Davis** – Super excited for a new year and encourages everyone to attend meetings to see how we conduct meetings on your behalf.

**Commr Weston** – Improve communication with the public by doing more advertisement and publications from the WMUA. Congrats to Chair and Vice-Chair.

**Commr Boyer** – Congrats to Chair and Vice-Chair, Professional Services, and employees. Encourages residents to come to the meeting.

**Commr McIntosh** – Welcome to all, especially customers & employees. Looking forward to an outstanding year. And congrats to Chair Lindsay-Harvey and Vice-Chair Diggs

**Commr Turner** – Thanked the residents for their communication through all channels. Job well done to the Commissioners and commended their perseverance. Thanked administration for making WMUA a better place. There has been a lot of work accomplished in 2024.

**Vice-Chair Diggs** – Thank you to the Board for entrusting him as the Vice-Chair. Reminder of the signing ceremony for the apprenticeship program at the High School on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**Chair Lindsay-Harvey** – Look forward to working with everyone. Committed to fostering excellence.

**Motion to Adjourn** 

Moved: Commr Turner Seconded: Vice-Chair Diggs

Voice vote: Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned 6:56 pm

### **Certification of Minutes**

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of the approved Minutes of February 3, 2025, Reorganization Meeting of the Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority.

Bernadette Green

Bernadette Green Secretary to the Board

Approved By The Board: February 19, 2025