Berkeley Township
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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A Public Meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Thursday, **September 24, 2026** at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721. Presided by Chairman Elliott-present, Mr. McGrath-present, Ms. Pellecchia-present, Mr. Bekiarian-present, Mr. Papa-absent, Mr. Burris-present, Mr. Guadagno-present.

Mr. Elliott stated Commissioner Burris will be seated as a voting member for tonight's meeting.

Also present: Mr. Budesa-Attorney, Ms. Binder-Engineer, Mr. Blair-Chief of Operations and Mr. Grosse-Executive Director.

After the salute to the flag. Ms. Walker read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Motion to approve the Public Meeting and Executive Session minutes and the following reports from the meeting on August 27, 2026: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

- Executive Director's Report
- Engineer's Report
- Auditor's Report
- Attorney's Report

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Bekiarian stated for the four week period (08/29/26-09/25/26) the payroll expenses totaled $58,659.92 and the operational expenses totaled $865,982.82.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Executive Director's Report:

Approve Payment #3 to P & A – Phase VII Contract 1 $764, 482.77:

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board authorization for Payment #3 in the amount of $764,482.77 to P&A Construction. The Authority Engineers reviewed and recommend this payment application.

Motion to authorize Payment #3 to P&A Construction – Phase VII Contract 1: Ms. Pellecchia, second. Mr. McGrath. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-yes. Motion Carried.

Woodland Acres – Reduction of performance bond (Halsey/Southern):

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board authorization for reduction of the performance bond for the Woodland Acres (Halsey/Southern) project.

Motion to authorize Woodland Acres reduction of performance bond: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-yes. Motion Carried.

Memorialize Thomas Grosse hire as Executive Director:

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board authorization to memorialize his hire to the position of Executive Director.

Motion to authorize the memorialization to hire Mr. Grosse to the position of Executive Director: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-yes. Motion Carried.

Authorize Thomas Grosse to provide money flow instructions to TD Bank:

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board authorization to provide money flow instructions to TD Bank.

Motion to authorize Mr. Grosse to provide money flow instructions to TR Bank: Mr. Bekiarian, second, Ms. Pellecchia. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-yes. Motion Carried.

Memorialize stipend to Michele Nugent:

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board to memorialize a $5,000.00 stipend to Michele Nugent to extend her retirement date to October 31, 2026.

Motion to memorialize stipend to Michele Nugent: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. Bekiarian. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-yes. Motion Carried.

Engineer's Report:

Phase VII Water System Improvements:

Ms. Binder stated P & A Construction completed the water main and water service installation. Artheon was on site to observe the installations. The contractor has a small amount of restoration work to complete.

Station Road Water Treatment Plant Generator:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated the Artheon and the contractor are coordinating with the gas company to install the new generator.

Accountant's Report:

Mr. Grosse read into record the August Cash Position Report:

Cash Position Report for August:

Total All Cash Fund Balance:	$7,374,798.20
Total Restricted Balances:	$3,623,385.82
Total Fund Available for Disbursement:	$3,751,412.38

Attorney's Report:

No Report.

Committee Report:

Old Business:

No Report.

New Business:

2025 DRAFT Audit (Financial Committee)

Mr. Bekiarian provided the Board with a brief summary of the 2025 audit. The Finance Committee met with Mr. Conaty (Authority Accountant), The Authority received a good review based on Mr. Conaty's report. A more detailed and complete review will be provided at the next public meeting (10/22/26).

Motion to open public portion: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Elliott stated for the record there are no members of the general public in attendance.

Motion to close public portion: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra J Walker

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Office Clerk

The next meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 7 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority located at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721.