



THE ESSEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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April 21, 2026

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr, County Executive
Essex County Hall of Records, Room 404
464 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Res: ECUA Meeting of April 21, 2026

Dear. County Executive DiVincenzo:

Enclosed please find the minutes of the ECUA Meeting of April 21, 2026
The agenda for said meeting is attached hereto.

In Attendance

Commissioners

Victor Afanador, Chairman
Caren Fryer, Vice Chair
Louis Stanzione, Secretary
Joseph Tyrrell, Treasurer
Quinzell McKenzie

Staff

Elmer J. Herrmann, Jr., Acting Executive Director
Bethany O'Toole, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Jemas, Special Counsel
Wayne DeFeo, Solid Waste Coordinator
Naomi Strumolo, Assistant Secretary
Paul Jemas, Outside Counsel
Joseph Alessi, Special Counsel
Tom Barrett, Public Information Officer

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

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1. Approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2026, meeting. – Approved
2. **Res. # 04-26-18** Resolution of the Essex County Utilities Authority ratifying payment of invoices of the March 2026 Bill List. - Approved
3. **Res. # 04-26-19** Resolution of the Essex County Utilities Authority authorizing payment of bills from the Authority's Solid Waste Operating and Bond Accounts and Water System Project Note Accounts. - Approved
4. **Res. # 04-26-20** Resolution of the Essex County Utilities Authority accepting the Independent Audit of the Authority's Solid Waste and Water System Operations for the year ended December 31, 2025 prepared by Bederson & Co., LLP. - Approved
5. **Res. # 04-26-21** Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit Form of Resolution. - Approved
6. **Res. # 04-26-22** Resolution of the Essex County Utilities Authority authorizing the execution and filing of an application with respect to a 2025 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Grant. – Approved
7. **Res. # 04-26-23** Resolution of the Essex County Utilities Authority authorizing the Administrative Action amending the Essex County District Solid Waste Management Plan for inclusion of Montclair Community Farms Community Garden Compost Operation located at 108 Orange Road, Montclair, New Jersey and the Northeast Earth Coalition Community Gardens Compost Operation located at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 94 Pine Street, Montclair, New Jersey into the Essex county Solid Waste Management Plan. - Approved
8. **Res. # 04-26-24** Resolution of the Essex County Utilities Authority authorizing a closed work session from which the public is excluded. – Approved.
9. **Res. # 04-26-25** Resolution of the Essex County Utilities Authority authorizing the ending of a closed work session from which the public is excluded. – Approved.
10. **Res. # 04-26-25** Resolution of the Essex County Utilities Authority authorizing a salary increase for Elmer Herrmann, Bethany O'Toole, Naomi Strumolo and Cheryl Huggins. – Approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted
Essex County Utilities Authority

BY:


Elmer J. Herrmann, Jr.
Acting Executive Director

Attachment

cc: Philip Alagia, Chief of Staff

Kathy Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

ECUA Commmissioners