

**SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Caucus Meeting of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

**Moment of Silence and Salute:**

Led by Chairman Cory

**Announcement:**

This meeting is called in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act as well as guidance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services in that an announcement of the same appeared on the Authority's website, in the Asbury Park Press, in the Coast Star and emailed to the Clerks of our member municipalities on February 20, 2025. The minutes of this meeting will be available after Board approval at a subsequent meeting.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Commissioners Cory, Lynch, Mattia, May, Meixsell, and Nolan.

Mr. Bonello, Mr. Krause, and Ms. Oliver.

**Excused:** Commissioner Donovan

**Absent:** Commissioner Shields

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Mr. Bonello had nothing new to report.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**PLANT**

**Trickling Filter #1 and #2 Arms Replacement (Ongoing)**

Mr. Krause reported that work has begun on Trickling Filter #2. During installation of the Arms, it was noted that some of the sections appear to be twisted, staff will be working with the contractor and manufacturer on further investigation and corrective action.

**Pipe Galley (Pipe Coating and Electrical Upgrades) (Ongoing)**

Mr. Krause reported that electrical work has begun.

**Waste Gas Burner Flare Replacement (Ongoing)**

Mr. Krause reported the shop drawings are being reviewed for approval.

### **Stabilization Pond Liner Repair/Replacement**

Mr. Krause reported that draft plans and specifications have been received for review.

### **SMRSA Access Road Stabilization**

Mr. Krause reported the project design is ongoing. Draft plans and specifications should be received by the end of the year.

## **FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION**

### **Administration/Human Resources**

Mr. Krause reported having received correspondence from the Infrastructure Bank's bond counsel concerning minor revisions to the service area agreements. These revisions will be reviewed; however, the Authority is still waiting for approval of revisions from all bondholders.

Mr. Krause reported that the D2/Xcitium Cybersecurity Training course is available online and should be completed by commissioner and staff as soon as possible.

Mr. Krause reported that a resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioner's review and approval Adopting the Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026. This county-wide 5-year plan is required for FEMA funding for hazard mitigation. At present, the Authority does not have any projects identified in the plan.

Mr. Krause reported meeting with the Human Relations Sub-committee to discuss the four Human-Resources related resolutions which are on the regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Mattia, Chairman of Human Relations Sub-committee, recommended that the Board approve all four resolutions.

### **Finance**

Mr. Krause reported that a resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioner's review and approval Adopting the Introduced 2026 Income & Appropriation and Capital Budgets.

### **Perfluoroalkyl / Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)**

Mr. Krause updated the Commissioners regarding the Authority's opposition to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection settlements with Dupont and 3M. The Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA) will be appearing in court in January as an intervening entity on behalf of the AEA membership, which the Authority fully supports.

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority opposes the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's upcoming proposed Surface Water Quality Standards concerning the amount of PFAS levels allowable in streams and the ocean. The standards are very low, lower than drinking water standards. Once a surface water body is classified to be "impaired", the NJDEP is obligated to impose effluent limits on entities who discharge into that body of water.

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority is supporting Senate Bill No. 1042 which would prohibit the sale of certain items containing PFAS.

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority will hold its annual Connection Fee Meeting on January 14, 2026 at 5:15 p.m., immediately preceding the Caucus Meeting.

**BUSINESS:**

**The Board took action on the following items during the Regular Meeting immediately after the Caucus Meeting.**

- Approve the November 12, 2025 Caucus & Regular Meeting Minutes as written.
- Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Funds from the 2025 Revenue Fund to the Operating Fund for the explicit purpose of payment of all known calendar year 2025 listed bills.
- Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Income, Capital & Appropriation Budget for South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority Fiscal Year January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.
- Resolution to Approve Adopting the Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2026.
- Resolution Authorizing 2026 Salaries for Certain Non-Union Personnel.
- Resolution Reappointing Ryan Krause as Executive Director of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority.
- Resolution to Approve Mr. Matthew Sage as a Full-Time Permanent Employee of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority.
- Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Employee #75649.

**COMMISSIONER'S  
COMMENTS:**

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Chairman Cory made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Mattia seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye.

Chairman Cory made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Mattia seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Cory made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting.

Commissioner Mattia seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye.