

**SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES– JULY 8, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Caucus Meeting of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

Moment of Silence and Salute: Led by Chairman Shields

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 18, 2026. The minutes of this meeting will be available after Board approval at a subsequent meeting.

Roll Call:

Present:

Commissioners Cory, Donovan, Lynch, Mattia, Meixsell, Nolan and Shields

Mr. Padula, Mr. Krause, and Ms. Oliver

Excused: Commissioner Mattia

Absent: Commissioner May

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Nothing new to report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Plant

Trickling Filter #1 and #2 Arms Replacement

Mr. Krause reported that the Trickling Filter Arms that were returned for evaluation/modification should be returned by Friday or Monday. The set of arms that are on site are being returned for inspection/modification. Staff identified noticeable resistance when rotating the turntable; further investigation is required.

Pipe Galley (Pipe Coating and Electrical Upgrades)

Mr. Krause reported that the electrical work is ongoing and 98% complete; punch list and project closeout remain.

Pipe Galley Coatings

Mr. Krause reported a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' review and approval Authorizing Solicitation of Public Bids for the Pipe Galley Coatings Project.

Waste Gas Burner Flare Replacement

Mr. Krause reported that the equipment delivery is scheduled for August.

Stabilization Pond Liner Repair/Replacement

Mr. Krause reported that the project is currently on hold.

SMRSA Access Road Slope Stabilization

Mr. Krause reported that Jersey Central Power & Light has been onsite to replace the pole and voltage regulators; the project has been delayed due to the recent extreme heat and storms.

Clarifie/Grit Collector Parts Bid

Mr. Krause reported a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' review and approval Authorizing Solicitation of Public Bids to Furnish and Deliver Clarifier/Grit Collector Parts.

FINANCE/ ADMINISTRATION

Administration

Mr. Krause reported an update on the 3M/Dupont PFAS Settlement. Carneys Point and Sayreville are opposing the settlement in an effort to secure more funding for their towns. The Judge may still sign the settlement, and those towns can appeal her decision. The AEA has signed an agreement with the DEP giving the Authority immunity to future CERCLA lawsuits as reported at the last meeting. To effectuate this, a resolution and administrative consent order will be required at a later date.

Mr. Krause reported that the Service Area Amendment(s) have been sent to individual towns for review and signature.

Mr. Krause reminded the Commissioners to complete the D2/Xcitium Cybersecurity Training Part 2 is available and should be completed as soon as possible.

Mr. Krause reported that a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' review and approval Authorizing the Sale of Class I Renewable Energy Certificates through an Online Public Auction Process. The COGEN system has been certified by the Board of Public Utilities. The Authority has approximately \$115,000 in credits going back three years which is available for auction; in the future, the Authority should receive approximately \$30,000/year in Renewable Energy Credits, depending on current market rates.

Mr. Krause reported that a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' review and approval Authorizing a Sewer Extension Approval/TWA for a project at Belmar Seaport which will result in a net increase of 29,340 gallons per day.

Mr. Krause reported that a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' review and approval Authorizing Bids for the 2027 Annual Procurement(s), Service and Sludge Hauling Contracts.

Mr. Krause reported that a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' review and approval Solicitations of Bids for Electrical Diagnostic, Troubleshooting and Repair Services; Pump/Motor Repairs and the Purchase of New Pumps and Motors; Furnish HVAC Repair and Purchase/Install of New HVAC Equipment.

Finance

Ms. Oliver reported that the State Health Benefits Commission (SHBC) announced premium increases for the Local Government portion of the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) for 2027. Rates will rise by 17.3% for active employees, 36.5% for early retirees, and 19.3% for Medicare retirees.

BUSINESS:

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

- Approve the June 10, 2026 Caucus & Regular Meeting Minutes as written.
- Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Funds from the 2026 Revenue Fund to the Operating Fund for the explicit purpose of payment of all known calendar year 2026 listed bills.
- Resolution to Authorize the Sale of Class I Renewable Energy Certificates through an Online Public Auction Process.
- Resolution to Authorize Solicitations of Bids to Furnish and Deliver 15% & 20% Sodium Hypochlorite, Magnesium Hydroxide, and for the Removal and Hauling of Sewer Sludge.
- Resolution to Authorize Solicitations of Bids for Electrical Diagnostic, Troubleshooting and Repair Services; Pump/Motor Repairs and the Purchase of New Pumps and Motors; Furnish HVAC Repair and Purchase/Install of New HVAC Equipment.
- Resolution to Authorize Solicitation of Bids for the Pipe Galley Coatings Project.
- Resolution to Authorize Solicitation of Bids to Furnish and Deliver Clarifier/Grit Collector Parts and Materials.
- Resolution for NJDEP Sewer Extension Approval/TWA for Markbuilt Homes at the Belmar Seaport.

COMMISSIONER'S

COMMENTS:

NONE

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Shields made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting.

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