



**SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2024**

This Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting of the South Jersey Transportation Authority was held on August 21, 2024, with Chair Francis K. O’Connor calling the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Present**

- Chair Francis K. O’Connor (in person)
- Commissioner John F. Amodeo (in person)
- Commissioner Zoe Baldwin (teleconference)
- Commissioner Bryan J. Bush (teleconference)
- Commissioner Barbara Holcomb (teleconference)
- Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt (teleconference-*dialed in at 9:16 a.m*)
- Jessica O’Connor Esq., Associate Counsel, GAU (in person)
- Susan Angulo, Chief of Staff (in person)
- Karen Davis, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (in person)
- Stephen F. Dougherty, SJTA Executive Director
- Paul Heck, Chief Administrative Officer (in person)
- James G. Sullivan, Chief of Field Operations (in person)
- Cynthia Blasberg, Board Secretary (in person)
- Caroline Roseboro, Alternate Board Secretary (in person)
- David Zappariello, Communications Director (in person)
- Nicholas Sullivan, General Counsel (in person)
- Eleanor Hoechst, Special Counsel (teleconference)

**Absent**

- Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam
- Commissioner Joseph Ripa
- Commissioner Christina Fuentes, EDA Representative
- Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni

**Statement of Public Notice**

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was opened advising the Commissioners and public that notice of the meeting was duly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City, the Camden Courier Post, and with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey as to the time and date of convening. Notice had also been posted at the Farley Service Plaza, the Atlantic City International Airport, and Blackwood Offices as prescribed by law.

The following members were in attendance.

**Roll Call**

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Chairman Francis K. O’Connor	X	
Commissioner John F. Amodeo	X	
Commissioner S. Zoe Baldwin	X	
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X	
Commissioner Barbara Holcomb	X	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt ( <i>*dialed in at 9:16 a.m.</i> )		*X
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam		X
Commissioner Joseph Ripa		X
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		X

*Three (3) members of the public attended the meeting: Two in person and one via teleconference.*

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Chair O'Connor called for a motion to approve August 21, 2024, agenda. Whereupon a motion was made by Commissioner Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo approving said agenda. Chair O'Connor asked for questions on the motion. No questions were asked. A unanimous vote was taken approving and adopting the agenda. A copy of the agenda is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chair O'Connor called for a motion to approve the July 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Whereupon a motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Holcomb approving said minutes. No questions were asked. All Commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively, approving, and adopting said minutes.

### **Executive Session**

Chair O'Connor asked if an Executive Session was needed, Counsel responded, affirmatively. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolution 2024-99 to the Chair and Commissioners for the exclusion of the public from discussions related to a litigation matter specific to formal settlement of a workers compensation claim and personnel matters related to the Schedule "A" associated with Resolution 2024-88 Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Holcomb approving Resolution 2024-99 A unanimous vote was taken approving the resolution, adjourning the open portion of the meeting at 9:04 a.m. Chair O'Connor asked the call operator to place the public audience on hold while the Board conducted the Executive Session.

At the close of the Executive Session, Chair O'Connor asked for a motion to return to the open portion of the meeting. Whereupon, a motion was made by Commissioner Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo. The open portion of the meeting reconvened at 9:16 a.m.

The call operator opened the meeting back up to the public portion of the meeting. Chair O'Connor then requested the Secretary call the roll.

### **Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chairman Francis K. O'Connor	X	
Commissioner John F. Amodeo	X	
Commissioner S. Zoe Baldwin	X	
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X	
Commissioner Barbara Holcomb	X	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt	X	
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam		X
Commissioner Joseph Ripa		X
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		X

Chair O'Connor asked if there is a motion to add a resolution to the agenda authorizing Formal Settlement of a Workers' Compensation Matter. A motion was made by Commissioner Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo approving an amendment to the agenda to include the resolution as described above.

### **Executive Report**

Chair O'Connor asked for the presentation of the Executive Report. Mr. Dougherty presented the August 21, 2024, Executive Report. A copy of the Executive Report is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

### **Committee Reports**

Chair O'Connor asked Mr. Dougherty to present the Committee Reports. Mr. Dougherty reported all Committees met on August 7, 2024. During these meetings, briefings were provided on the resolutions being presented this morning as well as the briefings on Mid-Year Operating and Capital Budgets, an agreement with NJ Transit & Atlantic City Jitney Association and an update on the E-ZPass Customer Care Center at Farley Plaza. Commissioners were also provided with the schedule of upcoming projects, the voucher list, the EO-8 Report and Airport statistics.

## **Public Response to Agenda Items**

Chair O'Connor asked the public for comments on any of the agenda items. No comments were made.

## **Resolutions and Motions:**

Chair O'Connor asked Mr. Dougherty to present the resolutions. Mr. Dougherty advised the Commissioners he would be presenting a total of eleven (11) resolutions for their consideration. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolutions 2024-88 through 2024-98. Chair O'Connor called for a motion to approve said resolutions. The motion as presented was moved by Commissioner Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo approving said resolutions. Chair O'Connor asked for questions or discussions on the motion. Chair O'Connor asked the Secretary to call the roll.

## **Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Recused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chairman Francis K. O'Connor			X				
Commissioner John F. Amodeo		X	X				
Commissioner Zoe Baldwin			X				
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush			X				
Commissioner Barbara Holcomb	X		X				
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt			X				
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam							X
Commissioner Joseph Ripa							X

*Copies of Resolutions 2024-88 through 2024-98 are attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.*

## **RESOLUTION 2024-88 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Pursuant to the Authority By-Laws, the Personnel Committee shall advise the Board on issues related to organization structure, equal employment opportunity, labor negotiations, employment practices and personnel actions affecting an individual's employment status or compensation. This resolution seeks Board approval for personnel actions as specified in the "Schedule A" attached to this resolution.

## **RESOLUTION 2024-89 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRANSMISSION, ACCESS, AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ATLANTIC SHORES OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT 1, LLC**

Pursuant to Section 7(n) of the Act, the Authority has the power to grant by franchise, lease or otherwise, the use of any project, facility or property owned and controlled by the Authority to any person for the consideration and for the period or periods of time and upon terms and conditions as are agreed upon, including but not limited to, the condition that the lessee may construct or provide any buildings or structures for the project facility or property or portions thereof". The Authority is the owner of certain real property designated as Block 471 Lot 3 on the Tax Map of the City of Atlantic City (the "Subject Property"). Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project 1, LLC ("Atlantic Shores"), a limited liability company of the State of Delaware, seeks to obtain an exclusive permanent easement under a portion of the Subject Property for the permanent installation of certain electric transmission lines and related facilities in connection with Atlantic Shores' offshore wind project (the "Installation Easement"). The Authority seeks to grant Atlantic Shores and its agents a temporary, exclusive easement upon, over, across, along, above, and under a portion of the Subject Property for the construction and installation of the aforementioned electric transmission lines and related facilities (the "Temporary Easement"). The Authority seeks to grant Atlantic Shores and its agents, a permanent, non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress upon, over, across, along, above and under the Subject Property (the "Access Easement") (collectively all three easements are called the "Easements"). The Director of Engineering believes that entering into the Agreement for the Easements would be in the best interests of the Authority and the public that it serves.

**RESOLUTION 2024-90 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE, EXECUTE AND ACCEPT GRANTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH REGARDS TO THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORITY'S AIRPORT DIVISION**

Pursuant to Section 7(r) of the Act, the Authority has the power, subject to approval by the Commissioners, to apply for, receive and accept from any federal agency, any bi-State agency or the State or subdivision thereof, grants for or in aid of the planning or acquisition of any project and to receive and accept aid or contributions from any other public or private source, of either money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for which those grants and contributions may be made. The Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for airports. The Authority submits grant applications to the TSA for funding to perform necessary improvements and implement certain security measures and does accept funding for same. It is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to accept grants from the TSA and execute related documents in connection with said grants on behalf of the South Jersey Transportation Authority.

**RESOLUTION 2024-91 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A PASS THROUGH SUBAWARD AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL AEROSPACE RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY PARK PROJECT: AIRFIELD AUTONOMY INITIATIVE**

Pursuant to Section 7(x) of the Act, the Authority has the power to enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments, and do and perform any and all acts necessary, convenient, or desirable for the purposes of the Authority. The National Aerospace Research and Technology Park ("NARTP") was established to facilitate aviation related research and development and is located in a designated aviation district adjoining the Airport and the FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center ("WJHTC") in Atlantic County. The NARTP is the designated awardee for the purposes of the WJHTC congressionally delegated funding AAQ630-AFN Laboratory Services awarded to the NARTP on December 14, 2023 (hereinafter "Project"). The Authority made an agreement in the Project development with the NARTP to conduct eligible elements of the Project, as identified in the Listing of Overall Responsibilities, Goals, Tasks, Resources Allocation, under Attachment B. The Authority duties are subject to the terms and conditions of the Congressionally Directed Funding Award and other special terms and conditions contained in the award including, without limitation, those terms and conditions required of the Authority. As part of the Project, the NARTP established this Agreement to provide funding assistance outlined in the Project budget, under Attachment C, to eligible organizations or agencies, including Sub-awardee, currently working on aerospace and aviation-related strategies and/or technologies or have specific plans to do so in support of the Project. The Authority wishes to authorize and execute a Pass Through Subaward Agreement with NARTP for the implementation of eligible and agreed-upon work identified in the Project and detailed in Attachment B according to the financial and other terms set forth.

**RESOLUTION 2024-92 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE, EXECUTE AND ACCEPT PROJECT PROPOSALS, AWARDS, GRANTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH REGARDS TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORITY'S AIRPORT DIVISION (CONFIRMING)**

Pursuant to Section 7(r) of the Act, the Authority has the power, subject to approval by the Commissioners, to apply for, receive and accept from any federal agency, any bi-State agency or the State or subdivision thereof, grants for or in aid of the planning or acquisition of any project and to receive and accept aid or contributions from any other public or private source, of either money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for which those grants and contributions may be made. The Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for aviation projects. The Authority has been working with the assistance of the FAA, on certain Airport Projects. In order to secure funding for Airport projects

utilizing 2024 Federal Assistance, the FAA has requested the Authority submit and authorize grant applications by or prior to August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Due to time limitations, on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Authority applied to the FAA for certain grants for Airport projects and subsequently approved the grant offerings on or about July 31, 2024, as designed and attached hereto. The FAA requires Board approval to accept such grants for Airport projects on behalf of the Authority. It is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to accept certain grants (Confirming), as well as execute of any project proposals, certifications and assurances, cooperative agreements, and related documents in connection with said grant on behalf of the South Jersey Transportation Authority.

**RESOLUTION 2024-93 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE SUPPORT OF THE ATLANTIC CITY MARATHON & HALF MARATHON**

The Atlantic City Marathon Race Series, which is a division of the Milton & Betty Katz Jewish Community Center, has contacted the Authority with a request to utilize portions of the Atlantic City Expressway and the Atlantic City Expressway Connector Tunnel for the Atlantic City Marathon and Half Marathon on Sunday, October 20, 2024. The USA Track and Field Certified Boston Qualifying Course will begin at 8:00am at Bally's Casino in Atlantic City, through the Brigantine Connector Tunnel and continue onto Brigantine Blvd. This portion of the course requires road closures from approximately 7:30am until 8:30am with the Atlantic City Expressway being completely clear for traffic by 8:45am. As partners with the Atlantic City Sports Commission and members of the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce, the Race Series seeks to attract non-gaming revenue for the city and become a leader in the growing road racing industry. This event will bring 2,500 race participants, with 2,000 running this portion of the course and an additional 3,000 or more spectators to Atlantic City throughout the weekend. The Executive Director believes it is in the best interest of the Authority and the City of Atlantic City to approve the use of portions of the Atlantic City Expressway and the Atlantic City Expressway Connector Tunnel for the use of the Atlantic City Marathon and Half Marathon as requested.

**RESOLUTION 2024-94 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO H.A. DEHART & SONS, INC. OF THOROFARE, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF FREIGHTLINER M2 106 PLUS CONVENTIONAL CAB 4X2 TREE TRIMMING BUCKET TRUCK 2024 (OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT) - REBID**

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Authority publicly advertised for the Purchase and Delivery of Freightliner M2 106 Conventional Cab 4X2 Tree Trimming Bucket Truck (or approved equivalent) Rebid. On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, one (1) bid was received, opened, and tabulated. H.A. DeHart & Son, Inc. of Thorofare, New Jersey was deemed the sole responsive, responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$252,887.00 per unit. The Director of Operations recommends the Authority enter into a contract with H.A. DeHart & Son, Inc. for the Purchase and Delivery of Freightliner M2 106 Conventional Cab 4X2 Tree Trimming Bucket Truck (or approved equivalent) – Rebid in an amount not to exceed \$252,887.00 for one (1) unit.

**RESOLUTION 2024-95 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BUD'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR, INC. OF WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES**

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Authority publicly advertised a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs Services. The intent of this RFP is to award a contract for the service and repair of various Authority vehicles, including all minor and major Original Equipment Manufacturer ("OEM") and non-OEM maintenance and repairs. Maintenance and repairs may include, but shall not be limited to, oil change and services, preventative maintenance, wheel alignment and balancing, replacement or maintenance of motors and engines, air conditioning and heat repair, transmission, suspension, electrical, emissions, brake and rotor replacement, fuel injection service, fluid replacement, other miscellaneous repairs. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in response to said advertising, two (2) proposals were received; however, one (1) proposal was deemed nonresponsive, and therefore rejected. On August 1, 2024, the Authority's Consultant Selection Committee ("CSC") met to review the sole responsive proposal submitted by Bud's Auto & Truck Repair Inc., of Woodbury, New Jersey and

determined the proposal met the requirements of the RFP. The Director of Operations believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a contract with Bud's Auto & Truck Repair Inc., of Woodbury, New Jersey for Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs Services.

**RESOLUTION 2024-96 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE PROJECT PROPOSALS, AWARDS, GRANTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR THE FEDERALLY FUNDED JITNEY REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Pursuant to Section 7(r) of the Act, the Authority has the power, subject to approval by the Commissioners, to apply for, receive and accept from any federal agency, any bi-State agency or the State or subdivision thereof, grants for or in aid of the planning or acquisition of any project and to receive and accept aid or contributions from any other public or private source, of either money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for which those grants and contributions may be made. The State of New Jersey has approved and allocated FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) funds under the CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) program. The Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") have been delegated authority to award Federal Financial Assistance for Transportation Projects. New Jersey Transit ("NJ Transit") serves as the State's designated direct recipient for FTA funding. NJ Transit received certain FTA funds to be used for the procurement of jitney replacement vehicles. The Authority has been selected and designated to serve as the subrecipient of those FTA funds. The Authority must execute project proposals, grants, cooperative agreements, and related documents for NJ Transit. The Authority will be executing agreements with NJ Transit to allocate FTA funds, in the amount of \$21,000,000.00, that will serve as the project budget. The project budget includes a 10% administrative fee that will be shared by NJ Transit and the Authority. All funds will be received through a reimbursement process once the Authority expends the money. The FTA funds, in the amount of \$18,900,000.00 will be used to replace jitneys for the Atlantic City Jitney Association. The term of agreement will continue until each jitney has satisfied the FTA disposition policy.

**RESOLUTION 2024-97 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PENTA COMMUNICATIONS OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PROVISION OF FIBER OPTIC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY ELECTRONIC TOLL WIDENING PROJECT (CONFIRMING)**

The Authority is a member of the New Jersey Interagency Coordinating Committee. In April 2000, legislation was enacted that permitted members of the New Jersey Interagency Coordinating Committee to utilize each other's contracts. Resolution 2002-23, dated April 26, 2002, authorized that the Authority be permitted to purchase from the New Jersey Interagency Coordinating Committee member contracts without the necessity of bidding and without the necessity of Authority Commissioners authorizing each such transaction, regardless of the dollar amount, when in the best interest of the Authority to do so. The NJTA, through the process of a Request for Proposals ("RFP"), authorized the entry into an agreement with Penta Communications LLC of Rahway, New Jersey for fiber optic services pertaining to All Electronic Tolling ("AET") for the period of April 14, 2022, through April 13, 2025. The Authority is currently in the process of implementing the Atlantic City Expressway All Electronic Tolling & ITS Upgrade Program and is in need of fiber optic construction services, specifically; for the Atlantic City Expressway Electronic Toll Widening Project ("the Project"). Being Penta Communications LLC is the only Fiber Optic company authorized to access the Consortium agreement and the Authority's ability to utilize the procurement of contracts completed by NJTA, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:25A-8(b)(10), Penta Communications LLC has submitted a proposal for the Project in an amount of \$633,577.43. The Director of Tolls Technology recommends the Authority join-in with the NJTA's selection of Penta Communications LLC of Rahway, New Jersey for the provision of fiber optic network serviced related to the Authority's Atlantic City Expressway Electronic Toll Widening Project in an amount of \$633,577.43.

**RESOLUTION 2024-98 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING FORMAL SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS' COMPENSATION MATTER**

On December 20, 2009, the Petitioner sustained injuries arising out of and in the course of employment. The matter initially resolved as an Order Approving Settlement on September 14, 2012. Since initial settlement of the matter the Petitioner has filed for Review or Modification of the Formal Awards, the claims all resolved as Orders Approving Settlement. On March 11, 2022, the Petitioner filed a Third Application for Review or Modification of the Formal Award. The Authority's Board has reviewed this matter and agrees with the recommendation of Counsel and the Authority's Third-Party Workers' Compensation Administrator. Through consultation with legal counsel, the Authority's Board of Commissioners has determined it is in the best interests of the Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Matter. The Board of Commissioner grants Counsel the authority to settle this matter for an amount approved by the Board of Commissioners, which includes the award to petitioner along with the Authority's portion of costs and fees reimbursable to petitioner's attorney. The expenses related to this matter are now above the Authority's Self-Insured Retention established for the 9/1/2009 - 9/1/2010 policy period and will be submitted for reimbursement to the Authority's Insurance Carrier for the claim.

**Petitions or Communications, Unfinished Business and New Business**

Chair O'Connor asked if there were any petitions or communications, unfinished or new business. Mr. Dougherty responded; all petitions and communications were mailed prior to the meeting. There was no new business to discuss.

**General Comment**

Chair O'Connor asked the public for any general comments. No comments by the public were made.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair O'Connor announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Chair O'Connor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon the motion was made by Commissioner Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Submitted by: *Cynthia A. Blasberg*

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Cynthia A. Blasberg, Board Secretary

**Note: An Executive Session was held during this meeting.**