

**SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2021**

This Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting of the South Jersey Transportation Authority was held on August 18, 2021, via teleconference commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present

Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD
Commissioner James J. McCullough
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam
Commissioner Joseph Ripa
Rudy Rodas, Governor’s Authorities Unit
Stephen F. Dougherty, Executive Director
Karen Davis, Director of Finance
Nicholas Sullivan, Esq. General Counsel
Debra Murphy, Alternate Board Secretary
Cynthia Blasberg, Board Secretary

Absent

Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt
Commissioner Christina Fuentes, EDA

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 has also been posted at the Farley Service Plaza, the Atlantic City International Airport, the Atlantic City and Blackwood Offices as prescribed by law.

Vice Chairman Milam noted in lieu of the pledge of allegiance we have been offering a moment of silence for those that were impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic, and those who continue to do so.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti		X
Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.		X
Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni	X	
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X	
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD	X	
Commissioner James J. McCullough	X	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt		X
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam	X	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	X	
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		X

** One member of the public called into this meeting.*

Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chairman Milam called for a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 agenda. Whereupon a motion was made by Commissioner Bush seconded by Commissioner McCullough approving said agenda. Vice Chairman Milam asked for questions on the motion. No questions were asked. A unanimous vote was taken

adopting and approving the agenda. A copy of the agenda is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Milam called for a motion to approve the July 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Whereupon a motion was made by Commissioner McCullough and seconded by Commissioner Ripa approving said minutes. No questions were asked. All Commissioners in attendance voted, approving and adopting the minutes.

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Milam asked General Counsel if an Executive Session was needed, to which General Counsel responded an Executive Session affirmatively.

Mr. Dougherty presented Resolution 2021-108 to the Vice Chairman and Commissioners for the exclusion of the public to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the Schedule "A," associated with Resolution 2021-101.

Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Bush and seconded by Commissioner Hill approving Resolution 2021-108. A unanimous vote was taken approving the resolution, adjourning the open portion of the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Vice Chairman Milam asked the Operator to place the public audience on hold while the Board conducts the Executive Session.

At the close of Executive Session, Vice Chairman Milam called for a motion to return to the open portion of the meeting. Whereupon, a motion was made by Commissioner Bush and seconded by Commissioner Ripa. The open portion of the meeting reconvened at 9:32 a.m.

The Operator opened the meeting back up to the public portion of the meeting. Vice Chairman Milam then requested the Secretary call the roll.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti		X
Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.		X
Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni	X	
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X	
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD	X	
Commissioner James J. McCullough	X	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt		X
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam	X	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	X	
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		X

Executive Report

Vice Chairman Milam asked for the presentation of the Executive Report. Mr. Dougherty presented the August 18, 2021 Executive Report: a copy of which is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

Committee Reports

Vice Chairman Milam asked Mr. Dougherty to present the Committee Reports. Mr. Dougherty reported all Committees met on August 4, 2021. During these meetings, briefings were provided on the resolutions being presented this morning as well as updates on the Mid-Year Operating and Capital Budget status and the Airport 2021 Airfield Electrical Upgrades Project. There were also discussions on vendor inquiries regarding the costs of steel and other commodities and on Spirit Airlines flight cancellations and network issues. Commissioners were also provided the schedule of upcoming projects, the EO-8 Report and Airport statistics.

Public Response to Agenda Items

Vice Chairman Milam asked the public for comments on any of the agenda items. No comments were made.

Approval of Bills

Vice Chairman Milam asked Mr. Dougherty for the presentation of bills. Mr. Dougherty stated the bills have been sent to the Commissioners previously for their review and are being recommended for approval. Vice Chairman Milam called for a motion to approve the bill list. Whereupon the motion was made by Commissioner Bush and seconded by Commissioner Hill, approving said bill list. Vice Chairman Milam asked the Commissioners for questions on the motion. Being none, Vice Chairman Milam requested the Secretary call the roll.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Recused	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti							X
Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.							X
Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni			X				
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X		X				
Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD		X	X				
Commissioner James J. McCullough			X				
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt							X
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam			X				
Commissioner Joseph Ripa			X				

Resolutions and Motions:

Vice Chairman Milam asked Mr. Dougherty to present the resolutions. Mr. Dougherty advised the Commissioners he would be presenting a total of eight (8) resolutions for their consideration. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolutions 2021-100, 2021-101, 2021-103 through 2021-107, and an added resolution 2021-109. Vice Chairman Milam called for a motion to approve said resolutions. The motion as presented, was moved by Commissioner Bush and seconded by Commissioner Ripa approving said resolutions. Vice Chairman Milam asked for questions or discussions on the motion. There being none, Vice Chairman Milam asked the Secretary to call the roll.

Roll Call

Commissioner	Motion	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Recused	Absent
Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti							X
Commissioner Jeffery A. April, Esq.							X
Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni			X				
Commissioner Bryan J. Bush	X		X				
*Commissioner Maurice B. Hill, Jr., DMD							
Commissioner James J. McCullough			X				
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt							X
Vice Chairman Christopher M. Milam			X				
Commissioner Joseph Ripa		X	X				

Copies of Resolutions 2021-100, 2021-101 2021, 2021-103 through 2021-107and 2021-109 are attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

Note: 2021-102 was VOIDED

*Commissioner Hill's phone line lost connection just prior to the motion on resolutions and therefore unable to vote. His line resumed during the Petitions and Communications portion of the meeting. With five (5) votes the motion was carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-101 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 2021-103 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO SOUTH STATE, INC. OF BRIDGETON, NEW JERSEY FOR THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY CONNECTOR, ROUTE 30, ROUTE 87 & ROUTE 187 RESURFACING PROGRAM

On June 30th and July 1st, 2021, the Authority publicly advertised for bids for the Atlantic City Expressway Connector, Route 30, Route 87, and Route 187 Resurfacing Program. Work for this project consists of furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials and performing all work required to resurface the roadways including shoulders. Work includes the installation of ADA curb ramps, concrete curb replacement and roadway striping. There are two (2) base bids each defined as follows: Base Bid 1: All the roadways indicated on the project plans; Base Bid 2: All the roadways indicated on the project plans except for the following: Ramp E - East and West, North Carolina Avenue, and Ramp F. The Authority's selection of the Base Bid is contingent upon available funds. On July 20, 2021, three (3) bids were received, opened, and tabulated. Following a review of the bids, the Authority deemed that the Base Bid No.1, of which limits are indicated above, represented the best value for the Authority. South State, Inc. of Bridgeton, New Jersey was deemed to have submitted the lowest responsible bid for the desired Base Bid No. 1 in an amount not to exceed \$5,096,296.30. The Director of Engineering/Chief Engineer believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a contract with South State, Inc. of Bridgeton, New Jersey, for the Atlantic City Expressway Connector, Route 30, Route 87 and Route 187 Resurfacing Program, Base Bid No. 1, in an amount not to exceed \$5,096,296.30.

RESOLUTION 2021-104 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO THE AMBIENT GROUP LLC OF WILLIAMSTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR THE GRASSLAND CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT AREA (GCMA) BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT

On June 30, 2021, and July 1, 2021, the Authority publicly advertised for bids for the Grassland Conservation and Management Area (GCMA) Building Demolition Project. Work for this project furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials and performing all work required to demolish eight (8) buildings and other miscellaneous structures as shown and described in the Project Drawings and Technical Specifications. On July 20, 2021, one (1) bid was received, opened, and tabulated. The Ambient Group LLC of Williamstown, New Jersey was deemed to have submitted the sole responsible bid in and amount not to exceed \$356,400.00. The Director of Engineering/Chief Engineer believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a contract with The Ambient Group LLC of Williamstown, New Jersey, for the Grassland Conservation and Management Area (GCMA) Building Demolition Project in an amount not to exceed \$356,400.00.

RESOLUTION 2021-105 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 2021-106 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ENTRANCE INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE TO OPERATE A SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Authority currently provides transportation services for Camden County College, (the "College") which is set to expire on August 31, 2021. Camden County College has requested continued transportation services connecting their Camden and Blackwood Campuses, for a term of three (3) academic years, or until the College provides formal notice of termination. The Authority will receive the following payments from the College for services provided during the 2021-2024 academic years (each academic year will be billed in nine (9) monthly installments): AY21/22 \$106,650.00 (\$11,850.00) per month; AY22/23 \$115,650.00 (\$12,850.00) per month and; AY23/24 \$124,650.00 (\$13,850.00) per month. The College may request additional transportation services from the Authority at a cost of \$50.00 per vehicle, per hour, calculating the hours of service on a portal-to-portal basis. The Director of Transportation Services believes it is in the best interest to the Authority to continue providing shuttle services to the College.

RESOLUTION 2021-107 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO SCALFO ELECTRIC, INC. OF VINELAND, NEW JERSEY FOR ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ACY) 2021 AIRFIELD ELECTRICAL UPGRADES PROJECT

On March 31, 2021 and April 1, 2021, the Authority publicly advertised for bids for the Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) 2021 Airfield Electrical Upgrades Project. The scope of this project includes the demolition of a portion of the existing ADB CCR lineup and existing S-1 series cut-out arrangement, associated temporary/permanent wiring, conduit, power distribution and control wiring. The fabrication and installation of the replacement CCR lineup and S-1 cut-outs, including manual transfer switch, conduits, power wiring and associated control wiring. Integration of new CCR lineup to the ACY ALCMS systems. On April 20, 2021, the Authority received two (2) bids; however, due to low bidder failing to submit a complete bid and both bids exceeding the projected budget and estimate for the project, the Authority was forced to rebid the project, On June 2, 2021 and June 3, 2021, the Authority publicly re-advertised for bids for the Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) 2021 Airfield Electrical Upgrades Project Rebid. On June 29, 2021 four (4) bids were received, opened, and tabulated and subsequently rejected due to low bidder failing to submit a complete bid, and the remaining bids being well in excess of the Authority's estimate for the project. Pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Act, the Authority is required to publicly advertise for all contracts and agreements made pursuant to the Act to be awarded by the Authority only after public advertising. Pursuant to Section 8(b)(6) of the Act, the Authority the Authority may negotiate a contract without public bid or advertisement when the Authority has advertised for bids on two occasions and received no responsive bids and at that time, the contract may then be negotiated and awarded to any responsive contractor except that the terms, conditions, restrictions and specifications in the negotiated contract cannot be substantially different than those in the competitive bidding, The Authority negotiated with Scalfo Electric, Inc. of Vineland, New Jersey the result of which was a best and final offer of \$1,060,330.00 with no change in project scope. The Director of Engineering/Chief Engineer believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a contract with Scalfo Electric, Inc. of Vineland, New Jersey for the Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) 2021 Airfield Electrical Upgrades Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,060,330.00.

RESOLUTION 2021-109 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REJECTING THE BID OF GAUDELLI BROTHERS, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO AP CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF BLACKWOOD, NEW JERSEY FOR THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY FARLEY SERVICE PLAZA NATURAL GAS CONVERSION PHASE 2 PROJECT

The Authority publicly advertised for bids for the Atlantic City Expressway Farley Service Plaza Natural Gas Conversion Phase 2 Project. In response to said advertising, on March 23, 2021, three (3)

bids were received, opened and tabulated to determine if same met all the requirements of the Specifications and Instructions to Bidders. It was determined Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. submitted the lowest bid for the Base Bid 1 and Base Bid 2. The Authority previously contracted with Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. on the ACY Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting HVAC Upgrades Project on or about June 11, 2018. On or about March 1, 2019, the Authority and Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. came to an agreement regarding delays in the ACY Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting HVAC Upgrades Project attributable to Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. Due to this prior negative experience with Gaudelli Brothers, Inc., a hearing was conducted between the Authority and Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. to discuss the prior negative experience of the ACY Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting HVAC Upgrades Project. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:2-7(a)(7), prior to the award of a contract, “the Executive Director or his or her designee may reject any and all bids when such rejection is in the best interest of the Authority. In determining the Authority’s best interest, the Authority may consider, but is not limited to, the following: i. Availability of funds; ii. Budgetary constraints; and/or iii. Credibility and reliability of the bidder. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:2-7(a)(8), “for valid reasons, the Commissioners may award the contract to a person other than the lowest bidder.” Following the hearing, and a review of all the relevant documents, the Board of Commissioners hereby rejects the bid submitted by Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. based on the reliability and credibility of Gaudelli Brothers, Inc. following the prior negative experience of the ACY Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting HVAC Upgrades Project and in the best interest of the Authority. The Authority desires to enter into an agreement with AP Construction, Inc. of Blackwood, New Jersey, the second lowest, responsible bidder, for Base Bid 2 for the Atlantic City Expressway Farley Service Plaza Natural Gas Conversion Phase 2 Project for \$279,000.00. The bid price for the Base Bid 2 is within the Authority’s budget and below the Engineer’s Estimate for this Project

Petitions or Communications, Unfinished Business and New Business

Vice Chairman Milam 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. We have no new business to discuss this morning.

Commissioner McCullough stated he has reached out to both Commissioner April and Commission McDevitt. Vice Chairman Milam stated he has been in contact with Commissioner McDevitt as well and noted his support for both Commissioners at this time.

General Comment

Vice Chairman Milam asked the public for any general comments. Whereas the Operator instructed the public to enter the queue for any public for General Comments. No comments were made.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Milam announced the next meeting will be held on September 15, 2021, via teleconference at 1:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Milam called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon the motion was made by Commissioner McCullough and seconded by Commissioner Bush to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Submitted by: [REDACTED]
Cynthia Blasberg, Board Secretary

Note: An Executive Session was held during this meeting.