

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2017**MOTIONED BY:** Gardiner**SECONDED BY:** Zucconi

WHEREAS, the North Hudson Sewerage Authority (hereinafter "Authority") is a public body, duly formed under the Sewerage Authorities law, constituting Chapter 138 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1946, as amended (Chapter 14A of Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated) and possesses the powers set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, a regular meeting of the Authority was held on February 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, minutes of the meeting have been prepared by General Counsel and presented to the Authority members and staff for their review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Authority hereby approves the minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2017 for the record.

DATED: FEBRUARY 16, 2017

RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS' VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Commissioner Assadourian	x		
Commissioner Kappock	x		
Commissioner Marotta	x		
Commissioner Gardiner	x		
Commissioner Friedrich	x		
Commissioner Roque	x		
Commissioner Velazquez	x		
Commissioner Sanchez	x		
Commissioner Zucconi	x		

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE NORTH HUDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON FEBRUARY 16, 2017.



SECRETARY

NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2017

At approximately 6:32 p.m, Chairman Brian Kappock called the meeting to order with all Commissioners in attendance and Commissioner Roque attending telephonically.

Counsel Leanza noted that this was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority with proper notification thereof under the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Commissioners next proceed to the election of officers with Dr. Wolff taking the Chair for nomination of Chairman.

On Motion of Commissioner Marrotta, seconded by Commissioner Assadourian, Brian Kappock was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Authority.

Mr. Kappock then took the Chair of the meeting and entertained a resolution which he made and was seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, Resolution 17-002 unanimously electing Commissioner Marrotta as Vice Chairman of the meeting.

The next Resolution 17-003 electing Commissioner Sanchez as the Treasurer of the Authority was introduced by Commissioner Marotta, seconded by Commissioner Velaquez and unanimously adopted.

Resolution 17-004 electing Commissioner Zucconi as Secretary of the Authority was introduced by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Marotta and unanimously adopted.

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Resolution 17-005 electing Commissioner Velasquez as Assistant Secretary of the Authority was introduced by Commissioner Zucconi, seconded by Commissioner Marotta and also unanimously adopted.

The Chairman next appointed Committee Members.

Chairman Kappock named himself as Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee with members Commissioners Marotta, Assadourian, Linda Kish and Richard Wolff. Commissioner Marrotta was named Chairperson of the Facilities Review Board with Chairman Kappock, Commissioner Gardiner, Mr. Leanza, Mr. Wolff and Mr. Pucci as members thereof.

Commissioner Zucconi was named Chairperson of the Education Communication Committee with Commissioners Roque and Frederick Friedrich as members thereof in addition to Dr. Wolff.

Commissioner Velasquez was named Chairman of the litigation committee with Commissioners Marotta, Chairman Kappock, Mr. Leanza and Dr. Wolff as members thereof. finance committee.

The Commissioners next addressed the consent agenda as reviewed by Dr. Wolff.

- A. Resolution 17-006 designating the Star Ledger and the Jersey Journal as official Authority newspapers.
- B. Resolution 17-007 authorizing the Bank of New York and TD Bank and as official depositors of Authority money with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary as authorized signatories thereon.
- C. Resolution 17-008 establishing the schedule of meetings for the fiscal year 2018, thirteen meetings, one per month plus the reorganization meeting.
- D. Resolution 17-009 establishing the scheduled holidays for fsical year 2018.
- E. Resolution 17-010 designating the authorized representative of the Authority as: first the Executive Director and the next the Engineer.
- F. Resolution 17-011 designation of the Public Agency Compliance officer as our purchasing agent, Belissa Vega
- G. Resolution 17-012 designating Sharon Jicha as the custodian of records.

On motion of Commissioner Assadourian, seconded by Commissioner Velaquez, the consent agenda was unanimously adopted.

The Commissioners then next considered Resolution 17-013, the wastewater service charge resolution. There was much discussion regarding this resolution among the Commissioners with

most voicing their thought that the 1.5 % increase was probably the minium necessary so that the Authority could maintain its financial integrity and stability and fund all the environmental improvements it had planned for in the future. There was some talk of Commissioners changing their minds from the adoption of the budget on the finance committee through the passage of this rate increase and it was explained that some of the elected officials particularly Mayor and State Senator Stack had pointed out to the Commissioners the hardship on some of his constituents for payment of even a minimal rate increase. Specific anecdotes were given in that some of our ratepayers often had choose among paying taxes, paying services charges and buying food.

There was also a discussion of Senator Stack's, with the Authority's help, trying to bring new legislation which would allow the Authority to give some of our low income constituents a reduced rate so that they could still afford to live in the area and pay the reduced service charges.

On motion of Commission Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, Resolution 17-013 imposing a 1.5% user charge increase was adopted with seven votes in the affirmative and Commissioners Marotta and Velazquez voting in the negative.

At approximately 7:15 pm. on motion by Commissioner Assadourian, Seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.