

# Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

## Minutes of Meeting

May 4, 2021

### PRESENT

Chairwoman DeVeaux (by video) called the Monthly Meeting of the Township of Franklin Sewerage Authority to order at 6:36 PM. The following Commissioners were also present (all by video): Mr. Alcazar, Mr. Anbarasan and Ms. Ford. Also in attendance were Apryl L. Roach, Administrative Manager (in person); Scott Nocero, Operations Manager (by video); Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer (by video); Joseph Danielsen, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager (in person); Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., General Counsel (by video); Joseph Gemmell and Howard Matteson, Consulting Engineers (all by video).

### ROLL CALL

Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Ms. Ford	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Absent
Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

Howard Matteson joined the meeting at 7:08 PM

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT:

Chairwoman DeVeaux stated that, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 (Open Public Meetings Act) and Chapter 11 of the Public Laws of 2020, all requirements had been met to allow for the electronic meeting of the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Anbarasan moved to open the meeting for Public Comments, seconded by Ms. Ford.

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Absent
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

There was public on the audio/video chat.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Andy Milone

Mr. Andy Milone, Freelance Reporter requested to set up a time to speak with the Chairwoman or the Vice Chairperson. Chairwoman DeVeaux acknowledged this request and said this would be accommodated.

“Franklin Reporter and Advocate” joined the meeting at 6:55 PM. No comments

Mr. Carl Wright joined the meeting at 7:37 PM. No comments

Ms. Ford moved to close the meeting for Public Comment, seconded by Mr. Alcazar.

The members voted as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Absent
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

**REVIEW OF THE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – April 6, 2021**

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the minutes from April 6, 2021 Board regular meeting.

Ms. DeVeaux made a motion to accept the April 6, 2021 minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Ford.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye

Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2) - Absent  
Chairwoman DeVeaux - Aye

**REVIEW OF THE BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES – April 6, 2021**

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Closed Executive Session minutes from April 6, 2021 Board regular meeting.

Mr. Alcazar made a motion to accept the April 6, 2021 minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE: Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1) - Aye  
Mr. Anbarasan - Aye  
Ms. Ford - Aye  
Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2) - Absent  
Chairwoman DeVeaux - Aye

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY**

Presented By: Joseph Danielsen, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager

Introduction of the 2021-2022 Authority Budget

**Operations Report** - Scott Nocero  
**Connections Report** – Christian Santiago  
**Special Projects Report** – Joseph Danielsen

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

Presented by: Joseph Danielsen, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager

**Consulting Engineer Report** - CME  
**Consulting Engineer Report** - CDM  
**General Counsel Report** – Eric M. Bernstein, Esq.

**REPORTS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**NEGOTIATIONS / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
Nothing to report.

**MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS**

The approval of some of the Resolutions will be done by the Consent Agenda.

Chairwoman DeVeaux said that all the items listed below are considered to be of a routine nature, thereby requiring one (1) motion and one (1) second for all items.

If any member wishes to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, please advise the Chair at this time as to which resolution(s) need to be handled separately and they will be addressed and voted on separately. No one made such request to remove.

<b>Resolution Number 05042021- 1</b>	<b>Payroll Account \$140,693.00</b>
<b>Resolution Number 05042021- 2</b>	<b>Operating Expense Account \$1,949,757.10</b>
<b>Resolution Number 05042021- 3</b>	<b>General Expense Account \$846.64</b>
<b>Resolution Number 05042021- 4</b>	<b>Renewal and Replacement \$34,184.12</b>
<b>Resolution Number 05042021- 5</b>	<b>North Tract Crossing \$823,011.31</b>

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Alcazar.

A roll call was taken as follows:

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Mr. Anbarasan</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Ms. Ford</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Aye</b>
	<b>Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Chairwoman DeVeaux</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The following Resolutions were voted upon:**

Resolution Number 05042021 – 6

Resolution with the approval of the introduction of the preliminary Annual Budget and Capital Budget with the waiving of the reading of the Budget for the Franklin Township Sewerage Authority for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022

**Offered by Mr. Anbarasan and seconded by Mr. Alcazar.**

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Absent
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

**BUY BOARD NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE**

Ms. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alcazar to authorize the Administrative Manager to submit an application to Buy Board for Cooperative Purchasing membership.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Absent
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

Mr. Bernstein announced that the Authority will go into Executive Session to discuss various client privilege and negotiations on the collective bargaining related to the New Brunswick Agreement.

Mr. Bernstein said pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) (attorney-client privilege) relative to anticipated or pending litigation. Formal action may or may not be taken at the conclusion of the meeting Executive Session.

WHEREAS items on the agenda fall under paragraphs 4, 7, and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and the public shall be excluded from this

portion of the meeting. Public disclosures will be made available upon resolution of these matters and confidentiality is no longer necessary.

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Ms. Ford made a motion to go into the Executive Session at 7:43 PM, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Absent
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

Ms. Ford made a motion to come out of the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan at approximately 8:17 P.M.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Absent
	Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

**Mr. Bernstein made the following statement as the Board reentered for Open Session:**

Let the record reflect that all members of the Board of Commissioners of the Franklin Township Sewerage Authority present at the commencement of the Executive Session were present at the recommencement of the Public Session, as well as the Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager, the Authority Administrative Manager and the Authority General Counsel. All Board Members were present by video. All other participants were in person at Authority headquarters.

Mr. Bernstein said there was a discussion between the Board and Board Counsel regarding legal issues. Advice given by General Counsel related to such. Direction was given to the Interim Executive Director and the General Counsel to be commissioned at the June 1, 2021 June Board meeting. Mr. Bernstein said there was also a discussion about the negotiation between the Authority and The City of New Brunswick. No formal actions need to be taken on any of these items.

Mr. Bernstein said his firm will be drafting two (2) resolutions regarding Cooperative Purchasing for the record.

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Alcazar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM, seconded by Ms. Ford. All Commissioners present voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

*Apryl L. Roach*

Apryl L. Roach, MBA, MSHRM, PHR, SHRM-CP, Q.P.A., R.P.P.S.  
Administrative Manager