

SOMERSET COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND
FUND COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2015

STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE READ BY COMMISSIONER GIAIMIS: Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the SCJIF held on Wednesday, December 16th, 2015 at 9:21 a.m. at the at the Somerville B.P.O. Elks Lodge #1068 located in Bridgewater, New Jersey, has been provided through posting of said notice to the Courier News, and the Hunterdon County Democrat in accordance with Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

PETER PALMER	County of Somerset	Present
RAYMOND A. BROWN	Somerset County Park Commission	Present
JOHN TROJAN	Raritan Valley Community College	Present
RAELENE CATTERSON	Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools	Present
GREGORY BONIN	Township of Branchburg	Present
BRIAN K. AUGER	Somerset County Library Commission	Present
KELLY G. CUPIT	Township of Green Brook	Absent
GERALD J. GIAIMIS	Township of Raritan	Present
JAMES T. NAPLES	Township of Bridgewater	Present
MARIE PARDO	Township of Clinton	Present
DIANE MC DANIEL	Township of Delaware	Present

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS

YVONNE CHILDRESS	County of Somerset	Present
DANIEL J. LIVAK	Somerset County Park Commission	Present
NANCY MOORE	Raritan Valley Community College	Absent
SARAH BRENNAN	Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools	Absent
SHARON L. BRIENZA	Township of Branchburg	Absent
BRIAN MORGAN	Somerset County Library Commission	Absent
RAYMOND S. MURRAY	Township of Green Brook	Absent
CAROL BARBATI	Township of Raritan	Absent
J. GARY HOWARTH	Township of Bridgewater	Present
MARVIN JOSS	Township of Clinton	Absent
ROGER LOCANDRO	Township of Delaware	Present

ALSO PRESENT

EXECUTIVE DIR/ADMIN: NEW JERSEY RISK MANAGERS & CONSULTANTS, INC.
♦ Raymond L. Hughes II ♦ Maryjane Hydro
 ♦ H. James Griffith ♦ Phyllis Kalmbach

FUND ATTY/LITIGATION: DiFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, KUNZMAN, DAVIS,
LEHRER & FLAUM, P.C.
♦ Stephen O. Davis, Esq.

FUND ATTY/ADMINISTRATION: SAUL EWING
♦ M. Paige Berry, Esq.

CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

QUAL-LYNX

- ◆ Javier B. Esparra

RISK MANAGERS:

ACRISURE

- ◆ Louis Beckerman

BALKEN RISK MANAGEMENT

- ◆ David Balken

LAFONTAINE & BUDD

- ◆ James T. Rick, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Lou Beckerman, Risk Manager for Township of Green Brook, Dave Balken, Risk Manager for Township of Clinton, and Jamie Rick, Risk Manager for the Townships of Branchburg & Bridgewater were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 25, 2015 MEETING:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan

SECOND: Commissioner Prado

VOTE: Unanimous

SERVICE PROVIDER REPORTS

Executive Director/Administrator: In addition to the report submitted, Raymond Hughes II reflected upon his father who was instrumental in founding the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund and noted that the Fund has been offering dividends for sixteen continuous years. He congratulated the Member Entities for their efforts to reduce claims through safety management, resulting in the available surplus. Dividend checks were distributed to member entities.

Fund Attorney/Litigation Services: No additions to report submitted.

Fund Attorney/Administrative Services: Fund Attorney Berry reported that A1347, the 21st Century First Responders Protection Act, was released from the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is now pending in the Assembly for a vote. Identical legislation, S264, has already passed the Senate in 2014 by a vote of 22-12. If passed by the Assembly, the legislation will go to the Governor for consideration.

If the legislation is signed into law it provides for, among other things, creation of a rebuttable presumption of Workers' Compensation coverage for public safety workers if exposed to known carcinogens in the course of employment. This definition of a public safety worker is similar to that which is already included in the Workers' Compensation law but not identical, and includes paid or volunteer emergency, correctional, fire, police or medical personnel. In addition, the legislation provides a rebuttable presumption for firefighters with 7 or more years of experience wherein if they suffer an illness or injury which may be caused by cancer, the cancer will be considered a compensable occupational disease.

The legislation will most likely result in increased costs due to the shift of the burden of proof from the worker to the employer in certain cases, which may result in increased claims for Workers' Compensation benefits.

Third Party Administrator: No additions to report submitted.

Custodian of Funds: No additions to report submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee: No additions to report submitted.

Coverages Committee: No additions to the report submitted.

Marketing & Strategic Planning Committee: No additions to the report submitted.

Claims Committee: No additions to the report submitted.

Safety Committee: No additions to the report submitted.

Finance Committee: No additions to the report submitted.

Legislative Committee: No additions to the report submitted.

#15-049 RESOLUTION APPROVING SERVICE PROVIDER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan
SECOND: Commissioner Pardo
VOTE: Roll Call

ROLL CALL VOTE					
COMMISSIONER		YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
COS	PETER PALMER	X			
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X			
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X			
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON	X			
TOB	GREGORY BONIN	X			
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X			
TOGB	RAYMOND S. MURRAY	X			
TOR	GERALD J. GIAIMIS	X			
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X			
TOC	MARIE PARDO	X			
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X			

OLD BUSINESS

#15-050 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND CLAIMS REIMBURSEMENTS:

MOTION: Commissioner Pardo
SECOND: Commissioner Trojan
VOTE: Roll Call

ROLL CALL VOTE					
COMMISSIONER		YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
COS	PETER PALMER	X			
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X			
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X			
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON	X			
TOB	GREGORY BONIN	X			
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X			
TOGB	RAYMOND S. MURRAY	X			
TOR	GERALD J. GIAIMIS	X			
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X			
TOC	MARIE PARDO	X			
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X			

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BUDGET AT 9:36 A.M.:

MOTION: Commissioner Murray
SECOND: Commissioner Trojan
VOTE: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:37 A.M.:

MOTION: Commissioner Murray
SECOND: Commissioner Trojan
VOTE: Unanimous

#15-051 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2016 FUND YEAR:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan
SECOND: Commissioner Pardo
VOTE: Roll Call

ROLL CALL VOTE					
COMMISSIONER		YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
COS	PETER PALMER	X			
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X			
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X			
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON	X			
TOB	GREGORY BONIN	X			
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X			
TOGB	RAYMOND S. MURRAY	X			
TOR	GERALD J. GIAIMIS	X			
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X			
TOC	MARIE PARDO	X			
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X			

NEW BUSINESS

#15-052 RESOLUTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AT 9:37 A.M. TO DISCUSS:

Workers' Compensation Claims:

- W66783
- X82559
- X85530
- Z05746
- Z23844
- Z28217
- Z28718

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan
SECOND: Commissioner Auger
VOTE: Unanimous

RETURN TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:46 A.M.:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan
SECOND: Commissioner Catterson
VOTE: Unanimous

#15-053 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan
SECOND: Commissioner Pardo
VOTE: Roll Call

ROLL CALL VOTE					
COMMISSIONER		YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
COS	PETER PALMER	X			
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X			
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X			
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON	X			
TOB	GREGORY BONIN	X			
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X			
TOGB	RAYMOND S. MURRAY	X			
TOR	GERALD J. GIAIMIS	X			
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X			
TOC	MARIE PARDO	X			
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 25, 2015 CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan
SECOND: Commissioner Bonin
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:48 A.M.:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan
SECOND: Commissioner Murray
VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,


James T. Naples, Secretary