# **SOMERSET COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND**FUND COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES January 24, 2018

**STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE READ BY MARYJANE HYDRO:** Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the SCJIF held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 8:38 a.m. at the Somerset County Park Commission Headquarters located in Bridgewater, New Jersey, has been provided through posting of said notice to the <u>Courier News</u>, and the <u>Hunterdon County Democrat</u> in accordance with Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### FLAG SALUTE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### **ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**;

BRIAN D. LEVINE RAYMOND A. BROWN JOHN TROJAN RAELENE CATTERSON GREGORY J. BONIN BRIAN K. AUGER KELLY G. CUPIT DONALD HUTCHINS JAMES T. NAPLES CARLA CONNER	County of Somerset Somerset County Park Commission Raritan Valley Community College Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools Township of Branchburg Somerset County Library Commission Township of Green Brook Township of Raritan Township of Bridgewater Township of Clinton	Absent Present Absent Present Present Present Absent Present Present

#### **ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS**

YVONNE CHILDRESS DANIEL J. LIVAK NANCY MOORE WILLIAM G. HYNCIK, JR. MARGUERITE SCHMITT BRIAN MORGAN RAYMOND S. MURRAY CAROL BARBATI J. GARY HOWARTH TOM SILVIA CHARLES HERMAN ERIC COLVIN	County of Somerset Somerset County Park Commission Raritan Valley Community College Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools Township of Branchburg Somerset County Library Commission Township of Green Brook Township of Raritan Township of Bridgewater Township of Clinton Township of Delaware Borough of Raritan	Present Present Absent Absent Absent Absent Present Present Absent Absent Absent Absent Absent Absent

**ALSO PRESENT** 

EXECUTIVE DIR/ADMIN: NEW JERSEY RISK MANAGERS & CONSULTANTS, INC.

♦ Raymond L. Hughes II

Maryjane Hydro

♦ Lucy Martins

♦ H. James Griffith

♦ Lynn Potts

#### **FUND ATTY/CLAIMS MANAGEMENT & LITIGATION:**

DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, KUNZMAN, DAVIS, LEHRER & FLAUM, P.C.

♦ Stephen O. Davis, Esq.

#### FUND ATTY/REGULATORY COMPLIANCE & LEGISLATION:

SAUL EWING ARNSTEIN & LEHR

M. Paige Berry, Esq.

<u>CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:</u> QUAL-LYNX

♦ Javier B. Esparra

<u>RISK MANAGERS:</u> ACRISURE

♦ Louis Beckerman

**BALKEN RISK** 

David Balken

LAFONTAINE & BUDD

♦ James T. Rick, Jr.

PINNACLE RISK SOLUTIONS

Richard Duthie

RICHLAND KNOWLES AGENCY

Michael Sabbagh

WILLIS TOWERS WATSON

♦ John Moore

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Present at this meeting were Jamie Rick – Risk Manager for the Townships of Branchburg and Bridgewater, David Balken - Risk Manager for the Borough of High Bridge and Township of Clinton, Lou Beckerman for the Township of Green Brook and Michael Sabbagh – Risk Manager for the Township of Delaware.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** On behalf of the Fund, thanks were extended to Commissioner Naples for his service as 2017 Chair of the Board. After explaining that the SCJIF positions rotate annually, Maryjane Hydro, Executive Vice President from New Jersey Risk Managers, presented the 2018 Slate of Executive Committee and Officers. The nomination of Officers was read as follows:

CHAIRMAN: Diane McDaniel, Township of Delaware VICE-CHAIRMAN: Brian D. Levine, County of Somerset

TCD-CHARMAN. Brian D. Levine, County of Somerset

SECRETARY: Raymond A. Brown, Somerset County Park Commission

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: John Trojan, Raritan Valley Community College

Raelene Catterson, Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools

Gregory J. Bonin, Township of Branchburg

Brian Auger, Somerset County Library Commission

ALTERNATES: Kelly G. Cupit, Township of Green Brook

Donald Hutchins, Township of Raritan James T. Naples, Township of Bridgewater

Daniel Jaxel, Borough of Raritan

Michael Pappas, Borough of High Bridge Carla Conner, Township of Clinton

Maryjane Hydro asked for any other nominations: NONE

#### MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SLATE OF NOMINATED OFFICERS:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan SECOND: Commissioner Bonin

**VOTE:** Unanimous

The meeting was turned over to Chairman McDaniel, to follow actions of the Reorganization Agenda.

#18-001 Authorizing appointment of the Fund's Officers, Executive Committee and Alternates

#18-002 Designating regular meeting place & dates and designating the official newspapers for the 2018 Fund year

#18-003 Designating State approved public depositories as official depositories of SCJIF for 2018 and each Fund account year

#18-004 Memorializing designations of individuals authorized as Fund check signatories for the 2018 Fund year

#18-005 Setting an interest rate on delinquent assessments for the 2018 Fund year

#18-006 Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer

#18-007 Designating the Administrator as Agent to receive service of process on behalf of the Fund and designating the Administrator's office as where the books and records shall be maintained

#18-008 Approving Certifying and Approving Officer

## MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #18-001 to #18-008 FROM THE REORGANIZATION AGENDA:

MOTION: Commissioner Cupit SECOND: Commissioner Naples

**VOTE:** Roll Call

ROLL CALL VOTE						
	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	
COS	YVONNE CHILDRESS	X				
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X				
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X				
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON			X		

TOB	GREGORY BONIN	X	
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X	
TOGB	KELLY G. CUPIT	X	
TOR	CAROL BARBATI	X	
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X	
TOC	CARLA CONNER	X	
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X	
BOR	DANIEL JAXEL	X	
внв	MICHAEL PAPPAS	X	

### MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 20th, 2017 MEETING:

MOTION: C

**Commissioner Trojan** 

**SECOND:** 

Commissioner Bonin

VOTE:

Majority - Commissioners Jaxel & Pappas Abstain

#### SERVICE PROVIDER REPORTS

**Executive Director/Administrator:** In addition to the report submitted, Raymond Hughes commented on Fund year 2017 appearing to close out in an advantageous position, taking into consideration a few larger losses in the Property line. He reminded the Board that losses exceeding the deductible will be recoverable from the carrier.

Fund Attorney - Claims Management & Litigation: No additions to the report submitted.

Fund Attorney – Regulatory Compliance & Legislation: In addition to the report submitted, Fund Attorney Berry provided an update on legislation pertaining to the investment abilities of Joint Insurance Funds. Discussion followed.

County Freeholder Brian D. Levine's arrival was acknowledged at this time.

Third Party Administrator: No additions to the report submitted.

Custodian of Funds: No additions to the report submitted.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Safety Committee:** In addition to the report submitted, Maryjane Hydro stated that the Safety Committee met on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Township of Green Brook where Chairman Raymond Murray announced the two new members of the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund; the Borough of Raritan and the Borough of High Bridge.

Maryjane stated that as a courtesy, computer runs have been provided to all entities to assist in looking up the past Workers' Compensation claim records in order to complete the OSHA300 forms which are a log of work related injuries & illnesses. The computer runs only capture data of lost time. It is up to the HR department, or responsible individual, to determine what is OSHA reportable by personnel records.

The next scheduled Safety Committee meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the TradeWins Restaurant of the Somerset County Vocational and Technical Schools.

Contract Committee: Committee Chair Raymond A. Brown announced that the Committee met on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> after receiving all 2018 Service Provider Request For Proposals (RFPs). Recommendations are to continue with the following incumbents:

- ✓ Yvonne Childress Custodian of Funds
- ✓ Suplee, Clooney & Company Auditor
- ✓ T & M Associates Safety Management Services
- ✓ The Actuarial Advantage Actuary
- ✓ M. Paige Berry, Esq. Fund Attorney-Regulatory Compliance / Legislation
- ✓ DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, PC Fund Attoney-Claims Management/ Litigation

Further, Chairman Brown stated that the Committee also recommended four additional new firms to the Defense Counsel pool which gives the fund accessibility to a wider range of litigation professionals. A complete report of the Committee recommendations was distributed.

### #18-009 RESOLUTION APPROVING SERVICE PROVIDER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan SECOND: Commissioner Cupit

VOTE: Roll Call

Service Control	ROLL CALL VOTE						
	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN		
COS	BRIAN D. LEVINE	X					
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X	_				
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X					
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON	_		X			
ТОВ	GREGORY J. BONIN	X					
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X					
TOGB	KELLY G. CUPIT	X					
TOR	CAROL BARBATI	X					
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X					
TOC	CARLA CONNER	X					
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X					
BOR	DANIEL JAXEL	X					
внв	MICHAEL PAPPAS	X					

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#18-010 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND CLAIMS REIMBURSEMENTS:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan SECOND: Commissioner Cupit

VOTE: Roll Call

	ROLL	CALL VOT	E	10 mm	
	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
COS	BRIAN D. LEVINE	X			
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X			
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X			
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON			X	
тов	GREGORY J. BONIN	X			
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X			
TOGB	KELLY G. CUPIT	X			
TOR	CAROL BARBATI	X			
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X			
TOC	CARLA CONNER	X			
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X			
BOR	DANIEL JAXEL	X			
внв	MICHAEL PAPPAS	X			

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### #18-011 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR 2018:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan SECOND: Commissioner Cupit

**VOTE:** Roll Call

	ROLL CALL VOTE						
	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN		
COS	BRIAN D. LEVINE	X					
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X					
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X					
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON			X			
ТОВ	GREGORY J. BONIN	X		<del>                                     </del>			
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X					
TOGB	KELLY G. CUPIT	X	_	<del> </del>			
TOR	CAROL BARBATI	X		+			
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X		<del> </del>			
TOC	CARLA CONNER	X		<del>                                     </del>			
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X	l				
BOR	DANIEL JAXEL	X		1			
ВНВ	MICHAEL PAPPAS	X					

# #18-012 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR 2018:

MOTION: Commissioner Trojan SECOND: Commissioner Cupit

VOTE: Roll Call

	ROLL	CALL VOT	E	PAR RESIDENCE	THE SUSIN
	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
cos	BRIAN D LEVINE	X			
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X	_		
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X			
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON			X	
тов	GREGORY J. BONIN	X			
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X			
TOGB	KELLY G. CUPIT	X			
TOR	CAROL BARBATI	X			
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X			
TOC	CARLA CONNER	X			
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X			
BOR	DANIEL JAXEL	X			
внв	MICHAEL PAPPAS	X			

Raymond Hughes, explained enhancements to the 2018 Risk Management Plan which include moving the Property Insurance coverage from The Hartford Insurance Company to Zurich for broader coverage at a greater savings. The Hartford was in the midst of revamping their property limit offerings which were not completed prior to the January 1<sup>st</sup> term.

#### #18-013 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN:

MOTION: Co

Commissioner Trojan

SECOND:

**Commissioner Cupit** 

**VOTE:** 

Unanimous

#### #18-014 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN:

**MOTION:** 

**Commissioner Trojan** 

**SECOND:** 

**Commissioner Cupit** 

VOTE:

Roll Call

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	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN		
COS	BRIAN D. LEVINE	X					
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X					
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X	_				
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON			X			
TOB	GREGORY J. BONIN	X					
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X			-		
TOGB	KELLY G. CUPIT	X					
TOR	CAROL BARBATI	X					
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X					
TOC	CARLA CONNER	X					
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X					
BOR	DANIEL JAXEL	X			<u> </u>		
ВНВ	MICHAEL PAPPAS	X					

#### #18-015 RESOLUTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AT 8:57 A.M. TO DISCUSS:

#### Workers' Compensation Claims:

- 001121865
- 001189967
- 001203323
- 001245518
- 001246182
- 001263653
- 2017101684
- 2018109970

MOTION:

Commissioner Trojan

SECOND:

**Commissioner Cupit** 

VOTE:

Unanimous

#### MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING AT 9:08 A.M.:

**MOTION:** 

Commissioner Trojan

**SECOND:** 

Commissioner Bonin

VOTE:

Unanimous

#### **#18-016 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

**MOTION:** 

Commissioner Trojan

**SECOND:** 

**Commissioner Cupit** 

VOTE:

Majority - Commissioners Jaxel and Pappas Abstain

	ROLL CALL VOTE						
	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN		
cos	BRIAN D. LEVINE	X					
SCPC	RAYMOND A. BROWN	X		<del>  -</del>			
RVCC	JOHN TROJAN	X					
SCVT	RAELENE CATTERSON			X			
тов	GREGORY J. BONIN	X					
SCLC	BRIAN AUGER	X					
TOGB	KELLY G. CUPIT	X					
TOR	CAROL BARBATI	X					
TOBW	JAMES T. NAPLES	X					
TOC	CARLA CONNER	X					
TOD	DIANE Mc DANIEL	X		<b>†</b>			
BOR	DANIEL JAXEL				X		
внв	MICHAEL PAPPAS				X		

### MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 20th, 2017 CLOSED SESSION:

**MOTION:** 

Commissioner Trojan

**SECOND:** 

**Commissioner Naples** 

**VOTE:** 

Majority - Commissioners Jaxel and Pappas Abstain

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:11 A.M.:**

MOTION: SECOND:

Commissioner Trojan Commissioner Cupit

**VOTE:** 

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Raymond A. Brown, Secretary