



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

A Regular Board meeting of the Board of Public Utilities was held on January 22, 2020, at the State House Annex, Committee Room 11, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

Public notice was given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 by posting notice of the meeting at the Board's Trenton Office, on the Board's website, filing notice of the meeting with the New Jersey Department of State and the following newspapers circulated in the State of New Jersey:

Asbury Park Press
Atlantic City Press
Burlington County Times
Courier Post (Camden)
Home News Tribune (New Brunswick)
North Jersey Herald and News (Passaic)
The Record (Hackensack)
The Star Ledger (Newark)
The Trenton Times

The following members of the Board of Public Utilities were present:

Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President
Mary-Anna Holden, Commissioner
Dianne Solomon, Commissioner
Upendra J. Chivukula, Commissioner
Robert M. Gordon, Commissioner

President Fiordaliso presided at the meeting and Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary of the Board, carried out the duties of the Secretary.

It was announced that the next regular Board Meeting would be held on February 5, 2020 at the State House Annex, Committee Room 11, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After appropriate motion, the following matter, which involved pending litigation attorney/client privilege and contract negotiation pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)7 was discussed in Executive Session.


9. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Docket No. EO20010009 – In the Matter of the Board of Public Utilities’ Request for Response Regarding a Study of Its Energy Assistance Programs.

Discussion: Maureen Clerc, USF Team, Office of Secretary and Kevin Nedza, Director of Special Projects, Office of Chief of Staff presented this matter, requesting authorization to solicit proposals from New Jersey colleges and universities for evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the Board’s energy assistance programs, which includes: the Universal Service Fund (USF) program; the USF-Fresh Start (Fresh Start) program; the Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE) program; and the former Temporary Relief for Utility Expenses (TRUE) program.

The findings and recommendations of the Study will help Board Staff with developing recommendations for the Board to consider better integration of the Board’s energy assistance programs. Board Staff will share the study report with program stakeholders to solicit public input regarding any recommended program improvements prior to presenting such recommendations to the Board.

Staff recommended that the Board authorize Staff to release the Request for Response with the goal of returning to the Board with a recommendation for a bidder.


AIDA CAMACHO-WELCH
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Date: July 14, 2021