

**SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MAY 20, 2026**

Chair Priya Jain called the Executive Session to order at 9:06 a.m. This Executive Session is conducted in accordance with Resolution 2026-41 of the South Jersey Transportation Authority (“SJTA”), which provides for the following:

The general nature of the subjects of this closed session meeting pertains to personnel, workers’ compensation, and bond matters as authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8).

<u>Present via Teleconference</u>	<u>Present in Person</u>
Commissioner Zoe Baldwin Commissioner Robert McDevitt Commissioner Joseph Ripa Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni, NJDOT Igor Levenberg, Special Counsel	Chair Priya Jain Commissioner John F. Amodeo Vice Chair Barbara Holcomb Commissioner Christopher M. Milam Jessica O’Connor, Esq., GAU Executive Director Stephen F. Dougherty Paul Heck, Chief Administrative Officer James G. Sullivan, Chief of Field Operations Kevin A. Steet, Director of Finance Nicholas Sullivan, Esq., General Counsel Shawn Costello, Board Secretary Caroline Roseboro, Alternate Board Secretary Tim Kroll, Airport Director

Roll Call of the Board

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Chair Priya Jain	x	
Commissioner John F. Amodeo	x	
Commissioner S. Zoe Baldwin	x	
Commissioner Robert Healey		x
Vice Chair Barbara Holcomb	x	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt	x	
Commissioner Christopher M. Milam	x	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	x	
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		x

Personnel Matter-Schedule “A”: Resolution 2026-33

Mr. Paul Heck addressed the Board to discuss Schedule “A” regarding Personnel Actions associated with Resolution 2026-33.

Mr. Paul Heck advised of the Authority’s 2026 budgeted headcount of 334 positions and the current staffed headcount of 320. He noted upon approval of today’s personnel actions, the headcount will be increased by four (4). Mr. Heck directed the Board to Schedule “A”. Mr. Heck explained that three (3) full-time positions are being transferred from private maintenance to internal maintenance, which include one (1) Maintenance Manager and a Facilities Maintenance 1 and 3 position consisting of one backfill and two (2) budgeted vacancies. Mr. Heck also noted the filling of the Accountant II position, which is an opening due to a promotion. Mr. Heck briefly noted the hiring of a part-time receptionist and Customer Service Representative, as well as part-time CDL and Non-CDL drivers for Transportation Services. Mr. Heck concluded by addressing two (2) budgeted vacancies for the SJTPO which have been approved by their board. These positions include a part-time Planning Intern and a full-time Program Manager for Safety Initiatives and Complete Streets.

Workers' Compensation Settlement: Resolution 2026-40

Mr. Paul Heck addressed the board to discuss a worker's compensation settlement associated with Resolution 2026-40. Mr. Heck provided background on a 2023 accident and provided a brief description of the meeting and settlement recommended by the judge. Special Counsel, Igor Levenberg, was available for questions, but no questions were asked.

Bond Rating

Kevin A. Steet addressed the board and provided a summary of the recent Fitch Ratings Watch and scheduled meetings to discuss the Spirit impact on SJTA revenue. Mr. Steet indicated that there is an expected 3.6 million impact, though it is expected to be offset by improved toll revenue. Discussion ensued with Chair Jain about the revised budget forecast and when it could be made available. Vice Chair Holcomb asked Mr. Steet if the Fitch rating can be revised to which Mr. Steet replied yes. Chair Jain thanked Mr. Steet for his efforts and communication.

Chair Jain called for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Said motion was moved by Commissioner Milam and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo. The motion carried adjourning the Executive Session at 9:16 a.m.

Submitted by: Shawn Costello
Shawn Costello, SJTA Board Secretary