



**SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

This Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting of the South Jersey Transportation Authority was held on February 18, 2026, with Chair Priya Jain calling the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Present**

- Chair Priya Jain (in person)
- Vice Chair Barbara Holcomb (in person)
- Commissioner John F. Amodeo (teleconference)
- Commissioner S. Zoe Baldwin (in person)
- Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt (in person)
- Commissioner Christopher M. Milam (in person)
- Commissioner Joseph Ripa (teleconference)
- Samuel Kovach-Orr Esq., Associate Counsel, GAU (teleconference)
- Juan Carlos Nordelo, NJDOT (in person)
- Stephen F. Dougherty, SJTA Executive Director (in person)
- Susan Angulo, Chief of Staff (in person)
- Paul Heck, Chief Administrative Officer (in person)
- Kevin A. Steet, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (in person)
- David Zappariello, Communications Director (in person)
- Nicholas Sullivan, General Counsel (in person)
- Shawn Costello, Board Secretary (in person)
- Caroline Roseboro, Alternate Board Secretary (in person)

**Absent**

- Commissioner Robert Healey
- Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni
- Jessica O'Connor Esq., Associate Counsel, GAU
- Commissioner Christina Fuentes, EDA Representative
- James G. Sullivan, Chief of Field Operations

**Statement of Public Notice**

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was opened advising the Commissioners and public that notice of the meeting was duly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City, the Camden Courier Post, and with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey as to the time and date of convening. Notice had also been posted at the Farley Service Plaza, the Atlantic City International Airport, and Blackwood Offices as prescribed by law.

The following members were in attendance.

**Roll Call**

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Chair Priya Jain	X	
Commissioner John F. Amodeo	X	
Commissioner S. Zoe Baldwin	X	
Commissioner Robert T. 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

*Three members of the public attended the meeting.*

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Jain called for a motion to approve the February 18, 2026, agenda. Whereupon a motion was made by Commissioner McDevitt and seconded by Commissioner Baldwin approving said agenda. Chair Jain asked for questions on the motion. No questions were asked. A unanimous vote was taken approving and adopting the agenda. A copy of the agenda is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chair Jain called for a motion to approve the January 15, 2026, meeting minutes. Whereupon a motion was made by Commissioner Baldwin and seconded by Commissioner Milam approving said minutes. No questions were asked. All Commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively, approving, and adopting said minutes.

### **Executive Session**

Chair Jain asked General Counsel if an Executive Session was needed, to which General Counsel responded affirmatively. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolution 2026-12 to the Chair and Commissioners for the exclusion of the public from discussions related to personnel matters related to the Schedule "A" associated with Resolution 2026-08. Whereupon, the motion was made by Vice Chair Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner McDevitt approving Resolution 2026-12. A unanimous vote was taken approving the resolution, adjourning the open portion of the meeting at 9:06 a.m. Chair Jain asked the call operator to place the public audience on hold while the Board conducted the Executive Session.

At the close of the Executive Session, Chair Jain asked for a motion to return to the open portion of the meeting. Whereupon, a motion was made by Commissioner Milam and seconded by Commissioner McDevitt. The open portion of the meeting reconvened at 9:17 a.m.

The call operator opened the meeting back up to the public portion of the meeting. Chair Jain then requested the Secretary call the roll.

### **Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chair Priya Jain	X	
Commissioner John F. Amodeo	X	
Commissioner S. Zoe Baldwin	X	
Commissioner Robert T. Healey, Jr.		X
Vice Chair Barbara Holcomb	X	
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt	X	
Commissioned Christopher M. Milam	X	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa	X	
Commissioner Christina Fuentes		X

### **Executive Report**

Chair Jain asked for the presentation of the Executive Report. Mr. Dougherty presented the February 18, 2026, Executive Report. Chair Jain asked for questions or comments on the Executive Director's report.

Commissioner McDevitt asked about the decrease in the senior meals delivered during the month of January. Mr. Dougherty explained that, due to the winter storm, some deliveries included double the meals and on a couple of days deliveries could not be completed due to the weather conditions.

Commissioner Milam asked Mr. Dougherty about the toll revenue numbers and the discrepancy to previous months. Mr. Dougherty explained that the new system isn't as immediate as the previous tolling system and that some charges go through an additional verification to ensure E-ZPass account holders. Director of Finance, Kevin A. Steet added that the Authority is looking through every transaction that goes through the gantries, so the percentages look less. Mr. Steet added in the past, only toll paying

traffic was examined. He noted that even though the rate is different, it's comparable. The reported rate is a result of how the new system presents the data.

Vice Chair Holcomb asked Mr. Dougherty whether the increased parking revenue, though the airport utilization was down, is a result of the recent winter storm. Airport Director, Tim Kroll, responded that while the January weather was worse, passengers were utilizing the parking garage which has higher rates than the parking lot.

Commissioner Baldwin asked if the Authority expects to see an increase in toll evasion with the AET system. Director of Tolls, Karen Hutchings, said the new AET offers better images of license plates. Mr. Dougherty added he believes drivers will attempt different types of toll evasion. Mr. Dougherty also noted that the technology is designed to achieve over 99% read accuracy, enabling the Authority to identify vehicles and follow up with invoices. Commissioner McDevitt asked what the consequences for drivers are who evade tolling. Mr. Dougherty replied that drivers can be prosecuted. Chair Jain asked how much toll revenue has been lost to toll evasion. Ms. Hutchings replied roughly 3 million was lost in unpaid tolls last year.

A copy of the Executive Report is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

### **Committee Reports**

Chair Jain asked Mr. Dougherty to present the Committee Reports. Mr. Dougherty reported all Committees met on February 4, 2026. During these meetings, briefings were provided on the resolutions being presented this morning as well as updates on Breeze Airways, the Tyler ERP Human Resources Management (HRM) Go-Live, Sole Source Vendors, and the AI SOP. Commissioners were also provided with the schedule of upcoming projects, the voucher list, December 2025 Financial Reports, the EO-8 Report and Airport statistics.

### **Public Response to Agenda Items**

Chair Jain asked the public for comments on any of the agenda items. No comments were made by the public.

### **Resolutions and Motions:**

Chair Jain asked Mr. Dougherty to present the resolutions. Mr. Dougherty advised the Commissioners he would be presenting a total of four (4) resolutions for their consideration. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolutions 2026-08 through 2026-11. Chair Jain called for a motion to approve said resolutions. The motion as presented was moved by Vice Chair Holcomb and seconded by Commissioner McDevitt approving said resolutions. Chair Jain asked for questions or discussions on the motion. Chair Jain asked the Secretary to call the roll.

### **Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Recused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chair Priya Jain			X				
Commissioner John F. Amodeo			X				
Commissioner Zoe Baldwin			X				
Commissioner Robert T. Healey							X
Vice Chair Barbara Holcomb	X		X				
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt		X	X				
Commissioner Christopher M. Milam			X			*2026-11	
Commissioner Joseph Ripa			X				

*\*Commissioner Milam voted yes however, noted for the record of his recusal from Resolution 2026-11 due to business a business relationship.*

*Copies of Resolutions 2026-08 through 2026-11 are attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.*

**RESOLUTION 2026-08 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Pursuant to the Authority By-Laws, the Personnel Committee shall advise the Board on issues related to organization structure, equal employment opportunity, labor negotiations, employment practices and personnel actions affecting an individual's employment status or compensation. This resolution seeks Board approval for personnel actions as specified in the "Schedule A" attached to this resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2026-09 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF 2025 OR CURRENT PRODUCTION YEAR 14 PASSENGER CNG STANDARD CUTAWAY BUS WITH WHEELCHAIR LIFT OR EQUAL – FHWA FUNDED**

Pursuant to Resolution 2024-118, the State of New Jersey has approved and allocated FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) funds (\$21,000,000.00) under the CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) program and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have been delegated authority to award Federal Financial Assistance for Transportation Projects to New Jersey Transit as direct recipients. The Authority has been designated by the State of New Jersey and New Jersey Transit to serve as a subrecipient of those FTA funds to procure Jitneys (CNG) and issue the vehicles to the members of the Atlantic City Jitney Association. On December 2nd and December 3rd, 2025, the Authority publicly advertised for proposals for the Purchase and Delivery of 2025 or Current Production Year 14-Passenger CNG Standard Cutaway Bus with Wheelchair Lift or Equal. On January 6th, 2026, in response to said advertising, three (3) qualified proposals were received. All three proposals were rejected due to conflicting performance bond and guarantee language. On January 13th and January 14th, 2026, the Authority publicly advertised for proposals for the Reissue of the Purchase and Delivery of 2025 or Current Production Year 14-Passenger CNG Standard Cutaway Bus with Wheelchair Lift or Equal. On January 28th, 2026, in response to said advertising, four (4) qualified proposals were received. Bird Bus Sales was rejected due to a failure to submit a Consent of Surety signed by a New Jersey Licensed Surety Company. On January 30th, 2026 and February 4th, 2026, the Consultant Selection Committee (CSC) met to review and rank said proposals and determine if same met all the requirements of the specifications and instruction to proposers. Based on the CSC's review and ranking of proposals, Rohrer Bus Sales of Duncannon, PA are recommended for the Purchase and Delivery of 2025 or Current Production Year 14-Passenger CNG Standard Cutaway Bus with Wheelchair Lift or Equal. The Authority desires to enter into a contract with Rohrer Bus Sales of Duncannon, PA for the Purchase and Delivery of 2025 or Current Production Year 14-Passenger CNG Standard Cutaway Bus with Wheelchair Lift or Equal in an amount not to exceed one hundred seventy thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$170,800.00) per unit for model year 2026, not to exceed one hundred seventy-two thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$172,900.00) per unit for model year 2027 and not to exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand, two hundred dollars (\$175,200.00) per unit for model year 2028. Pursuant to Resolution 2024-118, the number of units to be purchased is contingent on fund ability and is not to exceed the awarded Eighteen Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,900,000.00) for capital procurement, unless additional funding is granted. The contract term will be for approximately one hundred and ten (110) buses, or funding is depleted, not to exceed December 31, 2027. The Director of Transportation Services believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a contract with Rohrer Bus Sales of Duncannon, PA for the Purchase and Delivery of 2025 or Current Production Year 14-Passenger CNG Standard Cutaway Bus with Wheelchair Lift or Equal in an amount not to exceed Eighteen Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,900,000.00).

**RESOLUTION 2026-10 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ENTRANCE INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HOME PORT ALLIANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF SHUTTLE SERVICES TO THE BATTLESHIP USS NEW JERSEY DURING SPECIAL EVENTS**

Pursuant to Resolution 2023-16, the Authority entered into an agreement with Home Port Alliance ("HPA"), wherein the Authority provided shuttle service for the HPA patrons, employees and volunteers for the Battleship USS New Jersey, between the Marina Circle on the Camden Waterfront parking garage in the City of Camden during special events. The term of this agreement was three years at a rate of \$55.00 per driver, per hour. As the term of this agreement is set to expire on or about March 31, 2026, the

Authority and HPA now desire to enter into a new agreement for transportation services for HPA patrons, employees and volunteers of the Battleship USS New Jersey, between the Marina Circle and Camden Waterfront parking locations in the City of Camden during special events. The services shall be provided for a term of three years, commencing on or about April 1, 2026, at a proposed rate of \$60.00 per driver, per hour. The rate as indicated in this agreement covers the cost incurred by SJTA to operate this service.

**RESOLUTION 2026-11 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACTS WITH CONNOR STRONG & BUCKELEW OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BROKERAGE AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND BROWN & BROWN METRO, LLC OF LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY FOR SPECIAL BROKER FOR HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the Authority advertised a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for Employee Benefits Brokerage and Consulting Services for the South Jersey Transportation Authority (the “Authority”). The Authority sought proposals from qualified firms to perform brokerage and consulting services with respect to the Authority’s employee benefit programs. Via Resolution 2024-02 the Authority awarded a contract to Conner Strong & Buckelew for the provision of Employee Benefits Brokerage and Consulting Services and Brown & Brown Metro, LLC for the provision of Health Reimbursement Arrangement Brokerage and Consulting Services (HRA Brokerage Contract) for the South Jersey Transportation Authority for a term of two (2) years, with two (2) one-year extension options that can be executed by agreement only. The Authority desires to exercise the first one (1) year renewal option pursuant to the same terms and conditions, unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing. The Authority’s goal is to offer quality, market-competitive and cost-effective benefit plans to our employees. The general scope of services is to advise on employee benefit plan issues and assist the Authority in obtaining and evaluating bids from various providers. Currently, health and prescription benefits for Authority employees are provided through the New Jersey State Health Benefit Program. The Authority currently offers employees Health Reimbursement Arrangement (“HRA”) for Horizon NJ Direct 2035/Aetna Freedom 2035 + Difference Card. The Authority also provides dental and vision benefits through a self-funded program with Delta Dental of New Jersey (“Delta”) and EyeMed Vision Care, LLC (“EyeMed”), each of whom provide third-party claims administration and access to managed care networks. The Authority also provides Dependent and Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts (“FSA”) as well as certain life insurance benefits to its employees.

**Petitions or Communications, Unfinished Business and New Business**

Chair Jain asked if there were any petitions or communications, unfinished or new business. Mr. Dougherty responded, all petitions and communications were mailed prior to the meeting. There was no new business to discuss.

**General Comment**

Chair Jain invited general comments from the public.

George Lindsay expressed continued frustration over not being able to resolve his toll violations. Mr. Lindsay stated he has been reaching out to dispute his toll violations due to transponder issues and has only heard back that there are a limited number of disputes allowed which, if it is a result of a product malfunction, he does not understand. Mr. Lindsay stated legal correspondence has been sent regarding his violations and is confused why it hasn’t been received to date. Mr. Lindsay stated he continues to receive violation notices through the mail when there is supposed to be a stay in place. Mr. Lindsay asked if the invoices could stop until the issue is resolved. Mr. Lindsay presented a letter to the board and stated it included an OPRA request. Mr. Lindsay expects his tolls and fees to be waived until the issue is resolved. Mr. Dougherty stated to the Board that Mr. Lindsay has been contacted previously by the outside contractor but suggested that Mr. Lindsay sit with staff members to talk through some of the issues to see what can be resolved.

Vice Chair Holcomb applauded the 96 crew members that worked the recent snowstorm. The Vice Chair acknowledged the Operations Department, the leadership, and crew that worked during that event. The Vice Chair also acknowledged the crew members of the previous 13 weather events this season. Vice

Chair Holcomb also acknowledged Airport Director, Tim Kroll, and thanked him for his outstanding work at the Airport and especially the accomplishments over the last month and a half. The Vice Chair ended with welcoming Chair Jain on behalf of all the Commissioners and stated they are all looking forward to working with her. Chair Jain thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Jain announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Jain called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon the motion was made by Commissioner Milam and seconded Commissioner McDevitt to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by: *Shawn Costello*

Shawn Costello, Board Secretary

**Note: An Executive Session was held during this meeting.**