



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

This Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting of the South Jersey Transportation Authority was held on March 18, 2026, with Vice Chair Holcomb calling the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Vice Chair Barbara Holcomb stated due to Chair Jain being unable to participate today, she is chairing this meeting on her behalf.

**Present**

- Vice Chair Barbara Holcomb (teleconference)
- Commissioner John F. Amodeo (teleconference)
- Commissioner Zoe Baldwin (teleconference)
- Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni (teleconference)
- Commissioner Robert Healey (teleconference)
- Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt (teleconference) \*dropped off at 9:20am
- Commissioner Christopher M. Milam (in person)
- Commissioner Joseph Ripa (teleconference)
- Blair Gerold Esq., Associate Counsel, GAU (teleconference)
- Susan Angulo, Chief of Staff (in person)
- David Zappariello, Communications Director (in person)
- Kevin A. Steet, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (in person)
- Stephen F. Dougherty, SJTA Executive Director (in person)
- Paul Heck, Chief Administrative Officer (in person)
- James G. Sullivan, Chief of Field Operations (in person)
- Shawn Costello, Board Secretary (in person)
- Caroline Roseboro, Alternate Board Secretary (in person)
- Nicholas Sullivan, General Counsel (in person)
- Sandra Graise, General Counsel (in person)
- Commissioner Christina Fuentes, EDA Representative (teleconference)

**Absent**

- Chair Priya Jain
- Juan Carlos Nordelo, NJDOT
- Jessica O'Connor Esq., Associate Counsel, GAU

**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
Chairman Priya Jain		x
Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni	x	
Commissioner John F. Amodeo	x	
Commissioner 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	

*Two members of the public attended the meeting.*

**Approval of the Agenda**

Vice Chair called for a motion to approve the March 18, 2026, agenda. Whereupon a motion was made by Deputy Commissioner Bertoni and seconded by Commissioner Milam approving said agenda. Vice Chair Holcomb 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**

Vice Chair Holcomb called for a motion to approve the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes. Whereupon a motion was made by Commissioner Milam and seconded by Commissioner Baldwin approving said minutes. No questions were asked. All Commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively, approving, and adopting said minutes.

**Executive Session**

Vice Chair Holcomb asked General Counsel if an Executive Session was needed, to which General Counsel responded affirmatively. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolution 2026-23 to the Vice Chair and Commissioners for the exclusion of the public from discussions related to personnel matters related to the Schedule “A” and associated with Resolution 2026-13 and litigation matters. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Milam and seconded by Deputy Commissioner Bertoni approving Resolution 2026-23. A unanimous vote was taken approving the resolution, adjourning the open portion of the meeting at 9:04 a.m. Vice Chair Holcomb 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, Vice Chair Holcomb asked for a motion to return to the open portion of the meeting. Whereupon, a motion was made by Commissioner Milam and seconded by Deputy Commissioner Bertoni. The open portion of the meeting reconvened at 9:27 a.m.

The call operator opened the meeting back up to the public portion of the meeting. Vice Chair Holcomb 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	

*\*Commissioner McDevitt dropped off at 9:20am*

**Executive Report**

Vice Chair Holcomb asked for the presentation of the Executive Report. Mr. Dougherty presented the March 18, 2026, Executive Report. A copy of the Executive Report is attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.

## **Committee Reports**

Vice Chair Holcomb asked Mr. Dougherty to present the Committee Reports. Mr. Dougherty reported all Committees met on March 4, 2026. During these meetings, briefings were provided on the resolutions being presented this morning as well as an AET Revenue & Transactions update. Commissioners were also provided with the schedule of upcoming projects, the voucher list, January 2026 Financial Reports, the EO-8 Report and Airport statistics.

## **Public Response to Agenda Items**

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

## **Resolutions and Motions:**

Vice Chair Holcomb asked Mr. Dougherty to present the resolutions. Mr. Dougherty advised the Commissioners he would be presenting a total of ten (10) resolutions for their consideration. Mr. Dougherty presented Resolutions 2026-13 through 2026-22. Vice Chair Holcomb called for a motion to approve said resolutions. The motion as presented was moved by Commissioner Milam and seconded by Commissioner Baldwin approving said resolutions. Vice Chair Holcomb asked for questions or discussions on the motion. Vice Chair Holcomb 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>
Chairman Priya Jain							X
Deputy Commissioner Joseph Bertoni			X				
Commissioner John F. Amodeo			X				
Commissioner Zoe Baldwin		X	X				
Commissioner Robert T. Healey			X				
Vice Chair Barbara Holcomb			X				
Commissioner C. Robert McDevitt							X
Commissioner Christopher M. Milam	X		X				
Commissioner Joseph Ripa			X				

*Copies of Resolutions 2026-13 through 2026-22 are attached hereto and made a permanent part of these official Authority minutes.*

## **RESOLUTION 2026-13 RESOLUTION 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 2026-14 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT TO VOLAIRE AVIATION INC. OF FISHERS, INDIANA, FOR AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES**

On January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Authority advertised a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Air Service Development Consulting Services for the purpose of obtaining proposals from firms to provide air service consulting services on a retainer basis and/or on a project basis. In response to said advertisement, three (3) proposals were received by the Authority on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Authority's Consultant Selection Committee ("CSC") reviewed and ranked the Proposals and determined that Volaire Aviation, Inc of Fishers, Indiana was deemed to have submitted the highest ranked proposal which best serve the interests of the Authority. Based on the CSC's evaluation and recommendation, the Authority, via Resolution 2024-20, entered into an agreement with Volaire Aviation, Inc of Fishers, Indiana for the provision of Air Service Development Consulting Services for a term of one (1) year with two (2) one-year renewal options that can be executed by agreement only. The initial term of said agreement expired on or about April 30, 2025. The Authority via Resolution 2025-17 authorized the first one (1) year extension option. The Authority and Volaire Aviation Inc. now mutually desire to exercise the second and final one (1) year renewal option commencing on or about May 1, 2026, and expiring on or

about April 30, 2027. The Airport Director believes it is in the best interest of the Authority and desires to exercise the first one (1) year renewal option with Volaire Aviation, Inc. commencing on or about May 1, 2026.

**RESOLUTION 2026-15 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AIRLINE USE AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BREEZE AIRWAYS OF COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, UTAH, FOR AIR SERVICE TO AND FROM ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The Authority is seeking to negotiate and enter into an Airline Use and Lease Agreement with Breeze Airways. Breeze is a qualified commercial passenger air service carrier that will provide scheduled commercial service to and from Atlantic City International Airport. Breeze will pay fees to the Airport based on the current Rates and Charges for ACY. Breeze Airways will be leasing approximately xxx sq. ft. of space in the main terminal building for the term of one (1) year, with two (2) one (1) year mutually agreeable options.

**RESOLUTION 2026-16 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SUPPORTING CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS AND APPROVING THE USE OF PORTIONS OF THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY**

DelMoPRO, LLC in conjunction with the American Cancer Society has contacted the Authority with requests to utilize portions of the Atlantic City Expressway in support of certain events as follows: The American Cancer Society 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike-A-Thon on Sunday, June 7, 2026, the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic City Triathlon on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 2026. It is anticipated that these events will assist in promoting a positive image and showcase the region's many tourist attractions, bringing Atlantic City and its surroundings a healthful, non-gaming, family-friendly event. The Executive Director believes it is in the best interests of the Authority and the region as a whole to approve the use of portions of the Atlantic City Expressway as indicated above.

**RESOLUTION 2026-17 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. OF EWING, NEW JERSEY AND MAZZA RECYCLING SERVICES LTD., OF TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY FOR REFUSE REMOVAL SERVICES AT VARIOUS SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LOCATIONS**

On January 22, 2026 and January 23, 2026, the Authority publicly advertised for bids for Refuse Removal Services at Various South Jersey Transportation Authority Locations, including the Farley Service Plaza, Elwood, New Jersey; East Maintenance yard at milepost 5.8 westbound, Atlantic City Expressway; West Maintenance yard at milepost 39.0 eastbound, Atlantic City Expressway; Central Maintenance yard at 100 Trooper Lane, Hammonton, NJ and Atlantic City International Airport, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey. In response to said advertising, two (2) bids were received, opened and tabulated on February 10, 2026. The Director of Operations believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends authorization to enter into a contract with Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. of Ewing, New Jersey for Refuse Removal Services at East Maintenance Yard at milepost 5.8 westbound on the Atlantic City Expressway, and Mazza Recycling Services, Ltd., of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, for Various South Jersey Transportation Authority Locations, including the Farley Service Plaza in Elwood, New Jersey, , the West Maintenance Yard, located at milepost 39.0 eastbound on the Atlantic City Expressway, Central Maintenance Yard at 100 Trooper Lane, Hammonton, New Jersey and the Atlantic City International Airport, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, in accordance with each bid outlined on Exhibit "A", for a period of two (2) years beginning on or about May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2028.

**RESOLUTION 2026-18 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC. FOR THE PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION, AND CONFIGURATION OF SIX INTERNAL FIREWALLS**

Pursuant to the South Jersey Transportation Authority Act (the “Act”) N.J.S.A. 27:25A-1, Section 8(b)(10) of the Act authorizes the Authority to negotiate and award an agreement without public bidding when the purchase is to be made through or by certain State agencies including the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property, and the New Jersey Department of Treasury. The New Jersey Department of Treasury, through the process of a Request for Proposals (“RFP”), entered into an agreement with ePlus Technology Inc. for certain network equipment and security. The Authority has undergone numerous infrastructure upgrades in support of All Electronic Tolling (AET). The Authority currently operates three data centers that share a single internal network. The Information Technology (IT) Department is proposing to segment the network by installing two redundant firewalls at each location. This would help ensure that, in the event of a cyberattack, any threat is contained to a single site, preventing it from spreading to the other two locations and disrupting the entire Authority. EPlus Technology, Inc. has completed the aforementioned network upgrades and maintains high-level access to the Authority’s most sensitive infrastructure. Engaging an alternate vendor would require reverse-engineering of the existing environment, completion of security vetting, and substantial knowledge transfer, which would likely delay the project by several months and increase implementation costs by thousands of dollars. This work represents an additional component of the Authority’s large and complex network environment that has been designed and integrated by ePlus Technology, Inc.’s engineering team. The network segmentation services will be procured by leveraging the New Jersey Department of Treasury’s existing agreement with ePlus Technology, Inc. ePlus Technology, Inc. provided a quote through this contract structured as three annual payments of \$300,152.46 for a total of \$900,457.38 over a 36-month term. The Authority believes it is in its best interest to enter into an agreement with ePlus Technology, Inc. for network security segmentation services, including the installation of six new internal firewalls across its three data centers. The total contract amount shall not exceed \$900,457.38 payable in three annual installments over a 36-month term, in furtherance of the project objectives.

**RESOLUTION 2026-19 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PFK MARK III, OF NEWTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY (ACE) CONNECTOR TUNNEL CO MONITORING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT (REBID)**

On November 12, 2025 and November 13th, 2025 the Authority publicly advertised for bids for the Atlantic City Expressway (ACE) 2025 Connector Tunnel CO Monitoring System Replacement. The project consists of furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials and performing all the work required to replace the tunnel’s carbon monoxide monitoring system and filters. On December 17th, 2025, no responsive bids were submitted for the project, requiring the Authority to rebid the project. On January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, the authority publicly re-advertised for bids for the Atlantic City Expressway (ACE) 2025 Connector Tunnel CO Monitoring System Replacement REBID. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 two (2) bids were received, opened, and tabulated. PFK Mark III of Newtown, Pennsylvania, was deemed to have submitted the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the Atlantic City Expressway (ACE) 2025 Connector Tunnel CO Monitoring System Replacement REBID, for a total amount not to exceed Four-Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$479,150.00). The Director of Engineering/Chief Engineer believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a contract with PFK Mark III for the Atlantic City Expressway (ACE) 2025 Connector Tunnel CO Monitoring System Replacement REBID, in an amount not to exceed Four-Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$479,150.00).

**RESOLUTION 2026-20 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PRAVCO, INC., OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY (ACE) 2026 MAINTENANCE YARDS ROOF REHABILITATION PROJECT**

On January 14, 2026 and January 15th, 2026, the Authority publicly advertised for bids for the Atlantic City Expressway (ACE) 2026 Maintenance Yards Roof Rehabilitation Project. This project consists of

the complete removal and replacement of the existing roofing systems at multiple buildings at the West and East Maintenance Yards, and minor building repair the project shall be bid as follows:

**The Base Bid shall consist of:**

- Building Area “C” (West Maintenance Yard 2-Bay Garage)
- Roof Area “F” (East Maintenance Yard 4-Bay Garage)

**The separate Add Alternates for the project consist of:**

- Add Alternate 1 – Roof Area “A” (West Maintenance Yard Garage)
- Add Alternate 2 – Roof Area “B” (West Maintenance Yard Office)
- Add Alternate 3 – Roof Area “D” (East Maintenance Yard Garage)
- Add Alternate 4 – Roof Area “E” (East Maintenance Yard Office)

The Authority’s selection of the Base Bid and any Add Alternate(s) is contingent upon the availability of funds. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, four (4) bids were received, opened, and tabulated. Following a review of the bids, the Authority deemed that the Base Bid plus Add Alternate 1, Add Alternate 2, Add Alternate 3, and Add Alternate 4 represented the best value for the Authority. Pravco, Inc. of Rahway, New Jersey was deemed to have submitted the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the Base Bid plus all four (4) Add Alternates 1-4. The Director of Engineering/Chief Engineer believes it to be in the best interest of the Authority and recommends entering into a contract with Pravco, Inc. of Rahway, New Jersey, for the Atlantic City Expressway (ACE) 2026 Maintenance Yards Roof Rehabilitation Project, which includes the Base Bid plus Add Alternate 1, Add Alternate 2, Add Alternate 3, and Add Alternate 4, in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$621,500.00).

**RESOLUTION 2026-21 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CULMER V. SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Settlement authorization of the matter under the caption Gia Culmer v. South Jersey Transportation Authority, et al., Docket No. GLO-L-0058-25 relates to claims asserted by Plaintiff Gia Culmer against the South Jersey Transportation Authority (the “Authority”) and Rowan University. The litigation was filed on or about January 15, 2025 in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Gloucester County. The Parties have determined that it is in the best interest of all involved to reach a settlement of all outstanding claims as they relate to Plaintiff Culmer and have negotiated the terms of a settlement. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and Release, Plaintiff Culmer has agreed to dismiss her claims against the Authority and Rowan University, the latter of which is indemnified by the Authority, and has further agreed to release the Authority and Rowan University from any and all claims she has or may have against them (the “Agreement”). The terms of the Agreement provide for a settlement payment to Plaintiff Culmer in the amount of \$5,000 in exchange for, inter alia, the dismissal of the litigation and the execution of the releases. Payment to Plaintiff Culmer will be remitted within sixty (60) days of Board approval of the settlement. The settlement of this matter is made as a compromise of disputed claims and does not constitute an admission of liability by the Authority.

**RESOLUTION 2026-22 OF THE SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED ACTION: POTTER V. SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, ET AL. AND DERINS V. SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, ET AL. (AS TO CLAIMS OF SANDER DERINS ONLY)**

Settlement authorization of this consolidated matter under the caption: Alexis Potter and Sander Derins v. South Jersey Transportation Authority, et al., Docket No. ATL-L-000141-24 relates to claims of Sander Derins. Settlement of all outstanding claims as it relates to Plaintiff Potter were presented and approved via Resolution 2025-25. The Parties have determined it is in the best interest of all involved to reach a settlement of all outstanding claims as it relates to Plaintiff, Derins, and have negotiated terms of a settlement. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff Derins has agreed to dismiss his claims against the Authority and has further agreed to release the Authority from any and all claims he has or may have against them (the “Agreement”). The terms of the Agreement provide settlement payment to

Plaintiff Derins in the amount of \$575,000 in exchange for, inter alia, the aforementioned dismissal of the case and the releases. Payment to Plaintiff Derins is to be remitted within sixty (60) days of Board approval, on or before May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, whichever is later. The Authority's Self Insured Retention ("SIR") is \$500,000. For this matter, the estimated balance of the Authority's SIR is \$94,000. Expenditures related to this settlement in excess of the Authority's SIR will be submitted to the Authority's insurance carrier for reimbursement.

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

Vice Chair Holcomb 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**

Vice Chair Holcomb invited general comments from the public. Commissioner Milam thanked the operations staff for their outstanding snow removal efforts during the recent storms. He also expressed his appreciation for the incredible work with the Atlantic City St. Patrick's Day Parade noting it was fun event and the team shined and represented the Authority well. Vice Chair Holcomb reiterated the exemplary work of the operations staff and how much their hard work is valued and appreciated by leadership. The Vice Chair also acknowledged the condition of the SJTA's roadways during the recent storms, highlighting SJTA efforts and commending both leadership and staff for another job well done. Additionally, the Vice Chair noted that the St. Patrick's Day Parade was a success and well attended and she extended her thanks to Stephen Dougherty and the SJTA staff for all that they do.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Holcomb announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Vice Chair Holcomb called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon the motion was made by Deputy Commissioner Bertoni and seconded Commissioner Milam 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.**