

Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

**Opening of Meeting**

Called to order: 3:10 P.M.

**Introductions/Roll Call**

Participants:

- Hon. James R. Zazzali, Trustee
- Hon. Dorothea O’C. Wefing, Trustee
- Dr. Clement A. Price, Trustee
- William T. Merritt, Trustee (via teleconference)
- Ernesto Butcher, Executive Director (via teleconference)

Counsel:

- Samuel Scott Cornish, Esq.
- Jodi M. Luciani, Esq.

Secretary:

- Tyler Stearns – Recording Secretary

Members of the Public:

- Guy Sterling – Newark Water Group
- Brendan O’Flaherty – Newark Water Group
- Sarab Thapar, Esq. – Hardin, Kundla, McKeon, Poletto & Polifroni, PA: Counsel for the City of Newark

**Public Comment**

Chairperson Zazzali opened the meeting to public comments. Members of the public declined the opportunity to provide public comment.

*Motion to Approve the Public Session Minutes of the July 31, 2013 Board Meeting:*

Moved by Trustee Wefing Second by Trustee Price

<b>Vote:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor				X
The Hon. James R. Zazzali	X			
The Hon. Dorothea O’C. Wefing	X			
Dr. Clement A. Price	X			
Oscar S. James, II				X

Action taken \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Passed \_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Director Report**

**Meeting with the City of Newark** – Mr. Butcher reported to the Board that he, Trustee Zazzali, Samuel Cornish, Esq., and Angelo Genova, Esq., met with City of Newark’s Business Administrator, Julian X. Neals, Esq., and corporation counsel for the City of Newark, Anna Pereira, Esq. Mr. Butcher explained that at the meeting the group discussed, among other things, the status of the dissolution, the operations that have been transitioned from the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation (the “NWCDC” or the “Corporation”) to the City, including the Echo Lake Permitting Office and security at all locations, which are now under the City’s control. During the meeting, the City acknowledged its role in financing the NWCDC’s dissolution, with the understanding that the City needs adequate information regarding the use of the public’s funds, including budgets for August and September. The City also explained that payments for June and July would be forthcoming, upon their receipt of general information regarding the expenditures and outstanding invoices from those months. Mr. Butcher explained that it was a productive meeting, and that the group expects to have additional meetings in the future.

**Pension Funds Consultant**

Jodi Luciani, Esq. reported to the Board that Genova Burns Giantomasi Webster LLC (“GBGW”) and Mr. Butcher reviewed the bid specifications for a Pension Fund Consultant. Ms. Luciani indicated that the bid specifications will be advertised shortly. The submission deadline will be August 20, 2013.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Zazzali suggested that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss Severance and other personnel matters, contractual matters, pending and ongoing Litigation, and the State Comptroller Investigation. He advised that the minutes of the Executive Session will remain confidential until the end of the litigation and investigation, or until such time as the Board determines the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

*Motion to Enter Executive Session:*

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Wefing \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Price \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Vote:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor				X
The Hon. James R. Zazzali	X			
The Hon. Dorothea O’C. Wefing	X			
Dr. Clement A. Price	X			
Oscar S. James, II				X
William T. Merritt	X			



<b>Vote:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor				X
The Hon. James R. Zazzali	X			
The Hon. Dorothea O’C. Wefing	X			
Dr. Clement A. Price	X			
Oscar S. James, II				X
William T. Merritt	X			

Action taken \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Passed and Resolution Approved \_\_\_\_\_

*Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:*

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Wefing \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Price \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Vote:</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor				X
The Hon. James R. Zazzali	X			
The Hon. Dorothea O’C. Wefing	X			
Dr. Clement A. Price	X			
Oscar S. James, II				X
William T. Merritt	X			

Action taken \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Adjourned \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 P.M.