

ATLANTIC COUNTY INSURANCE COMMISSION
OPEN MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – June 5, 2023 at 11:13 A.M.
Meeting held via Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Woods. Open Public Meetings notice read into record.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS:

Jacqueline Woods	Present
Tammi Robbins	Present
Janette Kessler	Absent
Timothy Edmunds	Present
Michael Fedorko	Present

FUND PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

Executive Director PERMA Risk Management Services	Brad Stokes
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Claims Administrator	<u>Qual-Lynx</u> Kathy Kissane
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	<u>PERMA Claims</u> Jennifer Conicella
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CEL Underwriting Manager	Conner Strong & Buckelew
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Attorney	James F. Ferguson
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Treasurer	Bonnie Lindaw
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Safety Director	J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Glenn Prince
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Risk Management Consultant	Brown & Brown Insurance Bob Gemmell
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ALSO PRESENT:

Karen Read, PERMA Risk Management Services
Chandra Anderson, Atlantic County
Louis Lessig, Brown & Connery

Jim Ferguson explained the County is a Defendant in a lawsuit entitled Terruso v. County of Atlantic which involves a 2019 in custody death at the Atlantic County Justice Facility. Various defendants were named in the lawsuit. The County retained the Crammer Bishop firm to defend all the defendants. In April, a State Grand Jury under the Attorney General's Office indicted three officers, requiring the County to retain independent counsel for three officers. An attorney recommended with experience defending law enforcement officers and with a medical background is Christopher Wolk, Esq. Mr. Ferguson is seeking approval to retain Mr. Wolk to defend one of the officers.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 17-23 AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF
LEGAL COUNSEL IN A CIVIL LITIGATION CASE.**

Motion: Commissioner Edmunds
Second: Commissioner Fedorko
Vote: 4 Ayes

Commissioner Woods confirmed there were no other items to discuss during this special meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Motion: Commissioner Fedorko
Second: Commissioner Edmunds
Vote: 4 Ayes

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:20 A.M.

Minutes prepared by: Chandra Anderson, Secretary