

ATLANTIC CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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1                   Computer-aided transcript of the Board of  
2 Directors meeting, taken stenographically in the  
3 above-entitled matter before Dominique R. Caputo.  
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5 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

6 MILTON L. SMITH, Chairman

7 GARY L. HILL, Vice Chairman/Secretary

8 PATRICIA BAILEY, Board Member

9 NYNELLE LANGFORD, Board Member

10 JOHN DEVLIN, Board Member

14 ALSO RESENT:

15 Bruce Ward, Executive Director  
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority

17 Claude Smith, Deputy Executive Director  
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority

19 Kelley Williams, Executive Secretary  
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority

21 Anita Thapa, Assistant Director of Accounting & Finance  
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority

23 Fred Bor, Authority Solicitor  
Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority

25 Andrew Weber, Labor Counsel

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THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Let's come to order, please.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required by the law by mailing to the Press a list of the regularly scheduled meeting, January 15th, 2020, at 401 North Virginia Avenue, Conference Room, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

A copy of said notice was sent to the City Clerk to be posted.

All of the aforesaid complies with chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 known as "Open Public Meeting Laws." Roll call.

MR. BOR: Yes. Ms. Bailey.

MS. BAILEY: Here.

MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

MS. LANGFORD: Here.

MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

MR. DEVLIN: Good morning. Here.

MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

MR. HILL: Here.

MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

THE CHAIRMAN: Here.

1 MR. BOR: Quorum.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Pledge of Allegiance.

3 MR. BOR: I'll lead it.

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5 Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance  
6 was recited.

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8 MR. WARD: Good morning, board  
9 members. Good morning, members of the public. We  
10 have members from the public here. And Mr. Chair,  
11 do you want us to take care of the public first?

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, please.

13 MR. WARD: In new business we have  
14 abatements necessary to appear. We have 9 a (1).  
15 Mr. Hossain Morshed.

16 MR. MORSHED: Good morning.

17 MR. WARD: Good morning. Mr. Morshed  
18 at 9 a (1). Mr. Morshed, for this property at 224  
19 North Texas Avenue, was there a leak at the  
20 property?

21 MR. MORSHED: Yes, sir.

22 MR. WARD: And that leak was repaired  
23 by a plumber?

24 MR. MORSHED: Yes.

25 MR. WARD: Is this the first

1 abatement request?

2 MR. MORSHED: Yes, sir.

3 MR. WARD: Board, this abatement  
4 request is for \$886.10.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: No questions. Move  
6 it.

7 MR. HILL: Second.

8 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

9 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

10 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

11 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

12 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

13 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

14 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

15 MR. HILL: Yes.

16 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

18 MR. BOR: Carries. Thank you, sir.

19 MR. DEVLIN: Mr. Morshed, quick  
20 question. Mr. Morshed, is that the correct amount?

21 MR. MORSHED: No, this is \$1,451.

22 MR. DEVLIN: Can you give that  
23 document to our executive so he can look at that  
24 document.

25 THE CHAIRMAN: Is that an additional

1 or is that half of the--

2 MR. HILL: That was the total and he  
3 gets 50 percent.

4 MR. WARD: Sir, do you mind if we  
5 carry this for a month so that our staff can go over  
6 this and review it because it came out as--

7 MR. HILL: It came out differently.

8 MS. THAPA: No, usually it's half of  
9 the bill.

10 MR. WARD: But I'm not sure what he's  
11 showing me. He's showing me that this was a total  
12 of 1,400.

13 MS. THAPA: So his leak was 1,300.  
14 So obviously he's getting more than half. So the  
15 leak is 1,390. So usually the authority, the  
16 abatement, they will approve half of the leak, not  
17 the full amount. It's always half.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Only half.

19 MR. MORSHED: Okay.

20 MR. WARD: Thank you, sir. If you  
21 have any questions about how it's applied, you can  
22 ask at the desk. They can give you credit or put  
23 the credit on the next bill or whatever, okay?

24 MR. MORSHED: Okay. Thank you.

25 MR. WARD: Thank you. Is Mr. Belfer

1 here?

2 MR. BELFER: Yes.

3 MR. WARD: Mr. Belfer, 9 a (2). Mr.  
4 Belfer for the property at 24 South Florida Avenue.  
5 Was there a leak at that property, sir?

6 MR. BELFER: Yes.

7 MR. WARD: And was the leak repaired  
8 by a plumber?

9 MR. BELFER: Yes, it was.

10 MR. WARD: And is this your first  
11 abatement request?

12 MR. BELFER: Yes, it is, after 15  
13 years of owning the property.

14 MR. WARD: Okay. Board, the  
15 abatement request is for \$832.98.

16 MR. HILL: I'll move it.

17 MS. BAILEY: I'll second it.

18 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

19 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

20 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

21 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

22 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

23 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

24 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

25 MR. HILL: Yes.

1 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

3 MR. WARD: Your abatement is  
4 approved, sir.

5 MR. BELFER: Okay.

6 MR. WARD: Any questions you have,  
7 you can ask at customer service.

8 I don't see Sean Reardon. Is someone  
9 here for Sean Reardon? No. Okay. That will be  
10 carried. And Constant Hackney.

11 MR. DEVLIN: Not here.

12 MR. WARD: Okay. Mr. Alam, good  
13 morning, sir. Your abatement is 9 a (5). You did  
14 not have to appear. But since are here, the board  
15 can go ahead and vote on yours. It was unnecessary  
16 to appear. So did you want to vote now? This is 9  
17 a (5).

18 MR. HILL: I'll move it.

19 MR. DEVLIN: Second.

20 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

21 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

22 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

23 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

24 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

25 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.



1 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

2 MR. HILL: Yes.

3 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

5 MR. WARD: Okay. Sir, your abatement  
6 is approved, okay?

7 MR. ALAM: Okay. Thank you.

8 MR. WARD: You're welcome. Okay.

9 All right. We don't have a agenda number for one  
10 which slipped by, now slipping in. And this is for  
11 Sunset Strip Condo Association, located at 125 North  
12 Kingston Avenue.

13 MR. BOR: This is going to be 9 a  
14 (6)?

15 MS. WILLIAMS: That was one that  
16 slipped passed the cracks. So we don't have an  
17 agenda number for it at this time. We are just  
18 going to go ahead and put it on the record that they  
19 came.

20 MR. HILL: So this is 9 a (6).

21 MR. WARD: Sir, put your name on the  
22 record, please.

23 MR. KAPLAN: Jeff Kaplan,  
24 K-A-P-L-A-N.

25 MR. WARD: Mr. Kaplan, for the

1 property at 125 North Kingston Avenue. Did you  
2 experience a water leak at that property?

3 MR. KAPLAN: Yes.

4 MR. WARD: And sir, was that water  
5 leak repaired?

6 MR. KAPLAN: Yes.

7 MR. WARD: Okay. And is this the  
8 first abatement request for that property?

9 MR. KAPLAN: Yes.

10 MR. WARD: Okay. Board members, the  
11 abatement request is for \$1,058.08.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Excuse me. How long  
13 have you owned that property? How long have you  
14 been living there?

15 MR. KAPLAN: We have tenants there.  
16 And we have had the property for about 13 years.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: I was just inquiring  
18 because I thought that property had an abatement  
19 already. But go ahead.

20 MR. KAPLAN: Thank you, sir.

21 MS. BAILEY: Move it.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: Second.

23 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

24 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

25 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

1 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

2 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

3 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

4 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

5 MR. HILL: Yes.

6 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

8 MR. BOR: Carries.

9 MR. WARD: Thank you, sir. Your  
10 abatement request is approved.

11 MR. KAPLAN: Thank you. Thank you  
12 very much.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you.

14 MR. WARD: Okay. Back to the agenda  
15 on five. I would like to report that the church  
16 issue with respect to its fire service on North  
17 Pennsylvania Avenue has been resolved. The church  
18 has gone ahead and contracted with a private  
19 contractor. And so, the authority will do it's  
20 normal-- to have the inspection on the new main that  
21 is going to be servicing them for their fire  
22 service.

23 And you do have personnel committee  
24 meeting minutes. Financials and shutoffs are  
25 available. Director's forum, six. Public were

1 taken care of. In old business I would like to move  
2 the 8 a to closed session. So we are at 8 b to  
3 accept bids for Corrosion Inhibitor Chemical, 8 b  
4 (1).

5 MR. DEVLIN: Motion.

6 MS. BAILEY: Second.

7 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

8 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

9 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

10 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

11 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

12 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

13 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

14 MR. HILL: Yes.

15 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

17 MR. BOR: Carries.

18 MR. WARD: And I know we have a lot  
19 of paper this morning. Mr. Smith prepared minutes  
20 from the Engineering Committee meeting. And they  
21 should have also been circulated to you. 8 b (2)  
22 miscellaneous Electrical Repairs. 8 b (2).

23 MR. HILL: I'll move it.

24 MS. BAILEY: And the total is 65,000?

25 MR. HILL: Yes.

1 MR. BOR: We have a motion. Anybody  
2 second?

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Second.

4 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

5 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

6 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

7 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

8 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

9 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

10 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

11 MR. HILL: Yes.

12 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

14 MR. WARD: 8 c (1), we are approving  
15 the Connection Fee. I was advised that the rules  
16 and regulations we have already resolved. So this  
17 will be 8 c (1) Connection Fee.

18 MS. BAILEY: For 2020, right?

19 MR. WARD: Yes, for 2020.

20 MS. BAILEY: Move it.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Second.

22 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

23 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

24 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

25 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

1 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

2 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

3 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

4 MR. HILL: Yes.

5 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

7 MR. WARD: 9 b (1) request to go out  
8 for qualifications and proposals for transcript  
9 stenographer services.

10 MR. DEVLIN: Move it.

11 MR. HILL: Second.

12 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

13 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

14 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

15 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

16 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

17 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

18 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

19 MR. HILL: Yes.

20 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

22 MR. WARD: 8 c (1), the emergency  
23 installation of the 24 inch valve. This will be  
24 Garrison Enterprises. That was-- we needed a valve  
25 to accomplish the shutoff while the Department of

1 Transportation incident is being resolved. It is  
2 still being resolved.

3 MR. DEVLIN: Are we going to be  
4 compensated for that now?

5 MR. HILL: No.

6 MR. WARD: No, but it will also serve  
7 us well to have that.

8 MR. DEVLIN: True. I agree.

9 MR. BOR: Do we have a motion on c,  
10 the emergency installation?

11 MR. HILL: Motion.

12 MR. DEVLIN: I'll second that.

13 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

14 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

15 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

16 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

17 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

18 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

19 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

20 MR. HILL: Yes.

21 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

23 MR. WARD: 9 d (1), leave of absence,  
24 Jean Valeus.

25 THE CHAIRMAN: Move it.

1 MS. BAILEY: Second.

2 MR. BOR: We are voting on D 1 and 2.

3 And I think I heard a motion.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

5 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

6 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

7 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

8 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

9 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

10 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

11 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

12 MR. HILL: Yes.

13 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

15 MR. WARD: Monthly bills, 10 a.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Move them.

17 MR. HILL: Second.

18 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

19 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

20 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

21 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

22 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

23 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

24 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

25 MR. HILL: Yes.



1 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes

3 MR. WARD: Okay. Motion to executive  
4 session.

5 THE BOARDMEMBER: Motion.

6 MR. HILL: Second.

7 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

8 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

9 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

10 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

11 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

12 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

13 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

14 MR. HILL: Yes.

15 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

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18 Executive session started at 10:14 a.m.

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20 Public session at 11:46 a.m.

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22 MR. WARD: 9 a (3). This is a  
23 request for an abatement. Your name, sir?

24 MR. HUNTER: My name is Ben Hunter.  
25 For the property at 2707 Pacific Avenue.

1 MR. WARD: Okay. And this would be a  
2 Fox Manor Hotel. Was there a leak at the property?

3 MR. HUNTER: There was a leak at the  
4 property. There was also a faulty meter that was  
5 worked on about a month ago. There was a faulty  
6 shutoff valve at the back of the property that was  
7 frozen and has since been professionally replaced.

8 MR. WARD: Are you satisfied that the  
9 repairs that were made by our staff with respect to  
10 your statement about faulty meters was satisfied?

11 MR. HUNTER: Yes.

12 MR. WARD: Okay. Is this the first  
13 abatement for this property?

14 MR. HUNTER: I believe so.

15 MR. WARD: Okay. The abatement is  
16 for \$2,565.04.

17 MR. BOR: Sir, what was your name  
18 again?

19 MR. HUNTER: My name is Ben Hunter.

20 MR. BOR: And are you here on behalf  
21 of Mr. Reardon?

22 MR. HUNTER: Yes.

23 MR. BOR: And do you have full and  
24 complete authority to act and speak on his behalf?

25 MR. HUNTER: Yes.

1 MR. BOR: And to accept whatever  
2 result we write?

3 MR. HUNTER: Yes.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: My question is are you  
5 sure this is the first abatement?

6 MR. HUNTER: I am not. As far as I  
7 know, it is.

8 MR. WARD: Well, on the sheet it says  
9 for a first abatement.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Did Anita check that?

11 MR. SMITH: Normally Kevin actually  
12 does the abatements and he--

13 MR. HILL: He's pretty--

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Satisfied. Okay.  
15 Move it.

16 MS. BAILEY: Second.

17 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

18 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

19 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

20 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

21 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

22 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

23 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

24 MR. HILL: Yes.

25 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

2 MR. WARD: Any more matters for the  
3 board?

4 MR. HILL: The minutes.

5 MR. WARD: The minutes.

6 MR. BOR: Is there a motion on the  
7 executive minutes?

8 MR. WARD: If you have any questions,  
9 you can check with customer service.

10 MR. HUNTER: Thank you so much. I  
11 appreciate it.

12 MS. BAILEY: Motion.

13 MR. BOR: For both minutes, the  
14 minutes for the last meeting and executive session.  
15 Is there a motion to approve?

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Move them.

17 MR. HILL: Second.

18 MR. BOR: And Ms. Bailey.

19 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

20 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

21 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

22 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

23 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

24 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

25 MR. HILL: Yes.

1 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

3 MR. BOR: So moved.

4 MR. WARD: And the final one is the  
5 resolution on salary. I don't know if that has a  
6 number yet, but Kelly is giving me the number. This  
7 will be 9 Union Salary. And this is a two percent  
8 increase.

9 MR. BOR: Is there a motion?

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Motion.

11 MS. LANGFORD: Second.

12 MR. BOR: Ms. Bailey.

13 MS. BAILEY: Yes.

14 MR. BOR: Ms. Langford.

15 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

16 MR. BOR: Mr. Devlin.

17 MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

18 MR. BOR: Mr. Hill.

19 MR. HILL: Yes.

20 MR. BOR: Mr. Smith.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

22 MR. BOR: Okay. Before we adjourn, I  
23 just want to reiterate that the board is providing  
24 me with authority to communicate with the local  
25 finance board on the personnel issues that we

1 discussed in closed session. Is there any objection  
2 on my doing that?

3 MS. BAILEY: No objection.

4 MR. DEVLIN: Before we close, I have  
5 one question for Bruce. How do we make out with the  
6 security contractors that we spoke about as far as  
7 the wells? I missed the last meeting so.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Yeah. I think we  
9 passed that.

10 MR. WARD: Herein lies the separation  
11 between the private and public sector in that we  
12 are-- here we are public sector organization  
13 governed by the State of New Jersey. And in fact,  
14 the state of New Jersey has a monitor over the City  
15 of Atlantic City and this authority, not  
16 withstanding-- we are going to go forward with the  
17 New Jersey Office of Homeland Security for those  
18 kinds of services.

19 And in addition, we have to get  
20 prepared by 2021 for a federal government assessment  
21 which is a separate filing to Department of Defense  
22 or something like that or the Federal Department of  
23 Homeland Security. So we are not going to be able  
24 to go forward with--

25 MR. DEVLIN: Well, here's my--

1 because we have been talking about this as long as I  
2 have been on the board. We have a timeline for  
3 this. I know you were talking to-- what's his name?  
4 The retired police officer, he was working for the  
5 county. You were talking to him. He never got  
6 together-- like, where is this standing? Do we have  
7 a timeline?

8 MR. WARD: We are talking to New  
9 Jersey. We are setting up with New Jersey.

10 MR. DEVLIN: What happened with the  
11 Atlantic County Prosecutors Office? Because that's  
12 who you were talking to. You were talking to  
13 Detective McFadden.

14 MR. WARD: Yes, McFadden.

15 MR. DEVLIN: This is a year going on  
16 here. I mean, do we have some kind of timeline?  
17 And if we don't have a timeline, it's not unheard of  
18 for public entities to hire private. Because we  
19 hire private from the school district.

20 MR. WARD: Well, I'll tell you what,  
21 if the board desires to go with a private company  
22 that, you know, you have recommended, I would say--

23 MR. DEVLIN: I also have been doing  
24 other research where other municipalities, other  
25 MUAs have hired another company out of state, that

1 they have really good success. I don't care what  
2 company comes in here. I have no horses in the  
3 race.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, wait a minute.  
5 I thought the state was doing this?

6 MR. DEVLIN: They haven't done it.  
7 It's been a year.

8 MS. BAILEY: Bruce said the state was  
9 doing it for free.

10 MR. DEVLIN: Yeah, for free, but it  
11 hasn't been done. I mean, I would love to say,  
12 "Hey, I'll take free." But it hasn't been done.

13 Listen, we are way behind. We are  
14 not compliant in safety authorities here. We are  
15 not compliant with the Atlantic City Police  
16 Department. We have to be proactive instead of  
17 being reactive. I preach this every time.

18 At the end of the day, if there's not  
19 cameras working, you know-- I mean, and coming from  
20 you, you said that we will know if there is some  
21 kind of issue with the waterline because the  
22 pressure will go down in Pleasantville, that's pure  
23 reactive. I'm just putting this on the record. If  
24 we don't have a timeline in the next couple months  
25 of them coming out and helping us inspect or



1 McFadden coming out here-- have you even met with  
2 them?

3 MR. WARD: No. I have talked to them  
4 personally on the phone. I have not met with them.

5 MR. DEVLIN: Wasn't he supposed to  
6 come out here and meet with us?

7 MR. WARD: We have to kind of wait to  
8 assess what was going on. And we went into  
9 committee and we explained in the committee that the  
10 state and it's oversight of the City of Atlantic  
11 City really, really governs us in terms of going  
12 with the state's office of emergency management in  
13 homeland security. It really does.

14 And if you say that other  
15 municipalities are able to go outside with private  
16 organizations, I tell you what, if the board wants  
17 me to I will go to Department of Community Affairs.  
18 I will seek out an attorney general's opinion as to  
19 whether we should--

20 MR. DEVLIN: We should do that.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, a lot of it--  
22 it's places are under control of the state.

23 MR. DEVLIN: We are under control by  
24 the state of New Jersey, the Atlantic City Board of  
25 Education. We have a lot of private-- I mean, we

1 are a bigger entity, but we have a lot of private  
2 contractors to keep the kids safe. You don't have  
3 anything. And I could just tell you as a cop, you  
4 have nothing to stop a crazy nut coming in here and  
5 shooting up the place. You don't have nothing.  
6 There's not even a buzz on this door.

7 I'm more worries about the employees.  
8 I'm more worried about the residents. It would take  
9 a motivated guy with 50 gallons of oil or poison to  
10 dump in our well to ruin Atlantic City and shut this  
11 water system down. These are things we have to  
12 think about.

13 I mean, I like McFadden. I've known  
14 him a long time. I used to work with him. He's old  
15 school and he hasn't done anything with us. Like, I  
16 mean, this is a year. This is the first thing I  
17 think I brought to you when I first came on. It's  
18 not your fault, but--

19 THE CHAIRMAN: No. I remember you  
20 bringing it up.

21 MR. DEVLIN: But I mean we have to  
22 be-- I mean, there's a lot of different entities out  
23 there. Maybe there's some free ones. Let me know  
24 if you want me to start researching. I'm retired, I  
25 can I start researching. But, I mean, I know

1 there's companies here in the city that I gave you  
2 the information for. I know there's companies out  
3 of state. Look, we are-- you know, terrorism is a  
4 crazy thing nowadays.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: I was perfectly-- not  
6 to go against you on this, John-- was satisfied with  
7 the states control of the emergency things here  
8 because-- I guess because I got lackadaisical and I  
9 don't have a problem with having security for our  
10 residents and our employees. I don't have a problem  
11 with that.

12 But I'm just saying it's a pretty big  
13 expense because we spend a lot of money putting in  
14 cameras and other things in the prior years. But  
15 like you said--

16 MR. DEVLIN: At the end of day, it's  
17 better to be proactive than reactive.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I don't object  
19 to that.

20 MR. BOR: Also we may get a reduction  
21 in our liability insurance if we can illustrate that  
22 we have a really good security system.

23 MR. DEVLIN: Absolutely.

24 MR. WARD: We have to do it. We have  
25 to do it because we have a 2021 mandate from the

1 federal government.

2 MR. DEVLIN: So who is going to guide  
3 us along? And I'm asking because I don't know. Who  
4 is going to guide us along like to be compliant with  
5 the Department of Homeland Security? Who is going  
6 to come in here and say, "Mr. Ward, you need  
7 cameras. That door you need buzzer. That door, you  
8 need a glass shield here." I don't know. It's not  
9 my expertise. My expertise is, you know--

10 MR. WARD: The undertaking-- I'm  
11 sorry. Go ahead.

12 MR. DEVLIN: No, please.

13 MR. WARD: The undertaking is an  
14 assessment. And they will come out and do an  
15 assessment of our entire system. They know we have  
16 Pleasantville. They know we have Atlantic City.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Who will come out?

18 MR. WARD: The State of New Jersey  
19 Office of Homeland Security which is focused on  
20 Atlantic County through the Atlantic County  
21 Prosecutors Office. Following the assessment, we  
22 will get a document which will show us what our  
23 vulnerabilities are. Now, once we have that  
24 document--

25 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, what is the

1 holdup?

2 MR. WARD: We are in the process. We  
3 are in the process. We are in the process of  
4 talking to them. We have to do a pre-assessment--

5 THE CHAIRMAN: How long have we been  
6 in this process?

7 MR. WARD: We are doing a  
8 pre-assessment right now which involves looking at  
9 Atlantic City. And they are going to send a  
10 document over to Pleasantville. Because we have two  
11 locations, it's even more difficult to put this  
12 pre-assessment together. So that's-- it's on the  
13 front burner. It's being done now. But it's not  
14 being done maybe as fast as-- and I feel what you  
15 are saying in terms of the urgency.

16 MR. DEVLIN: It's been a year.

17 MR. WARD: But there is all kinds of  
18 vulnerability out here. We are vulnerable in many  
19 areas.

20 MR. DEVLIN: And the plant is  
21 vulnerable.

22 MR. WARD: Absolutely.

23 MR. DEVLIN: I mean, you open the  
24 Press or you read it or watch it online, whatever,  
25 at the end of the day, people are just acting out.

1           I was just working in Jersey City.  
2 Ten blocks away there was a shooting at a Jewish--  
3 at was crazy. Now they just found a bomb. This  
4 stuff is not-- I mean, Jersey City is two hours from  
5 here, you know? Somebody could have a beef with the  
6 board company. Who knows.

7           THE CHAIRMAN: John, that could  
8 happen at any time.

9           MR. DEVLIN: I concur, but we should  
10 be prepared and we are not.

11          THE CHAIRMAN: We are not prepared.  
12 I agree with that.

13          MR. DEVLIN: We got egg on our face,  
14 I'm telling you.

15          THE CHAIRMAN: You can't prepare for  
16 every occasion. That's all I'm saying to you.

17          MR. DEVLIN: We can prepare for some.  
18 We can be proactive. In the old days, you know, we  
19 were very reactive. I think the mentality has  
20 changed. You know, be a little bit more proactive.  
21 It's going to cost us a few bucks, yeah. But what's  
22 sleep cost? I mean if you sleep well at night.

23          THE CHAIRMAN: John.

24          MR. DEVLIN: Yes.

25          THE CHAIRMAN: If you can find out

1 what companies are available, if this is not going  
2 fast enough to you, let's step on the gas.

3 MS. BAILEY: I would like to ask  
4 Bruce to maybe give us an update next month from the  
5 state and find out exactly where they are with this.

6 MR. DEVLIN: And as far as  
7 municipalities, we are governed by the state in the  
8 school, but we have our security contract in the  
9 millions. Security for the buildings, cameras, the  
10 buzzers. I mean, we hate to vote on it every month,  
11 but again--

12 MR. WARD: And we are only talking  
13 about the assessment. I'm not talking about  
14 engaging a security company.

15 MS. BAILEY: You are talking about  
16 the assessment. So can you let us know next month  
17 where we are with that.

18 MR. WARD: Yes.

19 MS. BAILEY: All right.

20 MR. BOR: Okay. Is there a motion to  
21 adjourn?

22 THE CHAIRMAN: Move it.

23 MR. BOR: Hearing no objection.

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25 Adjourn at 12:04 p.m.

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