

**Ocean City Utility Advisory Commission
City of Ocean City
City Hall Council Chambers, Room #301
861 Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226**

Scheduled Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 9:00am

Name	Title	Present/ Absent		Name	Title	Present/ Absent
John Quinn	Commissioner	Present		Brian Hartley	Commissioner	Present
Donna Sannuti	Chairperson	Present		Ronald DiChristofaro	Commissioner	Present
Richard Bernardini	Vice Chairperson/ Recording Secretary	Present		Ryan Price	Commissioner	Present
John Donnelly	Commissioner	Present		TBD	Commissioner	
Edward Pisani	Commissioner	Present		Peter Madden	City Council Rep.	Present
Jason Bekier	City Rep.	Present				

Call the Meeting to Order & the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement

- Adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975; Chapter 231
- Meeting was opened at 9:06am, EDT

Public Comment:

None, unidentified attendee

Pledge of Allegiance

Membership Roll Call

Quorum: (Yes) (8)

Approval of the Minutes – Minutes of December 10, 2025. Pete Madden made a motion to adopt, Brian Hartley seconded the motion. Unanimously adopted.

Election of Officers for the Calendar Year of 2026

Chairperson - Donna Sannuti Motion by Brian Hartley, seconded by Ed Pisani. Unanimously adopted

Vice Chairperson - Rick Bernardini Motion by Donna Sannuti, seconded by Brian Hartley.

Unanimously adopted

Recording Secretary - Rick Bernardini Motion by Donna Sannuti, seconded by Brian Hartley.

Unanimously adopted

Reports

- **A. C. Electric (ACE)** – John Donnelly
 - Governor Sherill has declared a state of emergency on electric rates.

- **Comcast/Xfinity** – TBD
 - No report

- **New Jersey American Water Company (NJAWC)** – Ryan Price
 - No report

- **South Jersey Industries/ South Jersey Gas Company** – Ronald DiChristofaro
 - R. DiChristofaro advised P. Druckenmiller is not responding to requests for information.
 - New Contact - Monica Pawelska, Construction Manager
 - Projects - 18th and Walnut Rd. distribution piping January to June; Simpson Ave renewal

- **Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (CMCMUA)** – Ed Pisani
 - R. Bernardini advised that off-season wastewater work included renovation to the Admin building, including the Control Room, Laboratory, Office Space and HVAC; Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) upgrades for the entire facility and pumping stations throughout the region; Continued rehabilitation of the Rotating Biological Reactors

- **Educational Session Committee** – Donna Sannuti
 - The Commission report on Water and Wastewater rates scheduled for 11/13/25 at the Library lecture hall was canceled and will be rescheduled. Data, conclusions and recommendations require additional development.

- **City Administrative Representative** – Jason Bekier
 - The Recycling Plant tour scheduled for 10/15/25 was canceled and will be rescheduled for spring
 - Ed Pinski will contact CMCMUA for a 4/15/26 tour
 - 2026 Meeting Schedule - proposed dates were presented, motion by Ed Pisani, seconded by John Donnelly, Unanimously adopted.
 - 2025 UAC Members list was updated and issued.

- **City Council Representative** - Peter Madden
 - Reviewed ongoing roadwork, bay dredging, trash receptacles (no changes anticipated)

Old Business

- Anne Merrill, 2817 Central Ave. Sewer clog - resolution of scheduling cancellation and cost reimbursement is in progress
- R. DiChristofaro questioned the calibration of the Atlantic City Electric Smart Meters due to potential salt air deterioration and the alarming cost increases noted by consumers.
 - Ron to prepare a position paper to be submitted to ACE for response.

New Business

- D. Sannuti recommended that commissioner attendance requirements be established.
 - A Committee is established with R. Bernardini, B. Hartley and E. Pisani to review the UAC Ordinance for revisions including attendance.

- J. Corrigan has resigned, new Commissioner outreach will be advertised..
- A Utility directory will be prepared including contact information. R. Bernardini prepared a preliminary version for development.
 - Utility commissioner assignments are revised.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @ 9:00am.

Adjournment

- Motion made to adjourn by Brian Hartley, Pete Madden seconded. Unanimous approval @ 9:28 am.

Note: * Guests will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker at the discretion of the Committee Chairmen.