

**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, February 11, 2026 @ 9:00am**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present/ Absent</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present/ Absent</b>
John Quinn	Commissioner	Present		Brian Hartley	Commissioner	Present
Donna Sannuti	Chairperson	Present		Ronald DiChristofaro	Commissioner	Absent
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 9:03 am, EDT

**Public Comment:**

Zach Sullivan, no comments

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Membership Roll Call**

**Quorum:** (Yes) (8)

**Approval of the Minutes** – Minutes of January 11, 2026. Brian Hartley made a motion to adopt, Ed Pisani seconded the motion. Unanimously adopted.

**Reports**

- **A. C. Electric (ACE)** – John Donnelly
  - J. Donnelly commenced communications with Veronica Town.
  - B. Hartley noted that street lights are out in his neighborhood, after 6 years of notification to ACE.
    - Report outages using the ACE app
    - City wide inspections will be noted by J. Donnelly

- B. Hartely noted a power outage in Merion Park on 2/2/26, generators are located on Simpson Ave.
- **Comcast/Xfinity** – Ed Pisani
  - Comcast fee increases were noted.
- **New Jersey American Water Company (NJAWC)** – Ryan Price
  - NJAW issued a decrease in water rates of 0.1% and an increase in waster water treatment of 4%
  - The Mayor’s notice to the public regarding extreme temperatures and potential water service freeze ups was noted.
- **South Jersey Industries/ South Jersey Gas Company** – Ronald DiChristofaro
  - Cost increases were noted for various cost recovery items
- **Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (CMCMUA)** – Ed Pisani
  - A tour of the recycling facility and landfill is scheduled for 6/17/26
  - A tour of the Ocean City Wastewater treatment plant will be scheduled for the fall.
- **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
  - 2025 UAC Members list will be reviewed with the City Clerk.
- **City Council Representative** - Peter Madden
  - City Council Subcommittee on the boardwalk masterplan made a public presentation on research to date on Saturday 2/7/26
  - An Ordinance is in review to adopt the NJ REAL (Resilient Environments and Landscapes) rules, which will raise structures above the FEMA 100 year base flood levels, plus structure height.

#### **Old Business**

- Anne Merrill, 2817 Central Ave. Sewer clog - resolution of scheduling cancellation and cost reimbursement is in progress
- R. DiChristafaro 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.
    - The Ordinance was edited and revised, a motion by Ed Pisani, seconded by Brian Hartely was made to advance the revised Ordinance to the City Solicitor and Administration.
- J. Corrigan has resigned, new Commissioner outreach was advertised, responses due 2/12/26.
- R. Bernardini invited all to attend the Environmental Commission’s Family Fun Day on Saturday 2/14/26 9:30-noon at the Ocean City High School cafeteria.

- R. Bernardini will contact the NJ BPU Rate Payer Advocate to attend a future meeting to discuss the general increases in utility costs.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @ 9:00am.

**Adjournment**

- Motion made to adjourn by John Quinn, Ed Pisani seconded. Unanimous approval @ 10:08 am.

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