

**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

Name	Title	Present/ Absent		Name	Title	Present/ Absent
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

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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 wastewater 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. 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.
 - 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.