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City Manager/City Engineer
ERIN C. BURKE
City Clerk

City of Cape May
Environmental Commission Minutes
August 25th, 2026

ROLL CALL

Michael Jones	Absent
Councilmember Steve Bodnar	Present
Gretchen Whitman	Present
Kim Gronendahl	Present
Barbara Meimbresse	Present
Sarah Stevenson	Absent
Randell Nuschke	Present
Jennifer Flamini Keuler	Present
Dr. Rose Traficante	Present
John Boecker	Present
Charlotte Todd	Present
Justine Gaver-Magariel	Absent
David Scheffler Secretary	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

The minutes from July 28th, 2026 – Jennifer Flamini Keuler made the motion, Gretchen Whitman seconded, all approved with no changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Michael Jones – Planning board

- Absent

Councilmember Bodnar- City Council

- 2 budget items added to the budget line.
    - Coastal resiliency grant for $500,000.00
    - Historic preservation fund grant for $750,000.00.
- Wise Anderson Park was officially named.
- The Environmental Commission is being asked to help plan the design of the Nature Trail entrance by choosing the plants to be used.
    - Send a plant list to the city manager.
    - Send options to city manager that could replace boxwood plants.
- The Cape May Housing Authority presented it to City Council on a revitalization project.

Paul Dietrich – City Manager update

- Sea wall project update will start this winter, will take about 18 months.
- Police Department Station construction is moving along.

- Water sewer project will be starting in the fall.
- Water conservation notes will go out with water bills.
- Would like to request a change to the city ordinance for water conservation during the summer season.

John Boecker – HPC update

- Cape May Housing Authority update.
- City task force for city signage approval updates.
- Zoning ordinance on roof slopes update.

Dr. Rose Traficante

- Talked about the Taxpayers association and the report on water conservation. The Taxpayers are requesting more information and results in this report.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN TO PUBLIC

DISCUSSION:

Charlotte Todd

- Can signs be installed on beach showers that speak to water conservation.
- Speaking about the Monarch Fest at the Cape May Nature Center.

Emily Reed – Director of the Cape May Nature Center

- Spoke about center programs
    - Monarch conservation programs.
    - Horseshoe crab conservation programs.
        - Return the Favor
    - Harbor Safari programs.

ADUOURNMENT:
A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 22th, 2026, at 11 a.m. in Cape May City Hall auditorium.

David Scheffler
Environmental Commission Secretary
September 21st 2026