



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2026 – 430

Administrative Committee

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALEM COUNTY NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL AND APPOINTING VOTING MEMBERS

WHEREAS, Salem County is home to the Salem Nuclear Generating Station and has a longstanding relationship with the nuclear energy industry, which plays an important role in the County's economy, workforce, energy infrastructure, emergency preparedness, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2026, Governor Sherrill signed S3870/A4528 at the Salem Nuclear Power Plant, removing the State's statutory barrier and de facto moratorium on the development of new nuclear energy facilities in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2026, Governor Sherrill signed the Power NJ Act (S4296/A4881), establishing a competitive procurement process through the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for the development of new advanced nuclear generation; and

WHEREAS, these developments may result in increased interest in existing and future nuclear energy facilities and related development within Salem County; and

WHEREAS, the Salem County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of proactive planning, communication, coordination, and collaboration among County government, municipalities, State and federal agencies, emergency services, educational institutions, healthcare providers, businesses, workforce development organizations, nuclear facility representatives, community organizations, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that an advisory council comprised of representatives from various sectors will provide a valuable forum for information sharing, coordination, identification of community needs, and discussion of issues associated with existing and potential future nuclear development in Salem County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to establish the Salem County Nuclear Advisory Council for the purpose of facilitating such cooperation and coordination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. There is hereby established the **Salem County Nuclear Advisory Council** ("Council") as an advisory body to the Salem County Board of County Commissioners - Bylaws attached.
2. The Council shall consist of **no more than nine (9) voting** members appointed by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners, County of Salem, State of New Jersey,

The following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as members of the Salem County Nuclear Advisory Council for an initial term of **three (3) years**:

- **Sean Elwell**, Mayor, Elsinboro Township;
- **Dan Neu**, Mayor, Pennsville Township;
- **Dr. Jody Veler**, Mayor, City of Salem;
- **Henry Papiano**, Pittsgrove Township Committeeman and Small Business Owner;
- **April Venable**, Senior Vice President, Inspira Health;
- **Sean Sepsey**, Director, Salem County Economic Development;
- **Jeff Pompper**, Deputy Director, Salem County Office of Emergency Management;
- **Mickey Ostrum**, Salem County Surrogate;
- **Dr. Michael Gorman**, President, Salem Community College; and

I certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on September 2, 2026.


STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Director Taylor	✓		✓			
Commissioner Timmerman						✓
Commissioner Collier			✓			
Commissioner Ramsay		✓	✓			
Director Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

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SALEM COUNTY NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL BY-LAWS

ARTICLE ONE: ORGANIZATION

Section 1.

The Salem County Nuclear Advisory Council is established by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners to serve as an advisory body regarding the planning and coordination associated with existing and future nuclear generating facilities and related development within Salem County.

Section 2.

The name of the organization shall be the **“SALEM COUNTY NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL.”**

Section 3.

The Council shall have no regulatory, permitting, enforcement, or taxing authority and shall function solely in an advisory capacity. Nothing contained in these by-laws shall supersede the authority of any federal, state, county, or other governmental agency.

ARTICLE TWO: PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Council is to promote cooperation among Salem County, governmental agencies, educational institutions, emergency services, businesses, workforce development organizations, nuclear facility representatives, community organizations, and other stakeholders regarding nuclear energy development and its potential impacts upon Salem County.

Specific objectives of the Council include, but are not limited to, the following:

Section 1.

Coordinating and making recommendations concerning infrastructure needs associated with nuclear energy development, including roads, bridges, water systems, wastewater capacity, electric transmission, broadband, public facilities, transportation routes, and other affected infrastructure.

Section 2.

Evaluating economic development and workforce opportunities, including local hiring, small business participation, apprenticeships, workforce training, and coordination with Salem County Vocational and Technical School, Salem Community College, and other workforce development organizations.

Section 3.

Reviewing potential fiscal impacts associated with nuclear energy development, including tax impacts, infrastructure needs, and other matters affecting Salem County.

Section 4.

Supporting coordination concerning public safety and emergency preparedness, including emergency response, emergency medical services, fire protection, law enforcement, evacuation planning, mutual aid, emergency communication, and traffic management.

Section 5.

Reviewing environmental issues associated with nuclear energy development, including stormwater, water quality, air quality, wetlands, habitat protection, community resiliency, and other environmental impacts.

Section 6.

Evaluating potential community impacts, including housing, schools, childcare, healthcare, transportation, public services, and workforce needs.

Section 7.

Encouraging public education, transparency, and regular communication regarding nuclear-related development, including presentations, reports, and information from governmental agencies, project representatives, technical experts, and members of the public.

Section 8.

Identifying state and federal funding opportunities that may assist Salem County in addressing infrastructure, workforce, emergency preparedness, environmental, or community needs.

Section 9.

Carrying on such other activities as the Council deems necessary and appropriate to address matters associated with nuclear energy development within Salem County.

ARTICLE THREE: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The Council shall consist of no more than eleven (11) members, including nine (9) voting members and two (2) non-voting members. All members shall be appointed by the Salem

County Board of County Commissioners. The two (2) non-voting members shall be limited to members of the Salem County Board of County Commissioners or designated members of the County Administrative Staff.

Membership may include representation from the following:

1. Commissioner Liaison and Alternate, non-voting;
2. Salem County Economic Development;
3. Salem County Office of Emergency Management;
4. A Salem County healthcare or hospital provider;
5. Salem Community College or Salem County Vocational and Technical School;
6. Elected officials from Salem County municipalities or their representatives;
7. Members from small to large businesses in the suggested areas of Agriculture, Energy, Transportation, and Real Estate; and
8. Such additional representatives as the Salem County Board of County Commissioners determines appropriate, provided that total membership shall not exceed eleven (11) members.

Section 2.

Representatives of nuclear facility developers or operators, utilities, state or federal agencies, technical experts, and other organizations may be invited to attend Council meetings solely for the purpose of providing presentations, information, technical expertise, or responding to questions at the request of the Council.

Such representatives shall not be members of the Council, shall have no voting rights, shall not be counted toward the membership of the Council, and shall not be eligible to serve as officers of the Council. Their participation shall be limited to the purpose for which they were invited.

Section 3.

Appointments to the Council shall be made by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners for three-year terms, staggered where practical to maintain continuity of membership. Vacant positions shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4.

The Council shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary from among its voting members. Officers shall serve one-year terms and may serve consecutive terms.

The Chair shall preside over meetings, establish agendas, appoint subcommittees as appropriate, and serve as spokesperson for the Council.

The Vice Chair shall act in the absence of the Chair.

The Secretary, with assistance from County staff as appropriate, shall oversee meeting minutes, attendance, public notices, and Council records.

ARTICLE FOUR: MEETINGS

Section 1.

The Council shall meet regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at 110 Fifth Street, Salem, New Jersey, unless otherwise noted. The Chair may call additional meetings as necessary, provided proper notice is given.

Section 2.

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with applicable requirements governing public bodies, public notice, public attendance, meeting minutes, and access to government records.

Section 3.

The Council may establish subcommittees or working groups to consider specific matters within the purposes and objectives of the Council.

All subcommittee findings and recommendations shall be presented to the full Council for consideration.

ARTICLE FIVE: RECORDS

Section 1.

The Council shall maintain a file of all studies, plans, reports, presentations, meeting minutes, recommendations, and other records created or received in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities.

Section 2.

The Council shall make a report to the Salem County Board of County Commissioners at least annually. The report should summarize the activities of the Council, significant issues reviewed, recommendations made, funding opportunities identified, and priorities for future consideration.

Section 3.

All records shall be maintained in accordance with applicable law and Salem County policies.