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SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2020

Attendance: Chair Rosemarie Picciuto, Vice Chair Audrey Van Buskirk-Hoge, Council Representative James Bullard, Camille Fernicola, Walter Hohner, , Chor Lee, Mon Louie, Antonio Albano, Lois Bjornsen, Barbara Rieger, Joan Stamile, Joyce Coles and Amy Bauman (Director on Aging, Piscataway Township).

Guest: Heidi Cramer (Director, Piscataway Library) and Mary Beth Wheeler (Office Manager, Piscataway Senior Center)

Absent: Herman Jackson

The meeting was convened at 1 p.m. by Chair Rosemarie Picciuto. The minutes for the meeting of December 12, 2019 were accepted by Amy Bauman for distribution to Commission members.

FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING DATE: Our next meeting will be held on **FEBRUARY 13, 2020 (SECOND Thursday) @ 1 PM**. Please mark your calendar!

Welcome New Member to Senior Advisory Commission

Chair Rosemarie Picciuto introduced Joyce Coles as the new member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. As an active member in our Senior Center and community, Joyce will bring new ideas to the commission. Everyone welcomed her.

Senior Advisory Commission Business

- Chor Lee provided Joyce Coles with a copy of the by-laws of the Senior Advisory Commission.
- Chair Rosemarie have asked Chief of Staff Dana Korbman for the membership list for those serving on the Senior Advisory Commission in 2020. When she gets this list, Rosemarie will give it to Secretary Chor Lee for distribution to our members. Attachment 1 is the 2020 Senior Citizen Advisory Commission members list.
- Secretary Chor Lee handed out the Advisory Commission 2020 meeting dates and times. Because Chor Lee and Mon Louie will be volunteering to prepare taxes as AARP Tax-Aides, the dates in February, March and April were changed (see attachment 2 for changes).
- Chair Rosemarie is trying to get "NJ Motor Vehicle Mobile Unit" to visit Piscataway Senior Center so that our seniors can get the enhanced driver's license which is needed for travel after Oct 1, 2020. She will keep us inform of progress.
- Chair Rosemarie reminded Advisory members that they have a duty to fully participate & should attend meetings. If not able to attend, please call Rosemarie Picciuto or Amy Bauman.



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Announcements

- On Jan 8, the “Building Relationships Across Cultures” was well attended by seniors and Advisory members Audrey Van Buskirk-Hoge, Joyce Coles and Chor Lee. Attendees learned how to maintain healthy relationships across different cultures. They also learned to share cultural values & skills while having fun together.
- On Jan 18 at 8:30 AM, Piscataway Civil Rights Advisory Commission will present “Still Embracing the Dream – Honoring the Dreamers”. This annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative breakfast’s guest speaker Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Slaughter (Senior Pastor of Saint James A.M.E. Church, Newark, NJ). Amy Bauman encouraged all members to attend.
- Amy Bauman provided a list of Senior Center’s 2020 Parties (see attachment 3). Chor Lee announced that the 2020 Lunar New Year Party will not be happening this year because he could not find anyone to take over. Starting with “Chinese New Year 2014”, Chor has been coordinating and putting together this yearly event. Chor is working on getting someone to take over the Lunar New Year Spring Festival in 2021.
- Amy Bauman informed us that Feb 7 is “Wear RED Day” in support of African Heart Month with common goal “The eradication of heart disease and stroke”. She encouraged everyone to wear something “RED” that day.
- Piscataway African American Seniors Club (PAASC) will be celebrating Black History Month in February with a program every Friday: “Youth Day” on Feb 7, “Game Day” on Feb 14, “Name that Tune” on Feb 21, and “Black History Party” on Feb 28. The “Black History Party” theme is “African American and The Vote”. Mildred Scott (Middlesex County Sheriff) will be the key note speaker. Get your tickets at desk in front of receptionist.
- New Senior Center members get a package that has the “Code of Conduct Rules” & “Legal Release Form 2020”. Amy Bauman reminded everyone to complete their release form.

Sharing

- Mary Beth Wheeler informed us that the following two programs were submitted for the New Jersey Recreation & Park Association (NJRPA) award: “Senior+Computer Buddy” and “International Women’s Day”.
- Rutgers Nursing School used the “Senior+Computer Buddy” program concept to get a \$5000 grant. They will work with Chor Lee on creating and implementing an eHealth Literacy Computer Buddy program. Vision of program is to use technology to train older adults how to search, find and understand health information. Rutgers Nursing School students will be the Computer Buddies to teach in one-on-one environment and to explain health information. Chor will be working with them on a details for this program to start in 2020.
- Jim Bullard shared that the Township has pro-actively address issue of vaping by passing new ordinance that bans sale of E-Cigarettes within 500 meters of schools and other sensitive location such as schools, universities, health service facilities, child/adult/special needs day care centers, Church or other places of worship, Sunday School, church or religious school, parks, playgrounds and commercial recreation facilities.



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- Jim Bullard spoke of the importance of “balance” (especially for seniors) since it can increase one’s risk of falls. Chor Lee is working on a “fall prevention” class to teach seniors posture exercises, balance training, walking & movements to prevent falling, and how to fall properly. He hopes to offer this program in Fall 2020.
- Piscataway Library Director Heidi Cramer shared the following:
 - On Jan 8, everyone invited to Kennedy Library for its “Lunar New Year” celebration starting at 1:30 PM. Get educated on a holiday that’s celebrated by Asians worldwide. Entertainment by Rutgers and Piscataway High students. Although it is a family program, this event is for all ages.
 - Kennedy Library will have “African American Read In” on Feb 15 at 11 AM.
 - NJ Makers Day at Kennedy and Westergard on March 20 (2 PM to 5 PM) and 21 (11 AM to 4 PM).
 - Attend “Social Justice Film Screening” at Kennedy on Mar 26 to see PBS documentary “Not in Our Town: Light in the Darkness”. Film is about town taking action after anti-immigrant violence devastates their community.
 - Westergard Library is getting new furnishing.
 - Library’s “Large Print” books will include “Best Sellers”.
 - With a Piscataway library card, you can check out materials from libraries in the “Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium” (LMxAC). See attachment 4 for list of member libraries.
- In response to Walter Hohner’s request for the Community Center progress, Jim Bullard indicated that it is expected to open in April-May time frame. No fees have been announced.
- Joyce Coles shared that as a volunteer at Piscataway High Leadership Program, she was shock to learn that these students have no knowledge of writing & reading in script.
- Because the Advisory meeting room was still hot, Walter Hohner (retired construction worker) asked for status of requesting the HVAC contractor to perform a “whole building balance evaluation” to correct problems with distribution of heat and air conditioning. Amy has put in a request to Township DPW.
- Audrey Van Buskirk-Hoge shared a letter from NJM Insurance which indicated that NJ Legislature is fast tracking legislation that will substantially increase price of personal auto & homeowners’ insurance coverage (see attachment 5 for details). NJM ask everyone to call their local legislators & let them know that legislation (S-2144 & A-3850/A-4293) is a BAD DEAL. For information & links to identify your legislators, visit www.NJM.com/advocacy.

Upcoming Events Provide by Amy

- Jan 14, “Learn About ‘HYGGR’ the Danish Style of Coziness & Comfort” at 12:30 PM in Room B. This Thirsty Radish presentation of the Danish art of “HYGGE” helps us experience joy & relaxation in uniquely cozy way. Explore practical tips for creating well-being & happiness this winter. Sign up with reception.
- Jan 21, “Core N’ More N’ Pelvic Floor” at 10 AM in Room B to join an educational & informative workshop hosted by a licensed physical therapist on the benefits of pelvic floor physical therapy for pelvic pain, unexplained back pain, stress & urge incontinence & a variety of bladder conditions. Free screens for all attendees. Sign up with reception.
- Jan 22, “PJ Party” at 11 AM. Don’t have to wear your PJ to join this event! Suggested donation of \$2.25. Sign up in Nutrition.



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- Jan 23, "AARP Smart Drivers Class" from 9 AM to 4 PM in Card Room. Must have valid driver's license. Cost \$15 (AARP member) or \$20 (Non-AARP member). Bring lunch or sign up with nutrition for senior meal. Space limited to 25 students. Sign up with reception.
- Jan 27, "Utility Assistance" at 10 AM in Room B. Mildred Rivera from Puerto Rican Action Board (PRAB) will be here to help you apply for gas, electric, oil, propane, kerosene, & cooling assistance. Sign up with reception.
- Feb 5, "Gratitude Board Workshop Program" at 10 AM in Card Room. Jacquese Armstrong from National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will present this. Sign up with reception.
- Feb 10, "Stories of Travel by Stage Coach and Horse" at 12:30 PM. This tea is presented by Museum of Early Trades & Crafts (METC). Sign up with reception.
- Feb 10, "Passport Day". US Postal Service will be here to process passport applications. Sign up with reception and pick up "Application" and "Fee Schedule".
- Feb 13, "Valentine's Day Party" at 11 AM. Music by DJ Mel. Suggested donation of \$2.25. Sign up in Nutrition by Jan 31.
- May 11, "Passport Day". US Postal Service will be here to process passport applications. Sign up with reception and pick up "Application" and "Fee Schedule".
- Aug 3, "Passport Day". US Postal Service will be here to process passport applications. Sign up with reception and pick up "Application" and "Fee Schedule".
- Nov 9, "Passport Day". US Postal Service will be here to process passport applications. Sign up with reception and pick up "Application" and "Fee Schedule".

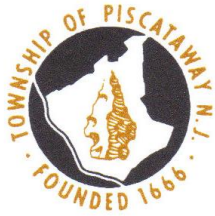
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. by Chair Rosemarie Picciuto. The next meeting of the Commission will be on the **second Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Piscataway Senior Center**. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Senior Center Staff at (732) 562-1133.

CC WITH 5 ATTACHMENTS

Amy Bauman, Director, Office on Aging, Piscataway Township
Commission Members
JFK Library
Municipal Clerk
Mayor's Office

Respectfully submitted,

Chor Lee
Secretary



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ATTACHMENT 1: ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION

2020

Camille Fernicola	237 Westfield Avenue 732-463-0813	1/1/19 to 12/31/21
Walter Hohner	448 Hillside Avenue 732-463-1745	1/1/18 to 12/31/20
Herman Jackson	47 Coventry Circle 732-572-6791 (H)	1/1/18 to 12/31/20
Chor Lee (Mr.)	326 Grandview Avenue 732-469-5613	1/1/18 to 12/31/20
Mon Louie	46 Zirkel Avenue 732-463-0784 (H) 908-720-1791 (C)	1/1/18 to 12/31/20
<u>Rosemarie Picciuto</u> Chairperson	1118 Charter Street (732) 752-2644 (H)	1/1/20 to 12/31/22
<u>Audrey Van Buskirk-Hoge</u> Vice Chairperson	158 Dunellen Avenue 732-356-7606	1/1/20 to 12/31/22
<u>Advisors:</u>		
Antonio Abano	PO Box 1235 732-424-0690	1/1/20 to 12/31/20
Lois Bjornsen	22 International Avenue 732-985-0463	1/1/20 to 12/31/20
Councilman Jim Bullard	23 Independence Court 732-463-3927	1/1/20 to 12/31/20
Joyce Coles	422 Fisher Avenue 732-672-0938 Jcoles1@earthlink.net	1/1/20 to 12/31/20
Barbara Rieger	7 Cromwell Court 732-463-1942 (H)	1/1/20 to 12/31/20
Joan Stamile	609 Willow Avenue 732-885-5281 (H) 732-433-2000 (C)	1/1/20 to 12/31/20



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ATTACHMENT 2: 2020 SENIOR ADVISORY MEETING DATES

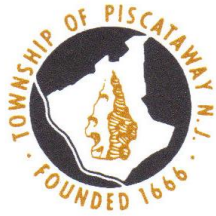
2020 SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETINGS

NOTE1: Changes are RIGHT Justified. No changes are LEFT Justified.

NOTE2: Normal meeting day is 2nd Wednesday of month.

NOTE3: Normal meeting time is 1 PM.

DATE	TIME
January 8	1 PM
February 13 (Thurs)	1 PM
March 12 (Thurs)	1 PM
April 7 (Tues)	1 PM
May 13	1 PM
June 10	1 PM
July 8	1 PM
August 12	1 PM
September 9	1 PM
October 14	1 PM
November 11	1 PM
December 9	1 PM



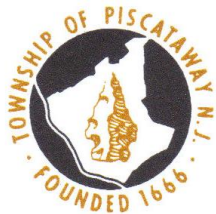
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ATTACHMENT 3: SENIOR CENTER 2020 PARTIES

PISCATAWAY SENIOR CENTER 2020 PARTY SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thursday	January 2	New Year's	11 – 1:00
Wednesday	January 22	Pajama Day	11 – 1:00
Thursday	February 13	Valentine's Day	11 – 1:00
Friday	February 28	Black History Day	10 – 1:00
TBD	TBD	Lunar New Year	10 – 1:00
Tuesday	March 17	St. Patrick's Day	11 – 1:00
Friday	March 27	Int'l Women's Day	10 – 1:00
Tuesday	April 14	Spring Fling	11 – 1:00
Monday	May 11	Mother's Day	11 – 1:00
TBD	TBD	90's Bash	11 – 1:00
Wednesday	June 10	Disco Party	11 – 1:00
Monday	June 22	Father's Day	11 – 1:00
Thursday	July 2	Fourth of July	11 – 1:00
Wednesday	August 5	Annual Senior Picnic	10 – 2:00
Friday	August 14	Indo-American	10 – 1:00
Friday	October 30	Halloween	11 – 1:00
Thursday	November 12	Veterans Day	11 – 1:00
Monday	November 16	Thanksgiving Day	11 – 1:00
Tuesday	December 15	Holiday Party	11 – 1:00



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Member Libraries

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Library	Address	Phone Number	Website
Carteret Free Public Library –Joseph Norris, Director	100 Cooke Avenue Carteret, NJ 07008	(732) 541-3830	Carteret Library's Website
Dunellen Public Library –Elizabeth Lopez-Velez, Director	100 New Market Road Dunellen, NJ 08812	(732) 968-4585	Dunellen Public Library's Website
East Brunswick Public Library –Jennifer Podolsky, Director	2 Jean Walling Civic Center, East East Brunswick, NJ 08816	(732) 390-6767	East Brunswick Public Library's Website
Edison Township Public Library- Main Library –Timur Davis, Acting Director	340 Plainfield Avenue Edison, NJ 08817	(732) 287-2298	Edison Township Public Library's Website
Edison Township Public Library- North Edison Branch –Timur Davis, Branch Manager	777 Grove Avenue Edison, NJ 08820	(732) 548-3045	Edison Township Public Library's Website
Edison Township Public Library- Clara Barton Branch –Shanshan Ming, Branch Manager	141 Hoover Avenue Edison, NJ 08837	(732) 738-0096	Edison Township Public Library's Website
Elizabeth Public Library – Main Branch –MaryFaith Chmiel, Director	11 South Broad Street Elizabeth, NJ 07202	(908) 354-6060	Elizabeth Public Library's Website

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Elizabeth Public Library – Elmora Branch —MaryFaith Chmiel, Director	740 W. Grand St. Elizabeth, NJ 07202	(908) 353-4820	Elizabeth Public Library's Website
Elizabeth Public Library – E-Port Branch —MaryFaith Chmiel, Director	102-110 3rd ST (3rd ST & E Jersey Ave.) Elizabeth, NJ 07202	(908)-289-9032	Elizabeth Public Library's Website
Elizabeth Public Library – The Nicholas S. LaCorte Branch —MaryFaith Chmiel, Director	418-424 Palmer St, NJ 07202	(908) 469-1866	Elizabeth Public Library's Website
Jamesburg Public Library —Gabriella Oakley, Interim Director	229 Gatzmer Avenue Jamesburg, NJ 08831	(732) 521-0440	Jamesburg Public Library's Website
Kenilworth Public Library —Lorraine Ruiz, Director	548 Kenilworth Boulevard Kenilworth, NJ 07033	(908) 276-2451	Kenilworth Public Library's Website
Keyport Public Library —Janet Torsney, Director	109 Broad Street (corner of Broad and Third) Keyport, NJ 07735	(732) 264-0543	Keyport Public Library's Website
Long Branch Free Public Library- Main Library —Tonya Garcia, Director	328 Broadway Long Branch, NJ 07740	(732) 222-3900	Long Branch Free Public Library's Website
Long Branch Free Public Library- Elberon Branch —Linda Wurzel, Branch Manager	168 Lincoln Avenue Long Branch, NJ 07740	(732) 870-1776	Long Branch Free Public Library's Website
Matawan Aberdeen Public Library —Kimberly Paone, Director	165 Main Street Matawan, NJ 07747	(732) 583-9100	Matawan Aberdeen Public Library's Website
Metuchen Public Library —Hsihsi Chung, Director	480 Middlesex Avenue Metuchen, NJ 08840	(732) 632-8526	Metuchen Public Library's Website
Middlesex County College —Marilyn Ochoa, Director	2600 Woodbridge Avenue Edison, NJ 08818	(732) 906-2561	Middlesex County College's Website
Middlesex Public Library —Chrissy George, Director	1300 Mountain Avenue Middlesex, NJ 08846	(732) 356-6602	Middlesex Public Library's Website
Milltown Public Library —Bonnie Sterling, Director	20 West Church Street Milltown, NJ 08850	(732) 247-2270	Milltown Public Library's Website
Monroe Township Library —Leah Wagner, Acting Director	4 Municipal Plaza Monroe Township, NJ 08831	(732) 521-5000	Monroe Township Library's Website
New Brunswick Free Public Library	60 Livingston Ave	(732) 745-5108	New Brunswick Free Public

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–Robert Belvin, Director	New Brunswick, NJ 08901		Library's Website
North Brunswick Public Library –Zoltan Braz, Director	880 Hermann Road North Brunswick, NJ 08902	(732) 246-3545	North Brunswick Public Library's Website
Old Bridge Public Library-Central Library –Michael Bobish, Director	One Old Bridge Plaza Municipal Center Old Bridge, NJ 08857	(732)721-5600 x5010	Old Bridge Public Library's Website
Old Bridge Public Library-Laurence Harbor –Amy Trombetta, Branch Manager	277 Shoreland Circle Laurence Harbor, NJ 08879	(732) 566-2227	Old Bridge Public Library's Website
Perth Amboy Public Library –Herschel Chomsky, Interim Director	196 Jefferson Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861	(732) 826-2600	Perth Amboy Public Library's Website
Piscataway Public Library-John F. Kennedy Branch –Heidi Cramer, Director	500 Hoes Lane Piscataway, NJ 08854	(732) 463-1633	Piscataway Public Library's Website
Piscataway Public Library-Johanna Westergard Branch –Erica Krivopal, Branch Manager	20 Murray Avenue Piscataway, NJ 08854	(732) 752-1166	Piscataway Public Library's Website
Plainfield Public Library –Mary Ellen Rogan , Director	800 Park Avenue Plainfield, NJ 07060	(908) 757-1111	Plainfield Public Library's Website
Plainsboro Public Library –Maryann Ralph, Director	9 Van Doren Street Plainsboro, NJ 08536	(609) 275-2897	Plainsboro Public Library's Website
Red Bank Public Library –Eleni Glykis, Director	84 West Front Street Red Bank, NJ 07701	(732) 842-0690	Red Bank Public Library's Website
Roselle Public Library –Jeanne Marie Ryan, Director	104 West Fourth Avenue Roselle, NJ 07203	(908) 245-5809	Roselle Public Library's Website
Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library –Jenny Lichtenwalner, Director	404 Chestnut Street Roselle Park, NJ 07204	(908) 245-2456	Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library's Website
Sayreville Public Library –Leah Kloc, Director	1050 Washington Road Parlin, NJ 08859	(732) 727-0212	Sayreville Public Library's Website
South Amboy-Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library –Elaine Gaber, Director	100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy, NJ 08879	(732) 721-6060	South Amboy – Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library's Website
South Brunswick Public Library –Chris Carbone, Director	110 Kingston Lane Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852	(732) 329-4000	South Brunswick Public Library's Website

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South Plainfield Public Library –Linda Hansen, Director	2484 Plainfield Ave. South Plainfield, NJ 07080	(908) 754-7885	South Plainfield Public Library's Website
South River Public Library –Evalina Erbe, Director	55 Appleby Avenue South River, NJ 08882	(732) 254-2488	South River Public Library's Website
Spotswood Public Library –C. L. Quillen, Director	548 Main Street Spotswood, NJ 08884	(732) 251-1515	Spotswood Public Library's Website
Springfield Free Public Library –Dale Spindel, Director	66 Mountain Ave. Springfield, NJ 07081	(973) 376-4930	Springfield Free Public Library's Website

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ATTACHMENT 5: AUDREY'S NJM INSURANCE LETTER

NJM Insurance
Group

301 Sullivan Way, West Trenton, NJ 08628

609-883-1300

MITCHELL A. LIVINGSTON
President & Chief Executive Officer

AUDREY E VAN BUSKIRK-HOGE
158 DUNELLEN AVE
PISCATAWAY, NJ 08854

Dear Policyholder:

For more than a century, NJM has operated for the exclusive benefit of our policyholders, with a commitment to maintaining the highest levels of service, integrity and financial stewardship. We are also committed to advocating on behalf of our policyholders. That is the purpose of my letter.

The New Jersey Legislature is fast tracking legislation (S-2144 & A-3850/A-4293) that will substantially increase the price of personal automobile and homeowners' insurance coverage in the State. The supporters of the legislation argue that it is pro-consumer - providing claimants the right to challenge the way an insurer handles an insurance claim. However, claimants already have the right to challenge an insurer's actions under existing laws. In fact, New Jersey's current insurance consumer protection laws are among the strongest in the country.

NJM believes that the special interests behind the legislation are actually trying to create an imbalance in the present system by permitting, and indeed encouraging frivolous and unnecessary lawsuits to generate higher costs and legal fees. If they are successful, these additional costs will result in substantial automobile and homeowners' rate increases for all New Jersey residents.

An independent study performed by one of the nation's leading actuarial firms estimated that the legislation will increase overall insurance premiums in New Jersey by over \$2.5 billion per year. This means residents would likely receive increases of nearly \$300 per policy for automobile insurance and over \$100 per policy for homeowners insurance.

This legislation will only serve special interests - needlessly increasing insurance costs without providing any benefit to you. Without your help, this legislation could be adopted soon.

Please call your local legislators and let them know that this legislation (S-2144 & A-3850/A-4293) is a BAD DEAL for New Jersey drivers and homeowners. Visit www.NJM.com/advocacy for information and links you can use to identify and contact your legislators.

Thank you for your help on this important matter and for trusting NJM with your insurance needs.

Sincerely,

New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company ■ New Jersey Re-Insurance Company ■ New Jersey Casualty Insurance Company
New Jersey Indemnity Insurance Company