RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-02

ADOPTING PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES FOR HEARING COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND CONCERNS.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 P.S. § 710.1, allows public entities located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to adopt reasonable rules and guidelines for public comment periods to maintain an orderly process during public meetings, including by imposing time limits for each speaker; and

WHEREAS, the board of directors (the "Board") of the University Area Joint Authority (the "Authority") wishes to adopt reasonable rules and guidelines governing the public comment periods during its meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Authority hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following guidelines are established for each public comment period during the Authority's public meetings:

- A. Subject to the following guidelines, the Authority will allow public comment from any individual, without reference to whether that individual is an Authority ratepayer or resident or taxpayer of the Authority's incorporating municipalities.
- B. Each individual wishing to comment shall first sign his or her name to a sign-in sheet to be provided by the Authority. If the individual is attending a meeting electronically, the individual shall, at the appropriate time, announce his or her presence and intent to comment.
- C. Prior to commenting, individuals shall wait to be recognized by the chair and then identify himself or herself by name.

- Comments shall be directed to the Board and meeting matters rather than D. Authority staff members.
- Comments shall not be in the form of questions. The Board reserves the Ε. right not to answer any questions.
- Comments shall be limited to five minutes. If more than three individuals F. are providing comment, then comments shall be limited to three minutes.
- In the interest of preserving time, individuals shall limit repetitious G. comments and, where appropriate, acknowledge agreement with any prior comments or positions.
- Individuals will not be allowed to comment more than once per meeting. H.

Section 2. The Board may at any time modify the foregoing procedures by a majority vote.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent herewith shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded, cancelled, and annulled.

University Area Joint Authority:

Asst. Secretary

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Chair C Lapuskis