

**MINUTES of the GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING of the ERIE  
COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY held in the office, 295 Main Street, Room 350, Buffalo,  
New York, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023**

**PRESENT:** Jerome D. Schad, Chair  
 Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair  
 Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer  
 Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority  
 Joyce A. Tomaka, Chief Financial Officer  
 Mark S. Carney, General Counsel  
 Russell J. Stoll, Chief Operating Officer  
 Leonard F. Kowalski, Executive Engineer  
 Katherine A. Gillette, Associate Attorney  
 Jessica R. Brown, Comptroller  
 Jennifer Hibit, Director of Human Resources  
 Lavonya C. Lester, Director of Administration  
 Sabrina A. Figler, Director of Water Quality  
 David W. Aubertine, Director of Cybersecurity and Information Technology  
 Matthew W. Barrett, Security Officer

**ATTENDEES:** Daniel Rusin, The Brotherhood of Western New York Water Workers  
 Walter Natwora, The Brotherhood of Western New York Water Workers  
 Brendan Finn, The Brotherhood of Western New York Water Workers  
 Timothy Tomasik, The Brotherhood of Western New York Water Workers  
 Jeffrey Engle, The Brotherhood of Western New York Water Workers

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. A quorum was present with three Commissioners.

**II. READING OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to read the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

**IV. REPORTS**

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****VI. NEW BUSINESS****A. Comprehensive Strategic Plan**

Mr. Stoll reviewed updates made to the Erie County Water Authority Comprehensive Strategic Plan. Chairman Schad stated his appreciation for the detail listed within the Strategic Plan. Chairman Schad also discussed possible revisions that are needed to reflect the progress already made to date. Commissioner LaGree agreed that some objectives need updating but noted that the document is ever changing. Commissioner Iannello understands that it is difficult to adhere to a timeline but notes that attempts have been made to adhere. Chairman Schad recommends reviewing the Strategic Plan should be assessed every two years instead of every year. Mr. Stoll discussed the difference between long-term goals and objectives. Chairman Schad asked for the Board to be able to review changes before the next Governance Meeting in May 2023.

**VIII. - ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried that the meeting adjourn at 10:59 a.m.

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None



Terrence D. McCracken  
Secretary to the Authority

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