

**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 25th day of May 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
Jennifer Hibit, Director of Human Resources
Jessica R. Brown, Comptroller
Lavonya C. Lester, Director of Administration
Katherine A. Gillette, Associate Attorney
Sabrina A. Figler, Director of Water Quality
David W. Aubertine, Director of Cybersecurity and Information Technology
Matthew W. Barrett, Security Officer

ATTENDEES: Patrick Quinn, Lawley Insurance

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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, April 20, 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, April 20, 2023.

IV. REPORTS

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Strategic Plan

Chairman Schad started the discussion by thanking the staff for the work on the revised Comprehensive Strategic Plan. Chairman Schad suggested including specific objectives in certain areas of the Strategic Plan, such as, the Lead and Copper Rule. The process of adhering to and the implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule was discussed.

Chairman Schad referenced the ECWA's hydraulic model. Mr. Kowalski stated that the model is completely functional for everyday hydraulics and the consultants are working to establish other functions.

Chairman Schad stated that there is consideration to use meters that have accurate measuring and acoustic monitoring for leak control technology. Mr. Kowalski replied that vendors have been contacted to receive information on meters with the desired technology. Commissioner LaGree spoke to features of the meters currently being utilized. A discussion of different meters and their functions was held.

Chairman Schad expressed concern regarding reducing the amount of pipe to be replaced and suggested keeping the objective in the plan. Mr. Kowalski explained that pipe replacement has been on track. Mr. Kowalski also stated that there will need to be a balance between pipe replacement, capital projects, and projects relating to the Lead and Copper Rule. Mr. Kowalski then discussed the leak detection process currently being implemented.

The Board asked for the discussed revisions to be added to the Strategic Plan and circulated before the June meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried that the meeting adjourn at 9:58 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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