

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023**

**PRESENT:** Jerome D. Schad, Chair  
 Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair  
 Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer (via teleconference)  
 Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority  
 Joyce A. Tomaka, Chief Financial Officer  
 Mark S. Carney, General Counsel  
 Charles E. Eaton, Chief Operating Officer  
 Leonard F. Kowalski, Executive Engineer  
 Jennifer Hibit, Director of Human Resources  
 Jessica R. Brown, Comptroller  
 Lavonya C. Lester, Director of Administration  
 David W. Aubertine, Director of Cybersecurity and Information Technology  
 Matthew W. Barrett, Security Officer

**ATTENDEES:**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. A quorum was present with three Commissioners.

**II. READING OF MINUTES**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**IV. REPORTS**

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Adoption of the Erie County Water Authority's Mission Statement**

Secretary McCracken informed the Board that the Authorities Budget Office has

recommended that the Authority readopt the Mission Statement and post it on the website with the adoption dates. Chairman Schad noted that the Authority is only obligated to review the Mission Statement and that there isn't a requirement to post with the adoption dates. However, Chairman Schad believes it is good practice and public notice and therefore agrees with readopting the Mission Statement today and at the Authority's Annual Meeting going forward.

Motion by Ms. LaGree, seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to recommend that the Board approve the readoption of the Erie County Water Authority's Mission Statement.

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello  
Noes: None

**VIII. - ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried that the meeting adjourn at 9:34 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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