

**MINUTES of the FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING of the ERIE COUNTY  
WATER AUTHORITY held in the office, 295 Main Street, Room 350, Buffalo, New York, on  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2025.**

**PRESENT:** Jerome D. Schad, Chair  
Peggy A. LaGree, Commissioner  
Michele M. Iannello, Commissioner  
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  
Sabrina A. Figler, Director of Water Quality  
Jennifer L. Hibit, Director of Human Resources  
Lavonya C. Lester, Director of Administration  
Katherine A. Gillette, Senior Associate Attorney  
David W. Aubertine, Director of Cybersecurity and Information Technology  
Matthew W. Barrett, Security Officer

**ATTENDEES:** Earl Wells III, e3 Communications  
Xudong Fan, Assistant Professor, University of Buffalo  
Orchard Park High School Students (3)

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 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. Re-Adoption of Debt Management Policy**

Ms. Tomaka reported to the Board that the Authority's Debt Management Policy has undergone a review, and the Finance Department does not propose any revisions to the existing policy. Ms. Tomaka does recommend that the Board add the Debt Management Policy to the agenda of the Annual Board Meeting. A brief discussion followed.

Motion by Ms. LaGree, seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to recommend that the Board approve the adoption of the Erie County Water Authority's Debt Management Policy.

**DISCUSSION**

None

**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 9:39 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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