

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 28th day of April 2026.

PRESENT: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
 Peggy A. LaGree, Commissioner
 Michele M. Iannello, Commissioner
 Jennifer L. Hibit, 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 PT
 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
 Patrick C. McCracken, Manager of Accounting Services

ATTENDEES:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:49 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 19, 2026.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

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 19, 2026.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

IV. REPORTS

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Authorization to Amend and Adopt the Erie County Water Authority's Procurement Policy

Lavonya Lester provided the Board with a summary of the updates made to the Authority's Procurement Policy which included the addition of Freedom of Information language and Confidential Critical Infrastructure Information Procedures.

Motion by Ms. LaGree, seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to recommend that the Board approve the adoption of the amended Procurement Policy.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

- B. Authorization to Amend and Adopt the Erie County Water Authority's Procurement Disclosure Policy

Lavonya Lester discussed with the Board the amendments made to the Authority's Procurement Disclosure Policy to have it align with the Authority's Procurement Policy.

Motion by Ms. LaGree, seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to recommend that the Board approve the adoption of the amended Procurement Disclosure Policy.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello carried that the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

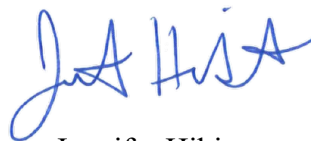
DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

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Jennifer Hibit
Secretary to the Authority

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