

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY** held in the office, 295 Main Street, Room 350, Buffalo, New York, on the 16th day of July 2026.

PRESENT: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
 Peggy A. LaGree, Commissioner (via teleconference)
 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
 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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. A quorum was present with three Commissioners.

II. READING OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, June 18, 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, June 18, 2026.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

IV. REPORTS

A. SECRETARY

B. LEGAL

C. FISCAL

1. May 2026 Investment Report

Ms. Tomaka distributed the May 2026 Investment Report along with a brief explanation of the report.

2. May 2026 Financial Report

Ms. Tomaka distributed the May 2026 Financial Report along with a brief explanation of the report. A brief discussion ensued.

3. Proposed 2027 Budget Schedule

Ms. Tomaka presented a proposed budget schedule to the Board and informed them of the discussions that have occurred with Amawalk, the Authority's current rate consultant. Ms. Tomaka praised Walt Kline from the Authority's IT Department. Thanks to Mr. Kline's efforts, the budgeting process within the Authority's system has been optimized, resulting in a more efficient and productive framework. Ms. Tomaka noted that the improvements implemented by Mr. Kline will result in significant time savings for the Finance Department.

D. OPERATIONS

1. Projects Advertised for Bidding – Formal Contracts

Mr. Kowalski reported to the Board on one formal contract advertised for bidding that had been published since the last Board Meeting:

- Water Service Investigations and Lead Service Replacements, Contract F, Village of Williamsville and Town of Amherst, PN 202600118

2. RFPs Published

Mr. Kowalski reported to the Board on one RFP published since the last Board Meeting:

- PFAS Planning Study, PN 202600008

A brief discussion ensued.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

F. AUDIT COMMITTEE**G. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE****H. FINANCE COMMITTEE****I. ETHICS COMMITTEE**

- V. COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS**
 (Communications may be limited to items that are provided electronically. Every effort will be made to provide all communications at future meetings.)
- C-1 NOTICE OF CLAIM – DOUGLAS V ECWA – RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO LEGAL FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-2 NOTICE OF CLAIM – MERCADO V ECWA – RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO LEGAL FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-3 NOTICE OF CLAIM – DORE LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATES INC V ECWA – RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO LEGAL FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-4 NOTICE OF CLAIM – FERRARO V ECWA – RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO LEGAL FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-5 NOTICE OF CLAIM – MAYBEE V ECWA – RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO LEGAL FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-6 LETTER FROM US RENAL CARE - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-7 FOIL FROM PVS CHEMICALS - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-8 FOIL FROM PENCCO - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-9 FOIL FROM NYSDEC - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-10 FOIL FROM MICHAEL MUEHLBAUER - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-11 FOIL FROM LYNN GANGLOFF - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
 - C-12 FOIL FROM LATESHA MCDONALD - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**

- C-13 FOIL FROM LANDMARK STRUCTURES - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
- C-14 FOIL FROM DUBOIS CHEMICALS - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
- C-15 FOIL FROM DAWLA MOHSIN - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
- C-16 FOIL FROM CAMPIONE SAFETY - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
- C-17 FOIL FROM DINA STORY - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**
- C-18 LETTER FROM SHERRY FLEMING - RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP**

The Board thanked Ms. Fleming for her work with the Authority and wished her well in retirement.

VI. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the Erie County Water Authority's Open Meetings Law Policy Section 10 Public Expression, as posted on its website, the Commissioners will hear the concerns of persons desiring to address the Commissioners on any Water Authority subject. No one appeared to speak.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND AND ADOPT THE ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND POLICY NO. 11 CODE OF ETHICS & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF THE ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY'S EMPLOYEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

ITEM 2 - RESOLUTION GRANTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY TO PERFORM THE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE OWNER AND AGREEING TO MAINTAIN FACILITIES ADJUSTED VIA STATE-LET CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH PIN NO. 5568.16, D265789, PROJECT NO. 202600158

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

ITEM 3 - RESOLUTION GRANTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY TO PERFORM THE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE OWNER AND AGREEING TO MAINTAIN FACILITIES ADJUSTED VIA STATE-LET CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH PIN NO. 5816.29, D265757, PROJECT NO. 202600157

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

ITEM 4 - AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PVS NOLWOOD CHEMICALS, INC. FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF FLUOROSILICIC ACID TO THE ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY FOR USE IN THE TREATMENT OF WATER FOR ONE YEAR FROM AUGUST 1, 2026 THROUGH JULY 31, 2027, PROJECT NO. 202600110 - \$402,500.00

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

DISCUSSION

On the question, Commissioner Iannello inquired if this was a new vendor to the Authority. Mr. Kowalski replied with the Authority's history with the vendor.

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

ITEM 5 - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ARCADIS OF NEW YORK, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER SYSTEM

IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSMISSION MAIN INSTALLATION, TOWN OF TONAWANDA, IDENTIFIED AS CONTRACT NO. MP-084, PROJECT NO. 202000084 - \$22,740.00

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

DISCUSSION

On the question, Commissioner LaGree asked for an update on the completion date of the project. Mr. Kowalski replied that the transmission main has been completely installed and is in service.

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

ITEM 6 - APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 OF NEW FRONTIER EXCAVATING & PAVING, INC. FOR WATER SERVICE INVESTIGATIONS AND LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENTS, CONTRACT A, CITY OF TONAWANDA, PROJECT NO. 202500008

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

ITEM 7 - APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 OF NEW FRONTIER EXCAVATING & PAVING, INC. FOR WATER SERVICE INVESTIGATIONS AND LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENTS, CONTRACT B, VILLAGE OF DEPEW, PROJECT NO. 202500009

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

ITEM 8 - APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF 716 SITE CONTRACTING, INC. FOR WATER SERVICE INVESTIGATIONS AND LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENTS, CONTRACT C, CITY OF TONAWANDA, PROJECT NO.

202500100

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

ITEM 9 - RATIFICATION OF THE INSTALLATION OF HYDRANTS AND VALVES AND RETIREMENT OF EXISTING HYDRANTS AND VALVES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

ITEM 10 - AUTHORIZATION FOR JENNIFER HIBIT, SECRETARY TO THE AUTHORITY, AND JOYCE TOMAKA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN WATER AGENCIES 2026 EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried.

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 9:53

a.m.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

Jennifer Hibit
Secretary to the Authority

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