

**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 20th day of August 2026.

PRESENT: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Peggy A. LaGree, Commissioner
Michele M. Iannello, Commissioner
Jennifer 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
Lavonya C. Lester, Director of Administration
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 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present with three Commissioners.

II. READING OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, July 16, 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, July 16, 2026.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

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

IV. REPORTS

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

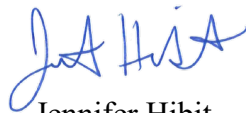
Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried that the meeting adjourn at 9:31 a.m.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

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



Jennifer Hibit
Secretary to the Authority

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