

**MINUTES** of the **AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING** of the **ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY** held in the office, 295 Main Street, Room 350, Buffalo, New York, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**PRESENT:** Jerome D. Schad, Chair  
Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair (via videoconference)  
Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer  
Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority  
Karen A. Prendergast, Chief Financial Officer  
Mark S. Carney, General Counsel  
Russell J. Stoll, Chief Operating Officer  
Katherine A. Gillette, Associate Attorney  
Leonard F. Kowalski, Executive Engineer (via teleconference)  
Joyce A. Tomaka, Comptroller  
Daniel J. NeMoyer, Director of Human Resources  
Lavonya C. Lester, Director of Administration (via teleconference)  
Sabrina A. Figler, Director of Water Quality (via teleconference)  
David W. Aubertine, Director of Cybersecurity and Information Technology

**ATTENDEES:** Nichole Ruf, Drescher and Malecki  
Jared Pickard, Drescher and Malecki

## **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**

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **IV. REPORTS**

### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Audit Drescher and Malecki – 2021 Audited Financial Statements

**DISCUSSION**

Nichole Ruf of Drescher & Malecki reported on the draft 2021 Audited Financial Statements. Drescher & Malecki has issued clean unmodified opinions on the financial statements. The financial statements include a report on internal control in accordance with government and auditing standards. The report did not show any material weaknesses or deficiencies throughout the year. The schedule of overhead percentage and schedule of cash investment are schedules audited separately from the financial statements which were also given an unmodified opinion. As a conclusion to the audit, nothing came to Drescher & Malecki's attention that caused them to believe that the Authority failed to comply with Section 2925(3)(f) of the New York State Public Authorities Law regarding investment guidelines during the year ended December 31, 2020. Ms. Ruf noted that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") has adopted new pronouncements, which may have a future impact on the Authority. These should be evaluated to determine the extent the Authority will be impacted in future years. GASB 87 is for leases, and it will impact the way that the financial statements will look for 2022. Chairman Schad asked to clarify if there was a change. Ms. Ruf explained that the way it is currently, the Authority has operating leases which is just disclosed in the foot notes and not on the financial statement, however they will be next year.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried that the meeting adjourn.

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None



Terrence D. McCracken  
Secretary to the Authority

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