

REGULAR MEETING
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

November 17, 2022

Oakdale, New York

Present: Patrick Halpin, Chairman
Tim Bishop, Member
Elizabeth Mercado, Member
Jacqueline Gordon, Member
Charles Lefkowitz, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was also attended by Counsels T. Hopkins, B. Malik, and J. Milazzo and by Messrs., Blevins, Bova, Brady, Cecchetto, Dubois, Duebel, Durk, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Jones, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Lehning, Litka, Niebling, O'Connell, Pokorny, Schneider, SeEVERS, Swain, Warner, and by Mmes. Beedenbender, Cameron, Hannan, Mancuso, Pell, Pfeuffer, Simson, Spaulding, Tinsley, Trombino, and Vassallo.

Barbara Yatauro, President of Local 393 and Ray Festa, Alan Foley, Michael Thurmond, Kurt Husfeldt, and Kazim Francis of DC-9 were also in attendance.

Booklets containing detailed information for all Agenda items were distributed to each Member, Executive Staff and Counsel to the Authority.

At 3:01pm, the Chairman called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Szabo to conduct the roll call. All members are present.

Mr. Halpin then opened the meeting for public comment. Several members of the public were present who wished to address the board at this time.

Mr. Foley of DC-9 Painters union asked for confirmation that the apprenticeship language would be on the agenda today. Mr. Szabo confirmed there is a resolution today to determine the contracts in which apprenticeship language is required. Mr. Foley expressed his thanks for taking action on this matter and asked if a few of his members with him could share their stories with the board.

Mr. Thurmond of Copiague shared he is in his third year of the program, which has given him and his family more stability and a safer working environment.

Mr. Francis is a first year apprentice and has found the program to give him many great opportunities and a great deal of benefits his previous non-union employers did not offer.

When asked how the process to enroll in the union is conducted, Mr. Foley explained each month, there is an open enrollment period, which lasts for a week to ten days, or until five hundred applications are submitted. Mr. Festa added the entire process is overseen by the Department of Labor.

Mr. Szabo suggested the board take the resolution pertaining to apprenticeship language out of order, to allow our guests to be present for the vote. Mr. Halpin agreed, and the resolution was brought forward for a vote of the board.

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(386-11-2022) WHEREAS, Labor Law Sec. 816-b permits governmental entities, including public benefit corporations, to require that any contractor have, prior to entering a construction contract, apprenticeship agreements appropriate to the type and scope of work to be performed; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the law is to promote apprenticeship training and increase the amount of skilled craft workers in the State; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Authority initiated a program to require, in certain construction contracts, Authority contractors and subcontractors have, prior to entering into the contract, apprenticeship agreements, appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed under the contract, that have been registered with and approved by the New York State Commissioner of Labor,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this program is to improve worker safety, promote on-the-job apprentice training, the local economy, and is in the best interests of the ratepayers.

WHEREAS, the Authority deems it appropriate to expand the scope of this program to include any Authority contract providing for the Painting, Minor Maintenance and Repairs of Elevated Tanks, Standpipes, Reservoirs and Pressure Vessels,

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby authorizes that any future contract for Painting, Minor Maintenance and Repairs of Elevated Tanks, Standpipes, Reservoirs and Pressure Vessels include the requirement that any contractors and subcontractors have apprenticeship agreements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that reports on the efficacy, fiscal impact, operations impacts, and safety outcomes of the Authority mandatory apprenticeship requirements be submitted to the Board within three months of the end of the 2023-24 fiscal year and annually thereafter.

Mr. Szabo asked Mr. Cecchetto, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Jones, Director of Purchasing, to give a presentation on finance and purchasing, and the impact the supply chain issues have had on our contracts.

Mr. Halpin then presented the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2022, on a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, with Ms. Mercado abstaining, it was unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 21, 2022 were approved.

Mr. Szabo referred to contracts scheduled to expire shortly, and he recommended that the Authority exercise its option to extend these contracts in accordance with the letters of recommendation. These items were considered on consent and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(387-11-2022) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning December 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023, Contract 7653 for maintenance and emergency service of uninterruptible power supply systems and battery systems, with DC Group, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one year period beginning February 1, 2023 through January 1, 2024, Contract 7724 for mobile washing services at various SCWA locations with Fleetwash Inc., of Fairfield, New Jersey, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024, Contract 7740 for construction of asphalt driveways, paved yard areas, and walkways (western and eastern zones) with Suffolk Paving Corporation, of Medford, New York, (western zone) and CAC Contracting Corp., of Mattituck, New York, (eastern zone) in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning April 1, 2023 through December 15, 2023, Contract 7747 for landscaping and lawn maintenance with Del Graz Enterprise dba R&R Landscaping, of Sayville, New York, (7747A) and DGB Landscaping Inc., of Huntington, New York, (7747B) in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, Contract 7804 to furnish and deliver laboratory samples vials and bottles, with Quality Environmental Containers Inc., of Beaver, West Virginia, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning April 1, 2023 through December 15, 2023, Contract 7826 for landscaping and lawn maintenance at SCWA Westhampton and Southold sites with R&R Landscaping, of Sayville, New York, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

Mr. Szabo explained there was one contract, 7891, being presented to be rescinded.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, and unanimously carried, it was

(388-11-2022) RESOLVED, to rescind the award for Contract 7891 for maintenance of HVAC systems at the Hauppauge laboratory and Oakdale administration building as awarded to Sav-Mor Mechanical, Inc., of Ronkonkoma, New York due to an error in the bid documents.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed Contracts 7895, 7898, 7899, 7900, 7901, and 7903. Mr. Szabo recommended that these contracts be awarded/rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(389-11-2022) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7895 for exterior pump station lighting upgrade at various SCWA sites during the one year period beginning January 1, 2023, submitted by New York Trenchless, Inc., of Aquebogue, New York, on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Two Hundred, Forty Two Thousand, Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$242,210) be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, and unanimously carried, it was

(390-11-2022) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7898 to furnish and deliver granular calcium hypochlorite during a one year period beginning November 1, 2022, submitted by Pollardwater, of New Hyde Park, New York, on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of One Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,850) be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, it was

(391-11-2022) RESOLVED, To reject the bid under Contract 7899 for construction of a 20" x 10" diameter well (No. 3A) approximately 550 feet deep, to be located at Oxhead Road well field, Stony Brook, Town of Brookhaven, submitted by Steffen Drilling LLC., of Glassboro, New Jersey as they are unable to complete the project within the required timeline; and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the next low bid under Contract 7899 submitted by Layne Christensen Co., of Los Angeles, California on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Eight hundred Twenty Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$825,900) be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz and unanimously carried, it was

(392-11-2022) RESOLVED, that the sole bid received under Contract 7900, to furnish and install Insertion valves 4" to 12" during the one year period beginning January 1, 2023 submitted by Carner Brothers, of Roseland, New Jersey, on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, in the amount of One Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$168,200) and is hereby accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On a motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(393-11-2022) RESOLVED, That the low bid for Group II under Contract 7901 to furnish and deliver "no lead" brass/ bronze fittings for underground service lines during a one-year period beginning January 1, 2023, submitted by AY McDonald Mfg., of Dallas, Texas; in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$157,119); on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents and is hereby accepted; on the same basis and hereby is accepted; and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid for Groups I, IV- VII, IX, & X under Contract 7900 T. Mina, of Medford, New York; in the amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$115,708) for; on the same basis and hereby is accepted; and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid for Groups II & VIII under Contract 7900 Cambridge Brass, of Cambridge, Ontario in the amount of Seventy Three Thousand, One Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$73,177) for; on the same basis and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(394-11-2022) RESOLVED, To reject all the bids submitted for Contract 7903 for maintenance and emergency service of uninterruptible power supply systems, due to an inaccurate pricing template; this contract will be re-bid.

Mr. Szabo presented resolutions from Finance requiring approval.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, and unanimously carried, it was

(395-11-2022) RESOLVED, To approve Amendment #3 to the Authority's Capital budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 2023 to provide for water main extensions:
To approve budget transfer from item 050 (tank construction) to item 005 (extensions of water mains) in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, To approve a budget increase of item 035 (developer contracts) in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000).

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(396-11-2022) RESOLVED, To approve Amendment #4 to the Authority's Capital budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 2023 to provide for purchase of land on Rocky Point Road, East Marion:
To approve a budget transfer from item 050 (tank construction) to item 150 (acquisition of land) in the amount of Fifty-Five Thousand, Fifty Dollars (\$55,500).

Mr. Szabo presented an item from Ms. Tinsley, Deputy CEO for Customer Service, regarding a customer refund.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(397-11-2022) To approve a refund to Moriches Industrial Park, LLC., located at 5 Frowein Road, Center Moriches, in the amount of Thirteen Thousand, Sixty-Two Dollars (\$13,062) due to technical errors.

Mr. Szabo then referred to an application to the Department of Environmental Conservation for a replacement well. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried it was

(398-11-2022) RESOLVED, To increase the authorized capacity of well No. 1A from 1,200 gallons per minute to 1,388 gallons per minute at the Mayfair Drive well field, 2.0; acre site, located on the west end of Mayfair Drive and north of north property line of Woodlot Lane, Cold Spring Harbor, Town of Huntington; to equip the well with one (1) electrically-driven, deep well turbine pump, motor, piping, electrical controls and miscellaneous appurtenances; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an application be made to the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York and that said application may be executed by any Member of the Authority, its Chief Executive Officer, or its Chief Engineer.

Mr. Szabo presented an item from Mr. Hopkins, Chief Legal Officer, regarding the outside use of SCWA property.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(399-11-2022) To approve the extension of the lease for use of lease of SCWA property at Tenety Avenue, with the Town of Babylon, for a term of five years, beginning November 27, 2022, with three additional options to extend, under the same terms and conditions of the previous lease, and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Mr. Szabo then referenced items listed under Special Services for consideration.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(400-11-2022) RESOLVED, To extend the agreement under RFP 1562, for insurance agent/ broker services for employee benefits and insurance, for a third year, beginning January 1, 2023 with Brown & Brown, of Garden City, New York at the same prices, terms and conditions and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(401-11-2022) RESOLVED, To extend the agreement under RFP 1563, for radiological analysis of drinking water samples, for the second and final year, beginning January 1, 2023, with GEL Laboratories, LLC., of Charleston, South Carolina and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, and unanimously carried, it was

(402-11-2022) RESOLVED, To award RFP 1585, for temporary personnel for the water testing laboratory, for a one year period beginning January 1, 2023, to Apex Systems, of Hauppauge, New York at the rate list submitted and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(403-11-2022) RESOLVED, To award RFP 1587 water tank inspection services for elevated and ground water storage tanks for a one year period beginning January 1, 2023 to CorrTech, of Deep River, Connecticut, for an estimated cost of One Hundred Fifty Three Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$153,137) and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(404-11-2022) RESOLVED, To award RFP 1588 to for labor and employment counsel services for a one year period beginning January 1, 2023 to Bond, Schoeneck, & King, PLLC., of Syracuse, New York, and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, and unanimously carried, it was

(405-11-2022) RESOLVED, To award RFP 1589 to furnish and deliver work clothing and flame-retardant work clothing through an on-line ordering system for a two year period beginning January 1, 2023 to Tyndale Enterprises, Inc., of Pipersville, Pennsylvania and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(406-11-2022) RESOLVED, To reject all proposals under RFP 1590 to allow for accurate and thorough evaluation of market competitiveness.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(407-11-2022) RESOLVED, To approve extending the agreement under RFP 1427 for financial advisor services for a three month period beginning January 1, 2023 with Goldman Sachs & Co., of New York, New York; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(408-11-2022) RESOLVED, To award RFP 1591 for appraisal of US Coast Guard lease of Building #2 in Coram to Rogers & Taylor Appraisers, Inc. for a three year period beginning January 1, 2023; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(409-11-2022) RESOLVED, To award RFP 1592 for the appraisal of four acres of vacant land in East Quogue to Rogers & Taylor, of Hauppauge, New York, in the amount of Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(410-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize award for a proposed property easement survey at the Broadhollow Road pump station, located on land belonging to Farmingdale State College to Nelson & Pope Engineering, Architecture and Land Surveyors, PLLC., of Melville, New York, in the amount of Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

The Members reviewed requests regarding equipment. After further explanation of details by Mr. Szabo and Joseph Pokorny, Deputy CEO for Operations, all items were approved,

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(411-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase and installation of one (1) level 2 Port Electric Vehicle charging station and associated installation and software to implement the EV pilot project to be placed in our Hauppauge location from DVM industries, of Astoria, New York, for a total cost of Twelve Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700).

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, and unanimously carried, it was

(412-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize payment for inspection, and emergency repair of compressors in the laboratory from John Iacono, Inc., for a total cost of Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and 65/100 (\$8,248.65).

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(413-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of eight licenses for LabWare Mobile to allow the laboratory to collect and log samples in real-time while in the field from LabWare, of Wilmington, Delaware for a total cost of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(414-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the renewal of the annual license and support agreement for the InfoWater hydraulic modeling software for 2023 beginning December 15, 2022 from Innovyze, of Portland, Oregon for a total cost of Thirteen Thousand, Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$13,640) and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(415-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the payment for the purchase of Ford fleet publications and training, to allow SCWA to remain compliant as Ford in-house warranty repair center from Helm LLC for a total cost of Six Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$6,300) be and hereby is accepted.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, and unanimously

carried, it was

(416-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the one time purchase of chlorine reagent from Hach Co., of Loveland, Colorado for a total cost of Fifty Eight Thousand, Forty Dollars (\$58,040).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(417-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the one time purchase of chemical pump parts from Seepex, of Enon, Ohio for a total cost of Sixteen Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$16,421).

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(418-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the renewal of the license and support maintenance agreement for the SAP software for all two hundred eighty five licenses from SAP Industries, Inc., of Newton Square, Pennsylvania for a total cost of Four Hundred, Forty Six Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and 21/100 (\$446,278.21); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Mr. Szabo then expressed there was one resolution for employees of the Authority to attend educational and training programs and asked the board to take them under consideration.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(419-11-2022) RESOLVED, To approve Mr. Patrick Fields, SAP Programmer Analyst, and Mr. Keath Otis, Senior Program Analyst, Information Technology, to attend the Advances ABAP Debugging and Analysis virtual training, from March 20-21, 2023 at a total cost of Three Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty- Eight Dollars (\$3,468).

Mr. Szabo presented several resolutions pertaining to personnel and benefits, with Ms. Mancuso, Deputy CEO of Operations answering any questions.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(420-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the extension of FSA program as a voluntary benefit for management and Lab-Union employees for a one year period beginning January 1, 2023 with Ameriflex of Mount Laurel, New Jersey for a total cost of Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$3,700).

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(421-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the extension of Group Legal Plan Services as a voluntary benefit for management and lab-union employees for a one year period beginning January 1, 2023 with MetLaw (a MetLife company) of Cleveland, Ohio at no cost to the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(422-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the renewal of the prescription safety glasses program for a one year period beginning January 1, 2023 with General Vision Services (GVS) of New York, New York at current rates.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(423-11-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the extension of the Authority's dental plan for a one year period beginning January 1, 2023 with Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. of New York, of Bristol, Connecticut at \$39.56 for a single employee plan and \$101.92 for a family plan.

Mr. Szabo explained there were two resolutions for consideration related to the Members of the Board.

On motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(424-11-2022) WHEREAS, by passing Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 ("Chapter 56"), the New York State Legislature amended Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 56 adds Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, permitting the Suffolk County Water Authority (the "Authority") to authorize its members to attend meetings by videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(a) requires the Authority to adopt a resolution following a public hearing authorizing the limited use of videoconferencing under such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2) allows for hybrid meetings by requiring "that a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the public body's quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend"; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(c) requires that members be physically present at any such meeting "unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances . . . including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 103-a(2)(d), any Authority member attending a meeting by videoconference must, except during executive session, be "heard, seen and identified, while the meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon"; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(g) requires that any meeting where a member attends by videoconference be recorded, posted to the Authority's webpage within five business days, and transcribed upon request; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(h) requires that members of the public be permitted to attend and participate, if authorized, in any meeting by videoconference if a member attends such meeting by videoconference, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Authority authorizes its members who experience an extraordinary circumstance, as described above and further defined by any rules or written procedures later adopted, to attend meetings by videoconference: (i) as long as a quorum of the members attend in-person at one or more locations open to the public; (ii) as long as the member can be seen, heard, and identified while the open portion of the meeting is being conducted as otherwise permitted under Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Authority shall create written procedures further governing its use of videoconferencing by its members in compliance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, with Mr. Lefkowitz recusing himself, and otherwise unanimously carried, it was

(425-11-2022) RESOLVED, To approve the record of activities for board member, Charles Lefkowitz and authorize that 3.96 days per month be submitted to the NYS Retirement System, after posting notice on SCWA website for 30 days.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(426-11-2022) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

<u>H2M Architects & Engineers</u>	\$ 34,500.00
<u>Dvirka & Bartilucci</u>	33,900.75
<u>Bond, Schoeneck, & King, PLLC</u>	619.50
<u>O'Connor, O'Connor, Hintz, & Deveney, LLP</u>	2,407.50
<u>Heslin, Rosenberg, Farley & Mesiti P.C.</u>	4,755.00

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Monday, December 19, 2022, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Oakdale Administration Building.

At this time, Mr. Halpin stated that the email inbox was checked for public comment and there were no comments. No one from the public wished to speak to the Members at this time.

At 4:38 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unaimously carried it was decided to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Personal matters were discussed and voted on in Executive session.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(427-11-2022) RESOLVED, To promote Joseph Bardam, of Wading River, to the position of Bacteriologist, in the Laboratory, at an annual salary of Fifty Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and 62/100 (\$54,744.62).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(428-11-2022) RESOLVED, To employ Matthew Franchi, of Manorville, in the position of Laboratory Technician I, in the Laboratory, at an annual salary of Forty Nine Thousand, Sixty Eight Dollars and 45/100 (\$49,068.45), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, and unanimously carried, it was

(429-11-2022) RESOLVED, To employ Carol Bassuk- Gonzalez, of Selden, in the position of Clerk-Bilingual Call Center, Coram, in Customer Service, at a rate of \$28.84, for an annual salary of Fifty Six Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty- Eight Dollars (\$56,238), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(430-11-2022) RESOLVED, To retain Joseph Roccaro, as a part time Water Quality Engineer in Engineering, in a consulting capacity, effective November 29, 2022, with an hourly rate of \$76.92, with total payment not to exceed Thirteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$13,850), with the option of two extensions.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(431-11-2022) RESOLVED, To promote, Thomas Schneider, to the position of Director of Water Quality and Lab Services, in the Laboratory, at an annual salary of One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$148,000), to be effective upon the retirement of Kevin Durk.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, and unanimously carried, it was

(432-11-2022) RESOLVED, To promote Christopher Niebling, to the position of Deputy Director of Water Quality and Lab Services, in the Laboratory, at an annual salary of One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$139,000), to be effective upon the retirement of Kevin Durk.

At 5:06 p.m. the Members returned to public session. Mr. Halpin asked if there was

anyone wishing to comment. Mr. Brady identified no one raising their hand. On a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz, it was unanimously carried to adjourn.

Tim Bishop, Secretary