Regular Board Meeting

Suffolk County Water Authority July 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance Present:

Members:
Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Elizabeth Mercado, Secretary, Attended Virtually
John M. Porchia III, Member, Excused Absence
John Rose, Member
William Davidson, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was attended by Counsels B. Malik and J. Milazzo; and was also attended by Bailey, Berberich, Berroa, Blevins, Bova, Brady, Brozyna, Cameron, Coppola, DiCarlo, Donnelly, Doscher, Dubois, Deubel, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Gomez, Hannan, Huber, Kamm, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Matteo, Marafino, Martorana, McDowell, Milano, Naccarato, Niebling, O'Connell, Oliveau, Oneill, Pfeuffer, Puma Rae, Riegger, Rosino, Schneider, Schildt, Seevers, Spaulding, Stewart, Thompson, Wahl, and Warner

Barbara Yatauro, Local 393, Jack Hartman, Legal Department Intern

Jeffrey Szabo, Chief Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. upon all Members of the Board being present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the July 2026 Board Meeting. He stated that it was exciting to see the new truck shelter fully operational and thanked the Board members and Executive Staff for their efforts in making the project a success. He also thanked the public for responding to SCWA's water conservation messaging that went out during the recent period of extreme heat and for helping to preserve the water supply through their conservation efforts.

Mr. Szabo introduced Mr. Frank Tassone, Deputy CEO for Customer Service, who presented the Strategic Plan 2030 update, which highlighted continued progress across all ten strategic committees. Updates included advancements in water infrastructure, water quality initiatives, emergency management preparedness, financial sustainability, customer growth, service improvements, organizational development, sustainability efforts, and worker safety. Significant accomplishments included lead service inventory and replacement efforts, expansion of smart metering technology, PFAS treatment initiatives, employee development and engagement programs, customer service technology enhancements, sustainability projects, and continued improvements in workplace safety. Mr. Tassone, with the input from Mr. Brian Seevers, Director of Human Resources announced that the Values and Culture Committee (VCC) will be re-combined with the Organizational Development Committee (ODC) to eliminate overlapping responsibilities and improve efficiency. As part of this restructuring, the committee will be named the Values and Culture Committee (VCC), with a renewed focus on promoting SCWA's core values, employee engagement, and organizational culture.

Mr. Szabo introduced Mr. Michael O'Connell, Director of Production Control, who gave a presentation on water production and system operations, noting that June 2026 was the highest on June record for water demand, with July usage also trending above 2025 levels. Staff reported a significant increase in early morning peak demand, placing additional strain on the system and creating operational challenges, including reduced storage tank levels and limited flexibility during equipment outages. The Board was informed that recent infrastructure improvements, including additional Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) treatment systems, have increased capacity in several service areas, particularly East Farmingdale and Kings Park. Staff also discussed ongoing concerns regarding rising chloride levels on the North Fork and in Montauk, declining pumping capacity due to expanded treatment requirements and aging infrastructure, and the impacts of the loss of the Bridgehampton Well Field. Despite these challenges, Mr. O'Connell explained that recent capacity improvements have helped offset supply losses and maintain reliable service.

Mr. Lefkowitz asked several questions regarding the timeline for the Bridgehampton Rd. Project, developing a new well and water main. Mr. O'Connell explained that, if the project proceeds without significant delays, the overall process takes approximately two years. He stated that property acquisition, test well drilling, and water quality testing require six to eight months, followed by the design, planning, and permitting process through the DEC, which generally takes an additional twelve to eighteen months. Bridgehampton Road Well Field, explaining that the loss of the well field has reduced available water supply in East Hampton area by approximately 2,700 gallons per minute. He noted that, despite the loss, local water pressure has remained better than anticipated due to the effectiveness of the distribution system. Mr. O'Connell further reported that the Spring Cloe Highway water tank has experienced lower-than-normal storage levels as result of the reduced supply. To help offset the loss, the Authority has added approximately 1,300 gallons per minute of capacity at Bull Path and 2,500 gallons per minute of ground storage booster capacity at Town Line Road.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on June 25, 2026, and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Davidson, and unanimously carried, it was

(256-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 25, 2026.

Mr. Szabo presented the sole contract to be considered for extension. After a brief explanation of a few items and contract leveling for the future; on motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were approved on consent:

(257-07-2026) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning November 1, 2026, through October 31, 2027, Contract 8049 for drilling of wells and test borings throughout Suffolk County, NY Zone B with Peconic Well & Pump Co., Hampton Bays, NY.

The CEO then referred to several contracts and recommended that they be awarded or rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation. On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(258-07-2026) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8222 for installation of advanced oxidation process (AOP) water treatment systems at the Lawrence Road Well Field & Pump Station to supply, submitted by K&G Electric Motor and Pump Corp., Hauppauge, NY on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of One Million and Thirty-six Thousand Dollars ($1,036,000); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(259-07-2026) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8224 to furnish and deliver bulk argon during the one-year period beginning August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, submitted by Airweld, Inc., Farmingdale, NY on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of Thirty Thousand and Twenty Dollars ($30,020); be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

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

(260-07-2026) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8228 to furnish and deliver butterfly valves and operator replacement parts, during the one-year period beginning October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027, submitted by Raritan Valve ad Automation, New Brunswick, NJ on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of One Hundred and Thirty-one Thousand and Twenty-two Dollars ($131,022); be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

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

(261-07-2026) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8230 annual mildew removal/tank cleaning at water storage facilities, elevated tanks, standpipes and reservoirs for the one-year period beginning September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, submitted by National Wash Authority, LLC, Morrison, IL on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of Three Hundred and Fourteen Thousand and Six Hundred Dollars ($314,600); 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.

The Members reviewed the requests to Delegate Award to CEO. After an explanation of each, on motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried it was

To delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to select contractors and execute contracts:

(262-07-2026) RESOLVED, Contract 8213, final restoration for disturbed area due to water main installation in the South River Road Area of Calverton-Phase 2.

(263-07-2026) RESOLVED, Contract 8239, final restoration for disturbed areas due to water main installation in the South River Road Area of Calverton-Phase 3.

(264-07-2026) RESOLVED, Contract 8240, final restoration for disturbed areas due to water main installation on National Blvd and surrounding roads in Bellport.

The Members reviewed the one (1) request to Ratify Award to CEO. After an explanation of each, on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(265-07-2026) RESOLVED, To ratify the award to the Chief Executive Officer for a vendor to produce and provide Six Hundred (600) custom boxes ad gift items with the SCWA 75th Anniversary logo, from ACT Communications Group, West Islip, NY in the total amount of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-six Dollars ($13,646).

The Members considered the one (1) request for Property. On motion made by Mr. Rose duly seconded by Ms. Mercado

(266-07-2026) RESOLVED, To convey the easement to County of Suffolk on SCWA Waterworks Road Property for Trail, Village of Patchogue, NY delegation of Authority to Chief Executive Officer.

The Members reviewed requests for equipment. After an explanation of each, on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Davidson, and unanimously carried it was

(267-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0039 the Engineering Departments request to furnish and deliver additional automatic blowoff control panels from Lexington Technologies, Inc, Farmingdale, NY in the total amount of Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars ($29,660).

On motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(268-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0069 to rescind and rebid RFQ, Q0069, which was approved during the May 28, 2026 Board Meeting for a vendor to furnish and deliver a portable compressor from Camairco, New Brunswick, NJ in the total amount of Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-eight Dollars ($26,498).

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

(269-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Departments request to reject all bids for RFQ, Q0074; it was deemed none of the five (5) proposals received by the closing date adequately quoted the 36-month lease option. The Authority recommends rejecting all bids and the IT Department will investigate available NY State contract leasing pricing with the Purchasing Department before considering a new RFQ.

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

(270-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0079 the Authority's request for a vendor to furnish and deliver Wacker Neuson Construction equipment from Mid-Isle Equipment, Ronkonkoma, NY in the total amount of Forty-five Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-none 90/100 Dollars ($45,669.90).

On motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(271-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0080 the Authority's request for a vendor to furnish and deliver five (5) Ford Transit 2500 AWD vehicles from DeLacy Ford, Elmira, NY in the total amount of Two Hundred and Seventy-six Thousand Dollars ($276,000).

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

(272-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0081 the Authority's request for a vendor to furnish and deliver Two (2) Chevrolet Trailblazers from Nielsen Rt 46 Inc (Nielsen Fleet), Dover, NJ in the total amount of Fifty Thousand Four Hundred and Eighteen 40/100 Dollars ($50,418.40).

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

(273-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0082 the Authority's request for a vendor to furnish and deliver furniture to Hauppauge Laboratory from W.B. Mason Co., Inc., Hauppauge, NY in the total amount of Thirty-three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-three 61/100 Dollars ($33,583.61).

On motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(274-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory Departments request to purchase an Agilent 8890B Gas Chromatography Dual Micro Electron Capture Detector instrument complete with 7693A autoinjector, 7693 autosampler tray and Mass Hunter Workstation from Agilent Technologies, Inc., Wilmington, DE in the total amount of Fifty Thousand and Seventy-three 92/100 Dollars ($50,073.92).

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

(275-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory Departments request to purchase a Thermo Scientific AutoTrace SPE 280 used for semi-volatile extractions from Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA in the total amount of Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and Fourteen 51/100 Dollars ($50,214.51).

The Members reviewed the requests for special services. After explanation of the requests, and on motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(276-07-2026) RESOLVED, To reject all bids under RFP 1680, the IT Department seeks approval to reject all bids for RFP 1680 for a vendor to provide end-to-end website modernization services, including discovery, planning, design, development, migration to a vendor-hosted SaaS content management system, deployment, training, and ongoing support services. The recommendation is to reject all bids and rebid the contract utilizing an updated RFP scope and wording from the IT Department to ensure compliance with the new requirements.

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

(277-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFP 1683, the Communication Departments request to partner with a vendor to provide professional commercial video production services for two (2) thirty-second commercials from JVC Media LLC, Ronkonkoma, NY in the total amount of Twenty-six Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars ($26,800).

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

(278-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFP 1691, the Communication and IT Departments request to partner with a vendor to provide a cloud-based email marketing and customer communications platform capable of supporting large-scale customer outreach, automated communications, analytics, subscription management, and integration with SCWA's SAP environment from Mailchimp, Atlanta, GA in the total amount of Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars ($12,184).

On motion made by Mr. Davidson duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(279-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFP 1697, the IT Departments request to rebid RFP 1697 for a vendor to provide secure, reliable, cost-effective, and scalable multifunction printer lease solution across SCWA facilities. The recommendation is to reject all bids and have the contract rebid with the IT Department updating the required specifications based on vendor feedback received during the initial bid.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously carried, it was

(280-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Departments request to enter into a new five-year (5) agreement for the Authority's HPE storage infrastructure from SHI, International Corp, Somerset, Franklin Township, NJ in the total amount of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven 47/100 Dollars ($11,947.47) per month and an estimated five-year (5) term value of Seven Hundred and Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven 90/100 Dollars ($716,847.90).

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

(281-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Departments request to enter into a five-year (5) Dell APEX flex agreement for Six (6) Dell PowerEdge R770 servers from SHI, International Corp., Somerset, Franklin Township, NJ at a total cost of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-five Dollars ($9,745) per month and an estimated five-year (5) term value of Five Hundred and Eighty-four Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars.

On motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(282-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Departments request to renew the Authority's VMware Cloud Foundation licensing, the proposed renewal includes licensing for 128 cores under Sourcewell Technology Product & Solutions Contract No. 121923-SHU for a five-year (5) term from SHI, International Corp, Somerset, Franklin Township, NJ at a total annual cost of Twenty-nine Thousand and Eighty-five 44/100 Dollars ($29,085.44) and an estimated five-year term value of One Hundred and Forty-five Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-seven 20/100 Dollars ($145,427.20).

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

(283-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Departments request to upgrade Hyland OnBase version 23.17 to the Foundation Long Term Release version 25.1 from BlueIrisIQ, through Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA Inc., Ramsey, NJ in the total amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,00).

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

(284-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Departments request to renew the annual licensing and support agreement for Hyland OnBase software from Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA Inc., Ramsey, NJ in the total amount of Forty-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty 17/100 Dollars ($47,350.17).

On motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(285-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Transportation and Facilities Departments request to rent a street sweeper to remove debris from C&M work areas and Authority office sites from J&J Equipment LLC, Brewerton, NY in the total monthly amount of Eleven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars ($11,500).

On motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(286-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Purchasing Departments request to extend the Authority's existing agreements for three-years (3) with BidNet Direct, Latham, NY in the total amount of Twenty-five Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-four 15/100 Dollars ($25,494.15).

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

(287-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Facilities Departments request for a service to pick up and dispose of ERTs containing lithium-ion batteries from Battery Recyclers of America, Dallas, TX in the estimated total amount of Two Dollars 75/100 ($2.75) per pound, or Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-five ($12,375), inclusive of miscellaneous fees.

The Members reviewed the One (1) request for Other. After explanation of the request, and on motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(288-07-2026) RESOLVED, To adopt the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the North Fork Water Main Project.

The Members reviewed the One (1) request for membership renewals. After explanation of the request, on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(289-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Risk Departments request to renew their annual corporate membership, which expires July 31, 2026, with Risk & Insurance Management Society, Inc (RIMS), New York, NY in the total amount of Eight Hundred and Ninety Dollars ($890).

The Members reviewed the One (1) request for Wasted Water Credit. After explanation of the request, on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously carried, it was

(290-07-2026) RESOLVED, to approve the Customer Service Departments request for a customer refund for Mr. Frank Inzerillo in the total amount of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-nine 90/100 Dollars ($7,959.90).

The Members considered requests for conferences, training, seminars, and meetings. On motion made by Mr. Davidson duly seconded by Ms. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(291-07-026) RESOLVED, To approve the Human Resources Departments request to hold the 2026 Authority Service Awards Luncheon at Captain Bills Restaurant in Bay Shore, NY, October 14, 2026, at the estimated total cost of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000).

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

(292-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Authority's request to host the upcoming 2026 SCWA Off-site at Danfords, Port Jefferson, NY, September 18, 2026, at an estimated total cost of Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000).

The Members then reviewed the invoices for payment. On motion made by Ms. Mercado duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(293-07-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC	$16,754.00
Sobel Pevzner, LLC	$9,682.00
Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP	$4,725.00

(294-07-2026) The Members went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters. At 11:16 a.m. on motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(295-07-2026) RESOLVED, To hire Liam O'Shaughnessy of Ronkonkoma, NY to fill the open position of Environmental Health and Safety Manager, with an extra week of vacation at an annual salary of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars ($110,000); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(296-07-2026) RESOLVED, To promote Marsha Yancey from Customer Service Clerk to the position of Customer Service Contact Center Supervisor with an extra week of vacation at an annual salary of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars ($85,000).

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, August 20, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Oakdale Administration Building

At this time, Mr. Szabo asked if there was anyone from the public who had any comments. No one from the pubic wished to speak to the Members at this time.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Ms. Elizabeth Mercado, Secretary