

Regular Board Meeting

Suffolk County Water Authority July 24th, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance:

Members Present: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Tim Bishop, Secretary
John M. Porchia III, Member
John Rose, Member
Elizabeth Mercado, Member Attended Virtually

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was attended by Counsels A. Bass, B. Malik and J. Milazzo; and was also attended by Messrs. Blevins, Bova, Brady, Coppola, Donnelly, Doscher, Dubois, Deubel, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Huber, Jakobsen, Kilcommons, Kleinman, McDowell, Meyerdierks, Niebling, O'Connell, Pokorny, Puma, Rae, Riegger, Schneider, Seevers, Tassone, Thompson, Turcios, Wahl, and Warner; and Mmes. Berberich, Berroa, Cameron, Cantore, Hannan, Kucera, Mancuso, Naccarato, Pell, Pfeuffer, Simson, Spaulding, Stewart.

Barbara Yatauro of Local 393 was also present.

Jeffrey Szabo, Chief Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. upon all Members of the Board being present.

The CEO directed the Board Members to review the latest updates from the Strategic 2030 Committee, which outlines recent progress of SCWA's long-term strategic plan. The update highlights key developments and accomplishments made by the committee since the last presentation at the February 2025 Board Meeting, emphasizing the Authority's continued focus on innovation, sustainability, and infrastructure improvements.

The CEO introduced Michael O'Connell, Director of Production Control, who explained that earlier in the week, SCWA issued a Stage One (1) Water Alert to all customers in response to increased water demand and ongoing drought conditions. The alert encourages residents and businesses to voluntarily conserve water by limiting non-essential usage, such as lawn irrigation and car washing, especially during peak hours.

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

At 3:30 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, it was resolved that

(205-07-2025) The Members went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters.

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

(206-07-2025) RESOLVED, To terminate Christopher Miller, Field Supervisor, effective immediately.

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

(207-07-2025) RESOLVED, To correct salary for Lauren Scanlon, Supervising Chemist to the annual salary of Ninety-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$97,500), effective July 15, 2025.

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

(208-07-2025) RESOLVED, To promote Daniel Salvatore from Restoration Inspector to Senior Restoration Inspector at an annual salary of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000).

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

(209-07-2025) RESOLVED, To promote Anthony Iadevaia from IT Project Manager to Director of Information Technology at an annual salary of One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000).

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

(210-07-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Luis H. Gomez of West Babylon, NY to fill the open position IT Strategy and Planning Manager at an annual salary of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000); 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

(211-07-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Christopher Olsen of Islip, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person in Oakdale in the total amount of Thirty-seven 89/100 Dollars (\$37.89) per hour; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(212-07-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Gregory Schollmeyer of Deer Park, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person in Oakdale in the total amount of Thirty-seven 89/100 Dollars (\$37.89) per hour; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(213-07-2025) RESOLVED, To transfer Michael Pape of East Islip, NY from the position of Laboratory Technician to fill the open position of Field Operator in Bay Shore, in total amount of Forty-six 28/100 Dollars (\$46.28) per hour; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on June 25, 2025, and on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(214-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 25, 2025.

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

(215-07-2025) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, Contract 7978 for snow removal at various SCWA sites, Coram, Hauppauge, an Oakdale with Laser Industries Inc., Ridge, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, Contract 7993 for the supply of resin and related services with Carbon Activated Corp., Blasdell, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, Contract 8043A to furnish and deliver chemical pumps and parts with Pollard Water, New Hyde Park, NY for items 1, 5, 9-19, and 32

FURTHER RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, Contract 8043B to furnish and deliver chemical pumps and parts with G.P. Jager Inc., Boonton, NJ for items 2-4, 6-8, and 21.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, Contract 8046 to furnish and deliver soda ash with Independent Chemical, New Hyde Park, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, Contract 8049 for drilling of wells and test borings throughout Suffolk County, Zone B with Peconic Well & Pump Co., Hampton Bays, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, Contract 8050 for valve box maintenance at various locations in Suffolk County with Roadwork Construction, Calverton, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025, Contract 8052A to furnish and deliver products and equipment for water quality items 1-4, 6-8, 11-25, 27-29, 31-32, and 35 with Core and Main, Dix Hills, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, Contract 8060 for the maintenance of fueling facilities at various Authority sites with Metro Environmental Services, LLC, Farmingdale, 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. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(216-07--2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8126 for final restoration of disturbed areas due to water main installation in Manorville and Riverhead, submitted by Rosemar Contracting Inc., Patchogue, 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 Seven Hundred and Fifty-two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-five and 50/100 Dollars (\$752,875.50); 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. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(217-07-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8132 to furnish and deliver valve boxes for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2025 submitted by General Foundries Inc., North 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 Five Hundred and Thirty-four Thousand Dollars (\$534,000); 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 several requests for equipment. After an explanation of each, on motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried it was

(218-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory department's purchase of a Helium Automatic Manifold from Precision Equipment, Denton, TX in the total amount of Ten Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen and 15/100 Dollars (\$10,114.15).

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

(219-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory department's purchase of a contract for maintenance and preventative services for the 6495 CMS system from Agilent Technologies, Wilmington, DE in the total amount of Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and 08/100 Dollars (\$40,960.08).

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

(220-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory department's purchase of a service contract for quarterly preventative maintenance services for three autoclave sterilizers from Buxton, USA, Lindenhurst, DE in the total amount to not exceed Twelve Thousand and Seventy-eight 40/100 Dollars (\$12,078.40).

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

(221-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory department's recommendation to rescind the award to UCT made under resolution number 151-05-2025 and award to Waters Corporation in the same amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) under state contract.

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

(222-07-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the Transportation department under RFQ Q0020 to furnish and deliver a portable vehicle lift system and extension kits with Liftnow Automotive Equipment Corp., Yorktown Heights, NY in the total amount of Fifty-two Thousand One Hundred Twenty-one and 20/100 Dollars (\$52,121.20).

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

(223-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Transportation department's purchase of six (6) Chevrolet Trailblazers as part of the planned and budgeted addition and or replacement of vehicles, under RFQ Q0021 from G and H Auto Group DBA Mohawk Chevrolet, Ballston Spa, NY in the total amount of One Hundred and Fifty-two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-five and 20/100 Dollars (\$152,325.20).

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

(224-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve Transportation department's purchase of four (4) Chevrolet Colorados, under RFQ Q0022 as part of the planned and budgeted addition and or replacement of vehicles from Chevrolet of Smithtown, Saint James, NY in the total amount of One Hundred and Forty-three Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six Dollars (\$143,976.00).

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

(225-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Transportation department's purchase of three (3) Chevrolet Equinoxes EVs as part of the planned and budgeted addition and or replacement of vehicles, under RFQ Q0023 from G and H Auto Group DBA Mohawk Chevrolet, Ballston Spa, NY in the total amount of Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-nine and 93/100 Dollars (\$94,599.93).

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

(226-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Transportation department's purchase of six (6) Ford F-150s as part of the planned and budgeted addition and or replacement of vehicles under RFQ Q0024 from Otis Ford, Quogue, NY in the total amount of Two Hundred and Seventy-eight Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and 71/100 Dollars (\$278,612.71).

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

(227-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Transportation department's purchase of one (1) Ford Maverick XL AWD as part of the planned and budgeted addition and replacement of vehicles under RFQ Q0025 from Blackhill International LLC, Reno, NV in the total amount of Thirty-four Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars (\$34,368.00).

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

(228-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Transportation department's purchase of two (2) vehicle scanners used for the diagnostics and repairs of Authority vehicles under RFQ Q0027 from Snap-on Industrial, a Division of IDSC Holdings LLC, Kenosha, WI in the total amount of Nineteen Thousand Seen Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars (\$19,785.00).

The CEO then referenced several special service agreements for approval. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(229-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Engineering department's request to add two (2) additional wells (Jayne #1 and Woodchuck #2) into the ongoing specialized water quality testing program conducted by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC); 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. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(230-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Human Resources, IT, and Finance department's request for payment for consulting services related to SAP SuccessFactors performed between July 2024 and February 2025 to EPI-USE, Atlanta, GA in the total amount of Forty-three Thousand Sixty-two and 50/100 Dollars (\$43,062.50); 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 Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(231-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the IT department's request to extend the current customer data retention period from 36 months (three years) to 60 months (five years) with KUBRA, Mississauga, Canada at the additional monthly amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000); 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. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(232-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the IT department's request to proceed with a change order to the SCWA-AMS Statement of Work (SOW) to establish a fixed-fee support model for August 2025 through December 2025 which will ensure consistent support capacity, cost predictability, and improved alignment with project and operational demands from EPI-USE, Atlanta, GA; in the estimated monthly amount of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$13,125.00); 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. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(233-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Facilities department's request for security services at the Oakdale Campus and other Authority sites as needed for fiscal year 2026 from Simaren Corp. DBA Wisdom Protective Services, Westbury, NY in the estimated annual amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) 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. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(234-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Facilities department's request to procure refuse removal and recycling services as needed for fiscal year 2026 from Winter Brothers Hauling, Brookhaven, NY in the estimated annual amount of One Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00); 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 Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(235-07-2025) RESOLVED, To delegate the award of RFP 1664 for the Land Use Council to retain a firm to represent SCWA in land use matters to the Chief Executive Officer to the most advantageous proposal; 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. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(236-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the request under RFP 1644 to offer a service line protection program from a third-party to Authority customers from HomeServe, Norwalk, CT; 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 the requests for Conferences and Trainings. After explanation of each request, and on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(237-07-2025) RESOLVED, To have Engineering department's Scott Blom, Associate Civil Engineer to attend the Coatings Inspector Program (CIP) Level Training 1 at Lanham, Maryland from September 22-27 at a total cost of Five Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-four Dollars (\$5,644.00).

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

(238-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the request from Joseph Pokorny, Deputy CEO of Operations for himself and Tyrand Fuller, Director of Strategic Initiatives and six (6) additional participants from various departments at SCWA to attend the annual NYAWWA Tifft Symposium in Syracuse, NY from September 17-18 at a total cost of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) per person.

The Members reviewed the one (1) request for finance and budget amendment for the fiscal year ending on May 31, 2026. After explanation of the one request, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(239-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve budget amendment number four (4) to the budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 2026, to increase item 031 (Construction Contracts) in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00); this change will increase the capital budget of One Hundred and Three Million and Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$103,800,000.00) to One Hundred and Four Million and Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$104,400,000.00); costs will be recovered through capital reimbursement revenues.

The Members then reviewed several grant resolutions and approved all on one motion. On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried it was

(240-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Crystal Brook Hollow Road Pumpstation and Wellfield (Wells #2, 4), Mount Siani

(241-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Edgewood Avenue Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #2), Head of

the Harbor

- (242-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Fairmount Avenue Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #2), Medford
- (243-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Hallock Avenue Pumpstation and Wellfield (Wells #2,3), Village of the Branch
- (244-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Liberty Street Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #3), Hauppauge
- (245-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Margin Drive Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #1A), Shirley
- (246-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Patchogue-Yaphank Road Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #2), Center Moriches
- (247-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Railroad Avenue Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #2), Center Moriches
- (248-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Tenety Avenue Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #4), Lindenhurst
- (249-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve West Prospect Street Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #2A), Southampton
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- (250-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Cornel Drive Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #2), Commack
- (251-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Horseblock Road Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #1), Farmingville
- (252-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Jennings Road Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #1,3), Lloyd Harbor
- (253-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Mill Lane Pumpstation and Wellfield (well #13A), Huntington Harbor
- (254-07-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Reservoir Avenue Pumpstation and Wellfield (Well #1A, 2), Northport

The Members then reviewed the one (1) item for Property. After explanation of the one request, and on motion made by Ms. Mercado duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(255-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the request from the Legal department to declare SCWA lead agent for purposes of the SEQRA review and adopt the Negative Declaration to complete the environmental review.

The Members then reviewed the one (1) item for Property. After explanation of the one request, and on motion made by Ms. Mercado duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(255-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the request from the Legal department to declare SCWA lead agent for purposes of the SEQRA review and adopt the Negative Declaration 164 Fifth Avenue, Bay Shore, NY to complete the environmental review.

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

(256-07-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices to be paid by the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC	\$ 7,737.50
H2M Architects + Engineers	\$20,130.46
Sobel Pevzner, LLC	\$ 4,808.40
Corrtech	\$18,867.50
BNY Mellon	\$ 9,000.00

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, August 21, 2025, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Oakdale Administration Building.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Timothy Bishop, Secretary

