

Regular Board Meeting

Suffolk County Water Authority June 25, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance Present:

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

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 3:05 p.m. upon all Members of the Board being present.

Chairman Lefkowitz and CEO Mr. Szabo Congratulated Local 393 on their new eight-year agreement, they mentioned that they are proud to of this agreement with the Utility Workers Union of America, Local 393. This agreement reflects SCWA's deep appreciation for the employees who keep SCWA running and their shared commitment to delivering the highest quality drinking water to the 1.2 million customers who count on us every day. Importantly, Mr. Lefkowitz and Mr. Szabo mentioned they were able to reach this agreement in advance of the current contract's expiration. They also expressed their sincere gratitude to Barbara Yatauro from Local 393 who showed dedication and professionalism throughout this process. Their collaboration was instrumental in reaching an agreement that benefits both SCWA and its employees. Mr. Szabo and the Board Members thanked everyone who participated in these negotiations, a few names mentioned were Daniel Murphy, Labor Counsel, Christopher Given, Deputy Director of Construction Maintenance, Brian Seevers, Director of Human Resources, Brendan Warner, Director of Construction Maintenance, Meghan Cameron, Payroll Manager, and Donna Mancuso, Deputy

Director for Administration (Retired). Mr. Szabo stressed we are stronger because of this partnership and looks forward to what SCWA will accomplish in the years to come.

Mr. Szabo acknowledged the intense heatwave currently affecting our region and the operational challenges it brings. He emphasized that events like these highlight the need for continued flexibility and innovation in how we manage our systems and support our staff. To end that, he noted that he would like Mr. Michael O'Connell, Director of Production Control, to give the board a presentation at the end of the summer to review our heat-related operational responses and outline recommendations for future resilience planning.

Mr. Szabo then introduced Mr. Jeffrey Kleinman, Director of General Services and Peter Schembri, Lead Site Civil Engineer who presented the board with their fifth update on the SCWA Oakdale Campus Modifications project. This presentation outlined progress on key construction and infrastructure initiatives taking place at the SCWA, Oakdale Campus. Major topics included updates on site drainage and clearing work, pre-engineered building plans, construction maintenance services, and a detailed project schedule with financial estimates. One of the focal points was Contract 8125, which covers the new truck shelter and equipment storage facility. After reviewing bids, the project was awarded to Patalan 650 Mechanical Corp for \$2.61 million, slightly under the original estimate of \$2.66 million. The expected completion date for this portion of the project is March 2026. The board also reviewed the selection of a construction management firm under RFP 1656. Fortunato was awarded the contract after negotiations reduced to the original \$2.43 million bid to \$1.5 million. Their role will include overseeing project safety, timelines, insurance, and ensuring communication between SCWA, the architectural and engineering firm from LIRO, and the general contractor.

SCWA also provided an overview of Contract 1655, which includes a Class III cost estimate and value engineering services contracted to Ellana in June 2025. A Class III estimate provides a broad cost range during the early stages of design and is typically accurate between 10% to +30%. Value engineering is currently underway with SCWA, Ellana, and LIRO evaluating opportunities to maintain functionality while reducing lifecycle costs.

The total projected budget for the Oakdale Campus budget now ranges between \$33-\$39.5 million, reflecting revised estimates and realized savings. Spending is planned across fiscal years 2025 through 2028, with major construction activities and infrastructure investments slated for FY27 and FY28. FY25 includes \$1.5 million for site clearing and asset sales, while FY26 allocates \$4.5 million for demolition, truck shelter installation, and electrical infrastructure. FY27 and FY28 are expected to see between \$10-\$11 million and \$19.5-\$25 million in expenditures

respectively, covering major construction, demolition, building systems, and site work.

Key milestones were also shared, including the completion of the truck shelter and equipment storage facility by March 2026, operations building envelope completion by May 2026, and beneficial occupancy of the new operations building by December 2027. Full project completion is targeted for August 27, 2027. Site photos included in the presentation showcased ongoing work such as drainage basin installations and central basin reconfiguration. Mr. Kleinman and Mr. Schembri concluded with appreciation for the board's consideration as SCWA moves forward with this critical infrastructure modernization effort.

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 Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, it was resolved that

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on May 22, 2025, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(169-06-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 22, 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. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were approved on consent:

(170-06-2025) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, Contract 7969 to furnish and deliver thermoplastic meter vaults (groups I and II) with Ferguson Waterworks, Medford, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, Contract 8037 to fuel tank sludge removal with AARCO Environmental Service Corp, Lindenhurst, 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. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(171-06-2025) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8119 for filtration systems media replacement at Lakeview Ave. Pump Station and Astor Ave. Pump Station, submitted by Philip Ross Industries, Inc., Melville, 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 Four Hundred and Ninety- six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$496,250); 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. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(172-06-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8121 for the inspection of fire hydrants during the one-year period beginning August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 submitted by Building Service Industries, LLC, Winston Salem, NC 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 Twenty-six Thousand and Forty Dollars (\$326,040); 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.

(173-06-2025) RESOLVED, to reject all bids under Contract 8121 to furnish and deliver seamless copper tubing type "K," and put the contract back out with any required revisions if deemed necessary; and if contract is to be awarded a recommendation will be on the agenda in July.

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

(174-06-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8124 for forklift maintenance services during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 submitted by Continental Lift Truck Inc., South Ozone Park, 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 Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty- six Dollars (\$6,866); 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. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(175-06-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8125 for Oakdale construction maintenance multi-use building and truck shelter SCWA Oakdale Complex, Oakdale, Town of Islip, NY submitted by Patalan "650" Mechanical Corp., Copiague, NY on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at total cost of Two Million Six Hundred and Forty Eight Hundred and Thirty-six (\$2,640,836) 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. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(176-06-2025) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8128 to furnish and deliver fifteen (15) advanced oxidation process (AOP) systems, submitted by Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc., Charlotte, NC, at a total cost of Five Million Six Hundred and Fourteen Nine Hundred and Four Dollars (\$5,614,904); 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. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(177-06-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8129 for the installation of new private water service lines in the South River Road Area during the one-year period beginning August 1, 2025 submitted by Asplundh Construction, Yaphank, 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 Forty Thousand One Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$740,140) 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. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried it was

(178-06-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory department's purchase of two (2) Agilent 8890 GC with Dual ECD systems each with 7693A sample vial trays mounting posts and column nut assembly and MassHunter Workstation, with Agilent Technologies of Santa Clara, CA in the total amount of One Hundred and Eight Two Hundred and 74/100 Dollars (\$108,200.74).

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

(179-06-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory department's purchase of a Waters Xevo TQ-XS tandem mass spectrometer from Waters Technologies Corporation, Milford, MA in the total amount of Four Hundred and Twelve Three Hundred and Two 40/100 Dollars (\$412,302.40).

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

(180-06-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Engineering and Production Control departments to expand the SKM power systems analysis license from a single use USB license to a server based two seat licenses from SKM Power Tools, Zephyr Cove, NV in the total amount of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen 35/100 Dollars (\$14,515.35).

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

(181-06-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the IT department's request to renew their annual licensing and support agreement for Hyland OnBase software through their authorized business partner, Konica Minolta, Ramsey, NJ in the total amount of Forty-three Thousand Forty- five 57/100 Dollars (\$43,045.57).

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

(182-06-2025) RESOLVED, To accept quote under RFQ 1652 to authorize the purchase of a software solution to enhance long-term debt reporting capabilities and provide efficiencies in the administration for long-term debt to be utilized during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2025 from Fifth Asset, Inc. d/b/a DebtBook of Charlotte, NC in the estimated total amount of Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000).

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

(183-06-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the Strategic department's request to continue the on-going consultation agreement, during the one-year period beginning July 1, 2025 with CAI Technologies, Littleton, NH in the total amount to not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

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

(184-06-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the request from the Laboratory department to provide preventative maintenance services from Water Technology Corporation, Milford, MA in the total amount of One Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-three 40/100 Dollars (\$181,423.40).

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

(185-06-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the IT department's request from the Laboratory department to provide preventative maintenance services from Water Technology Corporation, Milford, MA in the total amount of One Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-three 40/100 Dollars (\$181,423.40).

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

(186-06-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the request from the IT department to execute a one-year extension for the ongoing SAP managed Hosting Services with EPI-USE America Inc, Atlanta GA, in total amount of Four Hundred and Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$410,880).

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

(187-06-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the request under RFQ Q0017 for a firm to fabricate and deliver custom aluminum structure for installation on field operator trucks from Rapid Steel Supply Corp., Long Island City, NY in the total amount of Forty-two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty 5/100 Dollars (\$42,250.05).

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

(188-06-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the request under RFQ Q0018 for a firm to apply protective lining to the cargo areas of eleven (11) 2024 F-350 field operator trucks and seventeen (17) fabricated aluminum chlorine tank holders from Linex of Long Island/ Roll Rite Towing, West Babylon, NY in the total amount of Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$58,775).

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

(189-06-2025) RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement under RFP 1656 to provide construction management services with Fortunato Sons Contracting Inc, Bohemia, NY in the total amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000); 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 Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(190-06-2025) RESOLVED, To enter into agreement under RFP 1657 to provide services specified for an initial two-year term with the option to extend for an additional two years in one-year increments, in the total estimated amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000); and that any

Member and/ or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to executive this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

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

(191-06-2025) RESOLVED, To approve change-order under Contract 1655, Oakdale campus project to proceed in expanding scope for the cost estimating consultants, to provide Class II and Class I cost estimates at 50% design document and 90% design documents respectively from Ellana Inc., New York, NY. The original amount was Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000), this increase would have a total cost of Seventy-seven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$77,400); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the Authority.

The Members reviewed the requests for Conferences and Trainings. After explanation of the request, and on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(192-06-2025) RESOLVED, To have the Human Resources department host the 2025 Service Awards Luncheon in October at Captain Bills Restaurant, Bay Shore, NY in the total amount to not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,00).

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

(193-06-2025) RESOLVED, To allow Laboratory department employees Andrew Rogerson, LIMS Supervisor and Matthew Charland, Junior Applications Developer, to attend the LabWare Administration II class in Wilmington, DE in the total amount of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$5,800).

The Members reviewed the two (2) requests 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 Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(194-06-2025) RESOLVED, to approve budget amendment number two (2) to the budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 2026, to increase item 196 (Grant Projects) in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000); this change will increase the capital budget of One Hundred Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,500,000) to One Hundred and Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$102,300,000); costs will be recovered through capital reimbursement revenues.

(195-05-2025) RESOLVED, To approve budget amendment number three (3) to the budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 2026, to increase item 035 (Developer Contracts) in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500,000), this change will increase the capital budget of One Hundred and Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$102,300,000) to One Hundred and Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$103,800,000); costs will be recovered through capital reimbursement revenues.

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

(196-05-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices to be paid by the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King	\$10,767.50
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$11,685.00
H2M Architects + Engineers	\$3,736.40

(205-06-2025) The Members went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters.

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

(197-06-2025) RESOLVED, To promote Andrew Clare from Water Quality Supervisor to Lead Water Quality Supervisor, at an annual salary of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000).

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

(198-06-2025) RESOLVED, To ratify the pay for Broderick DeAngelis, Ecological Field Specialist Westhampton from Twenty-six Dollars (\$26.00) to Twenty- seven Dollars (\$27.00) per hour.

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

(199-06-2025) RESOLVED, To promote Steven Galante, Director of Information Technology to Chief Technology Officer at an annual salary of Two Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$205,000).

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

(200-06-2025) RESOLVED, To promote Lauren Mauro from Lead Analysts for Perfluorinated Compounds to Assistant Supervising Chemist at an annual salary of Eighty-four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000).

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

(201-06-2025) RESOLVED, To promote Lauren Scanlon from Organic Assistant Supervising Chemist to Organic Supervising Chemist at an annual salary of Ninety- seven and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$97,500).

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

(202-06-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Griffen Camberdella of ridge, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person in Westhampton, in total amount of Thirty-six 34/100 Dollars (\$36.43) per hour; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(203-06-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Danielle Milone of Bayshore, NY to fill the open position of Call Center Clerk, Customer Service, Coram in total amount of Twenty-eight 13/100 Dollars (\$28.13) per hour; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(204-06-2025) RESOLVED, To extend the Collective Bargaining Act during the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, July 24, 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 Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Timothy Bishop, Secretary

