

Regular Board Meeting
Suffolk County Water Authority March 20, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance Present:

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

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, Rae, Riegger, Schneider, Seevers, 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 and Joseph Fritz from the public were 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.

Mr. Szabo directed the board members to refer to their monthly packets for an update on the Pine Barrens provided by Judy Jakobsen, as well as the Long Island Commission on Aquifer protections annual State of the Aquifer report. He extended his thanks to Ty Fuller for his contributions to the report.

Following this Christopher Cecchetto, CFO was introduced to present the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Rate Proposal to the board. This presentation was a condensed version of the one delivered earlier at the 2:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting. Both the budget and the rate proposal received approval during the committee meeting. The board members expressed that they were very impressed with Mr. Cecchetto's presentation, particularly noting the significant reduction in debt achieved under his leadership since taking on the role of CFO. Mr. Szabo also highlighted that Goldman Sachs had previously remarked that SCWA was in its best financial position ever last year- and added that if they were to comment again this year, he was confident that they would say the same.

Mr. Szabo then opened the floor to the public comment. Joseph Fritz, attorney, addressed the board- beginning by congratulating Mr. Szabo on being named President of AMWA. He then shared concerns regarding the Kings Park Psychiatric Center and offered suggestions related to future property acquisitions. Mr. Szabo and the board thanked Mr. Fritz for his comments and concerns.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on January 23, 2025, and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(067-03-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 23, 2025.
On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(068-03-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 27, 2025.

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

(069-03-2025) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, Contract 7966C to furnish and deliver waterworks supplies, tools, and equipment with T-Mina Inc., Medford, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, Contract 8040 to furnish and install carpet and flooring with National Installation & CC Corp., Hicksville, 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 Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(070-03-2025) RESOLVED, That the bids for Groups I & II of Contract 8085 to furnish and deliver cold water service meters during a one-year period beginning April 1, 2025, submitted by Ferguson Waterworks, Clifton 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 Nine Hundred Twenty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$923,800) be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid as amended with a demand for an 8 percent surcharge for Group VI under Contract 8085 to furnish and deliver cold water service meters during a one-year period beginning April 1, 2025, submitted by Neptune Technology Group Inc., Tallahassee, AL 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 Eighty-four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-four Dollars (\$184,454); is accepted on a condition that Neptune refunds any tariff, surcharge imposed if the tariffs are rescinded or lowered within a 180 days of the agreement 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. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(071-03-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8089 for mobile washing services during the one year period beginning March 1, 2025, submitted by Awash Services, New Hyde 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 Thirty-five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$35,760), 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

(072-03-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8102 for installation by Directional Drill Technology, Water Mains and Services during a one year period beginning May 1, 2025, submitted by Bancker Construction Corp, Islip, 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 Eight Hundred Eighty-eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-eight 75/100 Dollars (\$888,268.75), 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

(073-03-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8106 for grading, material placement, clearing, excavating, and miscellaneous sitework Zone A-Western Suffolk, during the one-year period beginning April 1, 2025, submitted by DF Stone Contracting Ltd., Medford, 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 Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$665,330); 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 explanation of each, on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried it was

(074-03-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of two (2) Agilent Technologies dry pump capital equipment, for the use by the Laboratory Department, from Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, in the total amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-two Dollars (\$22,522).

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

(075-03-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of water carbamates system, for the use of the Laboratory Department, from Waters Technology Corporation, Milford, MA in the total amount of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three (\$60,753).

The Members considered requests for conferences, trainings, seminars, and meetings. On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(076-03-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Max Jacobson, Environmental Health & Safety Manager the American Society of Safety Professionals Conference (ASSP) to be held from July 19-24, 2025, in Orlando, FL in the total amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty- five Dollars (\$2,755).

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

(077-03-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Milton Turcios, Internal Auditor at the Tools for Lead Auditors Course offered by the Institute of Internal Auditors, to be held from April 14-16, 2025, in Las Vegas, NV in the total amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000).

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

(078-03-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Jeffrey Kleinman, Director of General Services, Hannah Pell, Facilities Manager, and Max Jacobson, Environmental Health & Safety Manager at the 2025 IFMA World Workplace and Utilities Conference and Expo from September 15-19, 2025, in Minneapolis, MI in the total amount of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400).

The Members considered requests for training. On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia and unanimously carried, it was

(079-03-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize for SCWA to host the one-day BIG 4 Conference on April 25, 2025, at Danfords in Port Jefferson, NY in the total amount to not exceed Thirty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500).

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

(080-03-2025) RESOLVED, To extend RFP 1583 for two years for business and commercial water conservation consultant services, with H2M Architects + Engineers, Melville, NY during September 1, 2023- August 31, 2025, in the total amount of One Hundred and Five Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$105,630); 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 Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(081-03-2025) RESOLVED, To extend RFP 1599 to provide cash management services with Three + One Company Inc, Pittsford, NY for the one-year period beginning September 1, 2025 in the total amount of Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$67,300); 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. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(082-03-2025) RESOLVED, To extend RFP 1630B to perform water tank engineering services, with H2M architects + Engineers, Bay Shore, NY, for the one-year period beginning July 1, 2025, 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. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(083-03-2025) RESOLVED, To extend RFQ Q0007 to provide ergonomic training classes for Authority supervisors and employees in the Customer Service Department with Briotix Health, LP, Centennial, CO in the total amount of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$10,460); 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 Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(084-03-2025) RESOLVED, To renew the license and support maintenance to provide security services for the IT Department with Palo Alto Networks Inc., Santa Clara, CA, for the one-year period beginning April 1, 2025 in the total amount of Two Hundred and Thirty Four Thousand and Sixty Four 65/100 Dollars (\$234,064.65); 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

(085-03-2025) RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement to renew the Production Control Department's SCADA support services agreement with Systems Integrated, Orange, CA, during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2025 in the total amount of Six Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$6,325) per month and other services at a total cost not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000); and that any Member and/ or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

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

(086-03-2025) RESOLVED, to approve the sale of surplus equipment for the Fleet Department to sell the following vehicles and equipment on eBay. All of which could sell for approximately fifteen (15) thousand dollars or more:

0050, 2014 Cat 430F backhoe. Approximate Sale Value \$15-20K
 0003, 2013 International 7400CNG Dump Truck: Approximate Sale Value \$20-25K
 0002, 2013 International 7400CNG Dump Truck: Approximate Sale Value \$15-20K
 0236, 2017 Ford F-750 Large Dump Truck. Approximate Sale Value \$20-25K

The Members reviewed the proposed budgets for fiscal year ending on May 31, 2026, which were approved by the Finance Committee. After and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia and unanimously carried, it was

(087-03-2025) RESOLVED, to approve the proposed budgets for fiscal year ending May 31, 2026:

Operating & Maintenance Expense: \$167.8M
 Capital Budget: \$100.6M
 Debt Service: \$41.9M

Mr. Szabo referred to the rate presentation which was presented to and recommended by the Finance Committee and presented to the full board during the public hearing. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(088-03-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the rate and fee recommendations as published in Newsday on March 19, 2025, with rates to be effective June 1, 2025, with wholesale rate effective January 1, 2026; as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Mr. Szabo then referred to the insurance renewals, where Mr. Finello then gave the board an overview of the insurance market. Chairman Lefkowitz thanked Mr. Szabo and Mr. Finello for their work.

(089-03-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of the items listed on Schedule 1 in the memo prepared for the board members from the Director of Risk Management dated March 18, 2025, which include insurance policies, broker services, legal services, and a TPA service agreement, effective April 1, 2025; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, To approve the Authority's Risk Management Department in consultation with the CEO and General Counsel, to be authorized to recommend settlements to out insurers on claims that occur between April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, and fall within the self-insured policy retention or deductible limits; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, To approve the Authority's Risk Management Department in consultation with the CEO and General Counsel to increase/ decrease the coverages or to purchase additional insurance throughout the year as required by the operations of the Authority.

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

(090-03-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King	\$7,611.00
Corrtech Inc	\$26,201.55
Nelson Pope Voorhis	\$3,700.00

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, April 24, 2025, beginning at 3:00 p.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.

(091-03-2025) At 4:35 p.m. on motion made my Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, the Members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters.

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

(092-03-2025) RESOLVED, To suspend Christopher Miller, Customer Service Field Supervisor without pay, effective immediately.

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

(093-03-2025) RESOLVED, To promote Marlon Hoffman from Assistant Project Manager- Cellular Program to Project Manager-Cellular Program.

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

(094-03-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Jessica Crimi of Bohemia, NY to fill the open position of Call Center Clerk, Customer Service, Coram in the total amount of Twenty-Eight and 13/100 Dollars (\$28.13) per hour; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(095-03-2025) RESOLVED, To ratify the termination of Kyle VanGelder, Senior Chemist, in the Laboratory Department.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Timothy Bishop, Secretary