

Regular Board Meeting
Suffolk County Water Authority October 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 Rose, Member
John M. Porchia III, 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. Berberich, Blevins, Bova, Brady, Brozyna, Cameron, Coppola, DiCarlo, Donnelly, Doscher, Dubois, Deubel, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Hannan, Huber, Jakobsen, Kamm, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Kucera, McDowell, Meyerdierks, Naccarato, Niebling, O'Connell, Pell, Pfeuffer, Pokorny, Puma Rae, Riegger, Rosino, Schneider, SeEVERS, Spaulding, Thompson, Wahl, and Warner

Barbara Yatauro of Local 393 was present.

Jeffrey Szabo, Chief Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. upon all Members of the Board being present.

The Chairman, Mr. Lefkowitz began by recognizing the Service Awards Luncheon held on Wednesday, October 22nd, at Captain Bills. The event celebrated employees who have reached 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service with the Suffolk County Water Authority. The Chairman emphasized that milestone like these strengthen the sense of community within the organization and reflect SCWA's standing as the premier water company on Long Island and one of the leading utilities in the nation. The Chairman extended his thanks for Brian SeEVERS, Director of Human Resources and his staff for their efforts in organizing yet another successful event.

The CEO, Mr. Jeffrey Szabo, also noted that the Service Awards Luncheon is one of the most valued SCWA traditions because it highlights the dedication and longevity of its employees. The CEO expressed appreciation for the Human Resources team's efforts in coordinating the event and recognized the honorees for their continued commitment and service to the Authority.

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

(339-10-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 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 Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were approved on consent:

(340-10-2025) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, Contract 7877 for miscellaneous minor construction and/or repairs at various SCWA structures with National Installation & GC Corp., Hicksville, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, Contract 7976C to furnish and deliver plumbing valves, fittings, pipe, and associated supplies for Items 12 and 13 for a second one-year option, with Pollardwater, Newport News, VA.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, Contract 7988 for painting maintenance and repairs on elevated tanks, sandpipes, reservoirs, and pressure-vessels for a second-year option with JPI Painting Inc., Lowellville, OH.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, Contract 7995A to furnish and deliver replacement parts for boss compressor, auto crane, and western snowplows with Dejana Truck & utility Equipment Co, Inc.: Boss Compressor & Auto Crane, Queensbury, NY.

FURTHER RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027, Contract 8005 for testing of pumping equipment with Victor Elefante Technical Services, Center Moriches, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, Contract 8067 to for the furnishing of rigging and mechanical services for a first one-year option, with Jack Pedowitz Enterprises, Inc, Hauppauge, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027, Contract 8075A for general construction of water mains, large services, and appurtenances for Group II, with Banker Construction, Islandia NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027, Contract 8075B for general construction of water mains, large services, and appurtenances for Group I, with Roadwork Construction, Calverton, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027, Contract 8089 for mobile washing services, with Awash Services, New Hyde Park, 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 Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(341-10-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid for Project I, II, and III under Contract 8116 for general construction of new water mains, general construction of new water main and appurtenances by open cut on National Blvd and surrounding roads in Bellport, and installation of private water service lines on National Blvd and surrounding roads in Bellport, submitted by Asplundh Construction, LLC Yaphank, NY (Project I, II, & III) 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 Eighty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-seven (\$781,237), 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. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(342-10-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8145 for wide range couplings and flanged adapters during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, submitted by Ferguson Enterprises, 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 Eighty Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-one 25/100 Dollars (\$80,641.25) 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

(343-10-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the quote and authorize the Laboratory Department to purchase an Agilent 8890 Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometry instrument from Agilent Technologies, Santa Clare, CA in the total amount of Eighty- seven Thousand Three Hundred and Sixteen 84/100 Dollars (\$87,316.84).

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

(344-10-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the quote and authorize the Laboratory Department to purchase one (1) Parker Balston NITROVAP-2LV Nitrogen generator from RJM Instrumentation Inc., Somerset, NJ in the total amount of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-eight 65/100 Dollars (\$17,738.65).

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

(345-10-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the quote and authorize the modification for the Laboratory Department purchase order #4500074814 to include microplastics testing, the Laboratory Department under the guidance of CEO Jeffrey Szabo, would like to have a limited number of Twelve- Fifteen (12-15) of samples tested in microplastics, at a total cost per sample of Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$675).

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

(346-10-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the quote and authorize the Construction Maintenance purchase of various sized Patriot blades from Patriot Diamond Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL in the total amount of Sixty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy 87/100 Dollars (\$69,850).

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

(347-10-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the quote and authorize the Transportation Department to purchase a clean-out of diesel AST (above ground storage tank) from Miller Environmental Group, Calverton, NY in the total amount of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy 87/100 Dollars (\$12,970.87).

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

(348-10-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the quote and authorize the Transportation Department to hire a supplier to furnish and deliver a replacement engine for vehicle 0562 from Chevrolet of Smithtown, Saint James, NY in the total amount of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-three 46/100 Dollars (\$10,423.46).

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

(349-10-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the quote and authorize the Production Control Department to purchase replacement quartz heat lamps from Fannon Products, LLC, Pearl Beach MI in the total amount to not exceed Twenty-three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000).

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

(350-10-2025) RESOLVED, To accept the IT Departments request to enter into a one-year agreement, beginning January 1, 2026, with Konica Minolta, Ramsey, NJ in the total amount of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-five 35/100 Dollars (\$10,435.35).

The Members reviewed the one (1) request for budget amendment for 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

(351-10-2025) RESOLVED, to approve budget amendment number six (6) to the budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 2026, for Brendan Warner, Director of Construction Maintenance, to increase item 031 (Construction Contracts) in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) and increase to item 196 (Grant Projects) in the amount of Three Million and Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,800,000); this will increase the capital budge of One Hundred and Eight Million and Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$108, 200,000) to One Hundred and Twelve Million and Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$112,400,000).

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

(352-10- 2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of the IT Department's Michael Riegger, Network Engineer, to attend the Palo Alto Panorama Software Virtual Training on November 17-18, 2025, at a total cost of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

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

(353-10- 2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the request for a firm to provide training to a minimum of eight (8) employees per class (16 minimum total) staff regarding the proper use and safe handling of 3M harnesses that were purchased in the prior fiscal year from Fastenal, Bellport, NY in the total amount of Fourteen Thousand and Three Hundred Dollars (\$14,300).

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

(354-10-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

H2M Architects + Engineers	\$1,134.50
Sobel Pevzner, LLC	\$581.50

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, November 20th, 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 public wished to speak to the Members at this time.

At 3:15 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, it was resolved that

(355-10-2025) 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

(356-10-2025) RESOLVED, To terminate Abdul Shamulzai, HRIS Analyst for violating Policy #405 Rules of Conduct, Section #11 and 31 and Board Resolution 357-11-1995.

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

(357-10-2025) RESOLVED, To terminate Max Jacobson, Environmental Health and Safety Manager

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

(358-10-2025) RESOLVED, To hire FayAnne Ammirati of Selden, NY to fill the open position of Call Center Clerk, Customer Service, Hauppauge at an hourly rate of Twenty-nine 26/100 Dollars (\$29.26), upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(359-10-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Brittany McGuinness of Selden, NY to fill the open position of Call Center Clerk, Customer Service, Hauppauge at an hourly rate of Thirty-nine 47/100 Dollars (\$39.47), 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

(360-10-025) RESOLVED, To hire Brian Wolowski of Nesconset, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person, Huntington at an hourly rate of Thirty-seven 89/100 Dollars (\$37.89), upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

(361-10-2025) RESOLVED, To approve requests for proposals #1673, Insurance Coverage Counsel Delegation of Authority Select Counsel.

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 4:15 p.m.

Timothy Bishop, Secretary