Regular Board Meeting

Suffolk County Water Authority October 29, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance Present:

Members: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Elizabeth Mercado, Secretary
John M. Porchia III, Member
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, Berroa, Blevins, Bova, Brady, Brozyna, Cameron, Coppola, DiCarlo, Donnelly, Doscher, Dubois, Deubel, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Gomez, Hannan, Huber, Kamm, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Matteo, Marafino, McDowell, Milano, Niebling, O'Connell, Oliveau, Oneill, Pfeuffer, Puma, Rae, Riegger, Rosino, Schneider, Schildt, Seevers, Spaulding, Stewart, Thompson, Wahl, and Warner

Barbara Yatauro, Local 393

Jeffrey Szabo, Chief Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. upon all Members of the Board being present. He opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the October 29, 2026, Board Meeting.

The Chairman provided updates on the North Fork Water Main Project, noting the significance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the largest single infrastructure project in SCWA's 75-year history. He thanked Brendan Warner, Director of Construction Maintenance, John Milazzo, General Counsel, Richard Bova, Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives, Frank Tassone, Deputy Director of Customer Service, and Nelson and Pope for their efforts in reaching this milestone. He emphasized that SCWA will work, day in and out to ensure this project progresses as smoothly as possible with minimal disruptions to the community.

The Chairman also updated the Board and public on the Oakdale campus project, noting this is one of the largest on-campus construction projects in SCWA's history. He announced that steel beams are in the process of being delivered for the new operations building and noted the progress being made on the foundation as construction moves into its next phase.

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Additionally, the Chairman discussed the recent PFAS press conference held at the Morris Avenue Well Field in Holtsville, NY where officials called on Governor Hochul to codify PFAS regulations into state law. He noted that SCWA is already in compliance with EPA's national PFAS standard and remains committed to achieving zero deductible PFAS in the water it serves.

Mr. Szabo thanked the Chairman and then proceeded to introduced Lucas Schultz, Deputy Chief Engineer, who provided an update on the SCADA Radio Network Modernization Project, which aims to replace the Authority's aging radio communication system that has been in service for more than Twenty-five (25) years. He explained the modernization will improve reliability, communication speeds, operational flexibility and remote monitoring capabilities.

Mr. Schultz reported that Phase A, which included filed surveys, technology evaluations and preliminary system design, has been completed. The proposed network will utilize licensed Seven Hundred (700) MHz radio communications and a microwave backbone to support more than Three Hundred (300) remote facilities.

He went on to explain that the project has an estimated cost of Twelve Million Two Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($12,275,000), with full system completion anticipated in the second quarter of 2029. The next phases include detailed engineering, equipment, procurement, laboratory testing and pilot deployment. Mr. Schultz also outlined upcoming Bard authorization requests and measures to minimize operational disruptions during implementation.

The Board and Mr. Szabo thanked Mr. Schultz for his detailed and easy-to-follow presentation and looks forward to the next time he presents an update on the progress of this modernization project.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on September 24, 2026, and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(373-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 24, 2026.

Mr. Szabo presented the final notice of completion of the Environmental Impact Statement for the North Fork Main. After explanation of the North Fork FY28 budget and a thanks to Nelson and Pope, on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia and unanimously carried, it was

(374-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the notice of completion of the final Environmental Impact Statement for the North Fork Main

Whereas, the Authority is performing a review of the reasonably anticipated environmental impacts of the North Fork Water Main Project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and its implementing regulations, (6 NYCRR 617), and

Whereas, on May 9, 2025, the Authority issued a Positive Declaration on the Project and the Authority's consultant prepared a Draft Scope identifying the Project's reasonably anticipated impacts, and the proposed scope and content of the required Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and

Whereas, the Authority held hearings on June 4, June 10, and June 12, 2025, in the Towns of Southampton, Riverhead, and Southold respectively to receive public comments on the Draft Scope, and

Whereas, although the comment period on the hearings was set to expire on June 25, it was twice extended, first until July 11 on SCWA's own motion and then until August 4, at the request of the Town of Riverhead, and the Authority received 68 comments on the Draft Scope, and

Whereas, the Authority's consultant, Nelson Pope Voorhis (NPV), prepared a proposed Final Scope which incorporated relevant comments received during the hearings, and it was adopted by the Authority on October 22, 2025, and

Whereas, the Authority on July 23, 2026, accepted the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Project, and

Whereas, the Authority held hearings to receive comments on the DEIS on August 19, 20 and 26 and held the post hearing comment period open until September 25, 2026, for a total comment period of 64 days from its acceptance of the DEIS, and

Whereas, during the hearings there were 29 speaking appearances by 27 unique individuals and 20 written comments were submitted to SCWA during the comment period, and

Whereas, NPV, categorized the comments, made during the hearings into 303 discrete comments or questions, of which 158 were received during the hearings and 145 were submitted in the written comments, and

Whereas, the FEIS incorporates by reference the DEIS and provides a response to each comment and includes mitigation measures that SCWA can implement to minimize impacts related to the Project, and

Whereas the Authority has reviewed the FEIS and finds it adequately addresses the substantive comments entered into the record and meets the requirements of SEQRA, and the Authority deems it appropriate to issue a Notice of Completion of Final Environmental Impact Statement, now therefore be it

Resolved, the above recitals are incorporated herein, and be it further

Resolved, the Authority issues the attached Notice of Completion of Final Impact Statement on the Authority's North Fork Main Project in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR 617.9, and be it further

Resolved, the Authority will cause copies of the FEIS, or notice of its availability on the SCWA's website at www.scwa.com/nfp/, to be delivered to involved and interested agencies as per the FEIS, a Notice of Completion to be filled with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation for publication in the Environmental Notice Bulletin, and one copy made available at the Authority's Westhampton office, the Riverhead Free Public Library, and Southold Free Library for public inspection, and be it further

Resolved, that the Authority hereby commences a period not to exceed ten (10) days for agencies and the public to consider the FEIS.

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:

(375-10-2026) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning March 1, 2027, through February 29, 2028, Contract 1666 for water tank inspection services for elevated and ground water storage tanks with Gannett Fleming Engineers, P.C., Woodbury, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning February 1, 2027, through January 31, 2028, Contract 8075A, for general construction of water mains, large services, and appurtenances-Group II with Bancker Construction, Islandia, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning February 1, 2027, through January 31, 2028, Contract 8075B for general construction of water mains, large services, and appurtenances- Group I with Roadwork Construction, Calverton, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning March 1, 2027, through February 29, 2028, Contract 8079 for turf establishment work with D.F. Stone Contracting Ltd., Medford, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning March 1, 2027, through February 29, 2028, Contract 8089 for mobile washing services with Awash Services, New Hyde Park, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning March 1, 2027, through February 29, 2028, Contract 8164A for the electrical work at various owned sites Zone A with MMJ Electrical, Inc., Saint James, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning March 1, 2027, through February 29, 2028, Contract 8164B for the electrical work at various owned sites Zone B with CDJ Electric, Inc., Hauppauge, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning March 1, 2027, through February 29, 2028, Contract 8165 for the maintenance and emergency service of uninterruptible power supply system and battery with ORE Power, LLC., Calion, NJ.

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 Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(376-10-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low bid under Contract 8243 for a firm to furnish and deliver compressed gas cylinders, during the one-year period beginning period beginning January 1, 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 Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-two Dollars ($60,292); 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. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(377-10-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the highest bidder under Contract 8244 for the sale and removal of scrap meters during the one-year period beginning December 1, 2026, submitted by DPR Scrap Metal, Westbury, 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 Hundred and Twenty-three Thousand Dollars ($123,000); 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

(378-10-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low-responsive bidders Contract 8248 (Groups 1, 1B, 3 and 4) to furnish and deliver plumbing valves, fittings, pipes, and associated supplies, during the one-year period beginning December 1, 2026, submitted by Kelly & Hayes, Nesconset, 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 Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixteen 65/100 Dollars ($22,516.65); be and hereby is accepted;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low-responsive bidders Contract 8248 (Group 2) to furnish and deliver plumbing valves, fittings, pipes, and associated supplies, during the one-year period beginning December 1, 2026, submitted by Pollardwater, Newport New, VA 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 Fifteen Thousand and Three-Hundred Dollars ($15,300); 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. Davidson duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(379-10-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low bid under Contract 8251 construction of a 20" X 10"- Diameter Well (No. 3A) approximately 310 feet deep, to be located at the Belmore Road Well Field, North Great River, Town of Islip, NY submitted by Steffen Drilling, Glassboro, 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 Three Hundred and Ninety-four Thousand Dollars ($394,000); 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.

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

(380-10-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the sole bid under Contract 8252 for materials, labor, and equipment maintenance of point of use household drinking water treatment systems at Browns Hill Estates, Orient Point, NY during the one-year period beginning December 1, 2026, submitted by Water Dynamics Corp., Mattituck, 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 Fifteen Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars ($15,200); 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 for rescinding awards, after review and explanation. On motion made by Mr. Porchia duly seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously carried, it was

(381-10-2026) RESOLVED, To rescind award RFQ, Q0087, at the August 2026 Board Meeting, the Board awarded RFQ, Q0087 to CFselect Corp., Islip, NY in the total amount of Twenty-nine Thousand and One

Hundred Dollars ($29,100). During the onboarding process CFslect Corp. stated that it could not source the Doosan model, as the specific model had been discontinued. Due to the circumstances the Transportation Department recommends rescinding award RFQ, Q0087 and award to Hoffman Equipment, Piscataway, NJ in the total amount of Thirty-seven Thousand Dollars ($37,000).

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

(382-10-2026) RESOLVED, To rescind the award for Battery Recycling, Single Purchase. At the July Board Meeting the Board awarded Battery Recycling Services to Battery Recyclers of America, Dallas, TX in the total amount of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars ($12,375) or (Two Dollars 75/100 per pound). Upon notice of award and onboarding process, Battery Recyclers of America failed to produce sufficient insurance coverage as required by the Authority. The General Services Department recommends rescinding award to Battery Recyclers of America.

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

(383-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0092 to fabricate and deliver eleven (11) enclosed combination sot starters for SCWA Well Pump motors from Integrated Power System LLC, North Miami, FL in the total amount of One Hundred and Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four Dollars ($108,944).

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

(384-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0093 to furnish and deliver Five Thousand (5000) linear feet automatic blowoff cables from Kijero LLC, Morgan Hill, CA in the total amount of Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Dollars ($25,120).

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

(385-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0094 to furnish, deliver, and assemble office furniture in its Oakdale Administration offices from W.B. Mason Co., Inc., Hauppauge, NY in the total amount of Elven Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-nine 57/100 Dollars ($11,479.57).

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

(386-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0095 to furnish and deliver five (5) Ford Transit 2500 AWD vehicles from Monaco & Sons Motor Sales Inc., Glastonbury, CT in the total amount of Two Hundred and Eighty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($284,650).

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

(387-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0096 to provide in-person course instruction for fall protection from Fastenal Company, Winona, MI in the total amount of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-one 85/100 Dollars ($3,731.85).

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

(388-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Engineering Departments request to purchase remote Terminal Units (RTU's) from Systems Integrated (SI), Orange, CA in the total amount of Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars ($68,000).

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

(389-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Stores Departments request to purchase RCA-not screened from Laser Industries, Inc., Ridge, NY in the total amount of Engineering Departments request to purchase remote Terminal Units (RTU's) from Systems Integrated (SI), Orange, CA in the total amount of Forty-four Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($44,100).

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

(390-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFP 1701 the Authority's request for a firm to provide internal audit services, the evaluation committee: Jeffrey Szabo, CEO, Christopher Cecchetto, CFO, and Frank Tassone, Deputy CEO for Customer Service interviewed four (4) firms and recommended awarding RFP 1701 to Nawrocki Smith, Hauppauge, NY for a three-year contract starting at One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars ($160,000) per year, rising to One Hundred and Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars ($166,600) in the third and final year of the agreement.

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

(391-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory Departments request for a firm to test drinking water samples; during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2027, using specified EPA methods for the Laboratory from GEL Laboratories, LLC, Charleston, SC in the total amount of Seventy-seven Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Dollars ($77,340).

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

(392-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Departments request to enter into a one-year software licensing and maintenance renewal agreement for the Authority's Autodesk software tools and applications, with SHI International Corp, Somerset, NJ in the total amount of Sixty-two Thousand Eight Hundred 01/100 Dollars ($62,819.01).

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

(393-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Departments request to enter into a one-year maintenance renewal agreement for the Kofax Invoice software package beginning January 1, 2027, with Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Ramsey, NJ in the total amount of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-seven 12/100 Dollars ($10,957.12).

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

(394-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory Department, with the support of the IT Departments, request to enter into a professional services agreement for Labware LIMS Water Template enhancements with LabWare Global Services, Wilmington, DE in the total amount of Ten Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars ($10,128).

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

(395-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Departments request for the installation of fiber optic infrastructures and security cameras at the Authority's Oakdale Truck Shelter and Fuel Pad facilities, with NCD Communications Inc., Islandia, NY in the total amount of One Hundred and Twenty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-eight 29/100 Dollars ($128,938.29).

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

(396-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory Departments request for a firm to perform short chain PFAS testing, which were performed in April and May from Eurofins, South Bend, IN in the total amount of Twenty-four Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars ($24,500). The sampling was also complete, and the results have been shared with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, at a total cost of Ten Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars ($10,500).

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

(397-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Transportation Departments request to increase the already approved and issued Blanket Purchase Authorization to the firms outlined below:

Table 1- Firms & Requested Amounts

Firm	Amount	Justification
Moreland Hose & Belting Corp [i]	$ 20,000.00	*N/A See Note 1*
Fleet Pride [ii]	$ 18,000.00	*N/A See Note 2*

The Members reviewed the 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

(398-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Authority's request to renew the yearly membership, during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2027, with the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Washington, DC at a total cost of Twenty-four Thousand Dollars ($24,000).

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

(399-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Authority's request to renew the yearly membership, during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2027, with the American Water Works Association, Denver, CO at a total cost of Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-one Dollars ($29,621).

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

(400-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Human Resource Departments request to revise Policy 201, Employee Personnel Records. On September 9, 2026, the NYS Personnel Records Access legislation was signed into law. This law provides both public and private sector employees and former employees the right to access and dispute their employee personnel records. This will require the Authority to update Policy 201. This law takes effect on November 8, 2026.

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

(401-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Human Resource Departments request to revise Policy 501, Business Travel. Policy 501- provides steps utilized by employees to document business expenses for which they are requesting reimbursement. The current expense report includes a review and approval from SCWA Internal Audit. As of January 2026, SCWA has not had an Internal Auditor on staff and has recently looked to outsource this role. The recommendation is to remove the Internal Audit and replace it with the Chief Executive Officer/ Accounting Manager prior to sending it to be signed off by the Chief Executive Officer for final approval.

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

(402-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Legal Departments request to adopt the new provisions required by the Public Authorities Accountability Act (PAAA) and to adopt a Code of Ethics to govern the conduct of its Members and Employees. The Act requires that the Code minimum includes the standards established Section-74a of the Public Law Officers.

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

(403-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve Frank Tassone, Deputy CEO for Customer Services request to refund SCWA customer Tina Edler who was overcharged in error in the total amount of Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Nine 08/100 Dollars ($8,209.08).

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

(404-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC	$19,179.70

(405-10-2026) At 4:20 p.m. on motion made by Mr. Davidson duly seconded by Mr. Rose, the Members went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters.

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

(406-10-2026) RESOLVED, To hire Nikolaos Roussinos of Farmingdale, NY to fill the open position of Assistant Mechanical Engineer, Engineering Department at an annual salary of Seventy-four Thousand Dollars ($74,000); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(407-10-2026) RESOLVED, To promote internal employee Willaim Allen, Production Control Field Operator, to fill the open position of Field Supervisor, in the Production Control Department at an annual salary of One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars ($105,000) and three (3) weeks' vacation; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(408-10-2026) RESOLVED, To hire Anna Lettieri of West Islip, NY to fill the open position of Laboratory Technician II, in the Laboratory Department at an annual salary of Fifty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and eight-four 88/100 Dollars ($58,884.88); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(409-10-2026) RESOLVED, To hire Christopher Chapline of Buffalo, NY to fill the open position of Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2), full-time seasonal basis from March 2, 2026, through May 28, 2027, in the Pine Barrens Department at an hourly pay rate of Twenty-eight Dollars ($28.00), with housing; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(410-10-2026) RESOLVED, To hire Roman Kuziw of Andover, NJ to fill the open position of Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) full-time seasonal basis from March 2, 2027, through May 28, 2027, in the Pine Barrens Department at an hourly rate of Twenty-eight Dollars ($28.00), with housing; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(411-10-2026) RESOLVED, To hire Kieren McCabe of Wading River, NY to fill the open position of Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2), full-time seasonal basis from March 2, 2027, through May 28, 2027, in the Pine Barrens Department at an hourly pay rate of Twenty-eight Dollars ($28.00), with housing; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(412-10-2026) RESOLVED, To hire internal employee Matthew Ferrari of West Babylon, NY, Lab Technician I, Laboratory Department to fill the open position of Field Operator, Production Control Department, Bayshore at an hourly pay rate of Forty-eight 13/100 ($48.13); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(413-10-2026) RESOLVED, To hire Anthony Cipriao of East Islip, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person, Construction Maintenance Department, Westhampton at an hourly pay rate of Thirty-nine 41/100 Dollars ($39.41); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(414-10-2026) RESOLVED, To hire Iyana Perez of Bayshore, NY to fill the open position of Bilingual Clerk, Customer Service Department, Hauppauge, at an hourly pay rate of Thirty-two 71/100 ($32.71); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(415-10-2026) RESOLVED, To hire Kenia Arthur of West Babylon, NY to fill the open position of Bilingual Clerk, Customer Service Department, Hauppauge, at an hourly pay rate of Forty-one 55/100 ($41.55) upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Davidson duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was (Mr. Porchia recused himself)

(416-10-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the authorization of litigation against the Town of Riverhead, North Fork Main, Monroe

Whereas, Suffolk County Water Authority (the "Authority" or "SCWA") is public benefit corporation whose powers enumerated in Title 4 of Article 5 of the New York Public Authorities Law, and

Whereas, the Authority proposes to undertake its North Fork Water Main Project ("Project") to interconnect its Southold Low Pressure Zone to its South Shore Low Pressure Zone and the Project requires the installation of SCWA water main in the Town of Riverhead, and

Whereas, the Authority is performing an environmental review of the Project under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and

Whereas, pursuant to SEQRA, the Authority on April 30, 2025 SCWA completed a Full Environmental Assessment Form analyzing the Project, on May 9, 2025 issued a Positive Declaration for the Project and issued a Draft Scope, on October 22, 2025, issued a Final Scope for the Project, on July 23, 2026 accepted a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Project, and October 29, 2026 issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Project, and

Whereas, the Authority by resolution dated November 20, 2025, issued a determination that the Project is immune from the review and zoning of local municipalities under the balancing test using nine factors rendered by the Court of Appeals in Matter of the County of Monroe v. City of Rochester, 72 N.Y.2d 338 (1988) ("Monroe"), (*See* Exhibit A) and

Whereas, the Town of Riverhead, acting through its Town Board by resolution dated October 7, 2025, had declared that the Project is not exempt from its review and zoning as determined by its application of the Monroe factors, and

Whereas, by resolution dated January 30, 2026, to address the conflict between the Town and Authority Monroe determinations, SCWA authorized the initiation and prosecution of any proceeding in any forum, deemed appropriate, to seek review of the determination(s) of a local municipality that the Project is not exempt from such municipality's review and local zoning, and

Whereas, on February 6, 2026, the Authority, through its attorneys at Bond Schoeneck & King PLLC, commenced an action in New York State Supreme Court, Suffolk County, against the Town of Riverhead and its necessary parties (in their official capacity) challenging the Town's October 7 Monroe determination, and such action is pending, and

Whereas, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzed a range of alternatives as required under SEQRA including a Preferred Alternative that relocated the North Fork main from a Town road to a State Road that traverses the Town, in part due to comments and objectives raised during the Scoping process, including from the Town and its officials, and

Whereas, on October 6, 2026, after the DEIS was adopted and the comment period on the DEIS closed, Riverhead adopted a resolution, that among other things, declared that the Project is "required to comply with and shall not be immune from zoning and land use regulations of the

Town of Riverhead" on certain specified conditions based on its application of the Monroe factors, and

Whereas, notwithstanding the Town's October 6 resolution, the Authority continues to maintain although the DEIS identified the Preferred Alternative, the Project is and continues to be immune from the zoning and land use regulation of local municipalities, including the Town of Riverhead, for the factors and reasons set forth in the Authority's November 20, 2025 Monroe resolution, which are incorporated by referenced herein, and

Whereas, to address Riverhead's October 7, 2026 Monroe declaration, the Authority determines that it is necessary to commence an additional action(s) or proceeding(s) against the Town of Riverhead seeking the judicial relief to establish that the Project is exempt, and continues to be exempt, from Riverhead's review, and the requirement that it must comply with Riverhead's zoning and land use regulations.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the above recitals are incorporated herein, and be it further

Resolved, the Authority authorizes its attorneys at Bond Schoeneck & King PLLC to take all necessary actions, and to commence and prosecute in any forum and manner deemed appropriate, the appropriate action(s) or proceeding(s) or both, against the Town of Riverhead and its necessary parties (in their official capacity) to determine the Project is exempt, and continues to be exempt, from Riverhead's review and the requirement that it must comply with Riverhead's zoning and land use regulations.

Exhibit A

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Water Authority "SCWA" is public benefit corporation subject to Title 4, Article 5 of the New York Public Authorities Law.

WHEREAS, SCWA's purpose is to supply water to domestic, commercial and public properties at retail and to individual consumers within Suffolk County, which is deemed to be an essential government function.

WHEREAS, SCWA is Long Island's largest public water provider serving potable water to 1.2 million Suffolk County residents and is one of the largest groundwater suppliers in the country.

WHEREAS, New York State "determined and declared that the [SCWA] and the carrying out of its powers, purposes and duties are in all respects for the benefit of the people of the county of Suffolk and the state of New York, for the improvement of their health, welfare and prosperity and that the said purposes are public purposes and that the authority is and will be performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the powers conferred" by the State. N.Y. Pub. Auth. L. §1077(3).

WHEREAS, SCWA is proposing to undertake the North Fork Water Main Project ("Project") because water demand on the North Fork continues to increase despite conservation efforts to increase the supply of public water to its customers in Southold. Excessive demand strains infrastructure and over-pumping existing wells risks saltwater entering the freshwater aquifer, limiting expansion. Water supply from existing wells is vulnerable to contamination.

WHEREAS, the Project will consist of installation of 8.15 miles of 24" ductile iron water main within existing street rights-of-way from Flanders to the Southold Town line, together with a booster station at Pier Avenue in the Town of Riverhead. No new wells will be installed. Phase 2 involves long-range planning for a possible future 3.79-mile water main extension consisting of a combination of 6, 8 and 12-inch diameter mains between East Marion and Orient in the Town of Southold.

WHEREAS, SCWA developed the proposed Project to provide a long-term solution to the limited supply of potable drinking water in SCWA's Southold system by supplementing the existing SCWA system with water sources that will have minimal impacts on the salt water interface and replenish and rehabilitate the local aquifer system with the water conveyed to the area; to create a substantial interconnection between the Southold system and the SCWA distribution system to the west thereby increasing overall system reliability; to ensure water availability for consumption, residential and non-residential purposes, and firefighting uses; to provide a sufficient quantity of high-quality potable water to SCWA customers within the Town of Southold; and to reduce the environmental impact of maintaining numerous low-capacity wells that currently serve the Southold Low water supply system.

WHEREAS, SCWA designated itself as lead agency for the purpose of undertaking environmental review for the Project in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), a designation that was upheld by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation following objections by the Towns of Riverhead and Southold.

WHEREAS, the Project is being undertaken in the Towns of Southampton, Riverhead and Southold and SCWA must consider whether its activities in furtherance of the Project are immune from local review in accordance with the decision rendered by the Court of Appeals in *Matter of the County of Monroe v. City of Rochester,* 72 N.Y.2d 338 (1988) ("*Monroe*").

WHEREAS, SCWA duly noticed and held public hearings on October 7, 8 and 9, 2025 concerning its immunity from local zoning under *Monroe*.

WHEREAS, comments were received from the Town Supervisor for the Town of Southold, the Town Supervisor for the Town of Riverhead, Town Board members from the Towns of Riverhead and Southold, and residents of the Towns of Riverhead and Southold.

WHEREAS, comments concerned the need for the Project, the environmental impacts associated with the Project, the potential for additional development that would result from the Project, the Town of Riverhead's own *Monroe* determination, the importance of local control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the SCWA makes the following Findings and Determination:

- New York Courts have long held that when one governmental entity is conducting land use activities in another jurisdiction it may be entitled to a qualified immunity.

- In the *Monroe* case, the court developed a new test for determining these issues. That court required a balancing test using nine factors. Those nine factors are:

    a. the nature and scope of the instrumentality seeking immunity;
    b. the kind of function or land use involved;
    c. the extent of the public interest to be served by the function or use;
    d. the effect local land use regulation would have upon the enterprise;
    e. the impact upon legitimate local interests;
    f. the applicant's legislative grant of authority;
    g. alternative locations for the facility in less restrictive zoning areas;
    h. alternative methods of providing the needed improvement; and
    i. the degree of intergovernmental participation in the project development process; and an opportunity to be heard.

- In applying these tests, it is not necessary that all nine factors favor immunity. One factor could be more influential than another or may be so significant as to completely overshadow all others. Moreover, certain factors, such as the overriding public purpose, have more weight than others.

- Despite public comments to the contrary, the court decision in *Village of Munsey Park v. Manhasset-Lakeville Water District*, 150 A.D.3d 969 (2d Dept. 2017) held that the application of the *Monroe* balancing test is not within the exclusive province of the host entity, and, as a result, it is appropriate for SCWA to undertake its own *Monroe* analysis.

- Analysis of the *Monroe* factors in this case show that SCWA's activities are undisputably immune from local municipal jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the forgegoing, the statement and comments received at the public hearings and during the written comment period, the SCWA finds with respect to the nine (9) *Monroe* factors as follows:

- ***The Nature and Scope of the Instrumentality Seeking Immunity***

  SCWA is a public benefit corporation operating under the authority of the New York State Public Authorities Law. The purpose of SCWA is to supply water for domestic, commercial, and public purposes at retail to individual consumers within Suffolk County. *See* N.Y. Pub. Auth. L. Section §1078(4)(a).
  Furthermore, the SCWA and "the carrying out of its powers, purposes and duties are in all respects for the benefit of the people of the county of Suffolk and the state of New York, for the improvement of their health, welfare and prosperity and that the said purposes are public purposes and that [SCWA] will be performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this title." N.Y. Pub. Auth. L. §1077(3).

  Accordingly, the Project, which seeks to provide water to individual consumers in Suffolk County is an essential governmental function and the SCWA as a regional authority has legal supremacy over local municipalities in connection with the provision of water to the individual consumers in Suffolk County. *See County of Herkimer v. Village of Herkimer,* 51 Misc. 3d 516, 536, 25 N.Y.S.3d 839, 854 (Sup. Ct. Herkimer Cty. 2016)("it would be anomalous to allow a small village to impede the County in the performance of an essential governmental duty for the benefit of the health and welfare of residents of the entire County").

  In fact, SCWA operates in ten (10) towns and approximately thirty-three (33) villages within Suffolk County. If SCWA is subject to local municipal zoning codes, then it would be subject to forty-three (43) different zoning codes. This would be untenable and would severely hamper SCWA's ability to carry out its purpose of providing drinking water to the residents of Suffolk County, which has been deemed to be an essential government function.

  Therefore, the fact that SCWA is a public authority created and governed by enabling legislation adopted by New York State and that it operates throughout all of Suffolk County, results in this factor weighing in favor of immunity.

- ***The Kind of Function or Land Use Involved***

  As noted above, the Project is an essential government function. Specifically, the State has given the SCWA authority to provide water to the people of Suffolk County. The Project involves connecting SCWA's Southold system to the rest of its system and the construction of associated infrastructure to improve the capacity and quality of water supplied. This involves the construction of an underground pipeline primarily within existing road rights-of-way and the construction of a booster station in the Town of Riverhead.

  Water main installation will be accomplished through open-cut installation and directional drilling. Trenching will only be opened for each day's work, typically 300-400 feet each day. All impacted roads will be fully restored. In consideration of the community, SCWA will avoid road openings and traffic interruptions during the busy fall season and will ensure the road work does not hinder emergency services response. Where appropriate, SCWA will work during night hours to reduce the impacts on traffic.

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In fact, SCWA has previously installed approximately 7,000 feet of water main in Riverhead and is installing approximately 20,000 feet of main in Riverhead under an agreement with the Town. The Town has never asserted regulatory or land use jurisdiction over SCWA in connection with any of these prior projects – other than requiring a ministerial road opening permit. Likewise, the Town has never before required SCWA to obtain an easement to locate any mains in a Riverhead road right-of-way.

Accordingly, because the Project is for an essential government function of providing safe and adequate drinking water, the only rational conclusion is that this factor weighs in favor of immunity for SCWA.

- ***The Extent of the Public Interest to be Served by the Function or Use***

This is often the most important factor to be considered. By statute, the Project is undisputably "for the benefit of the people of the county of Suffolk and the state of New York, for the improvement of their health, welfare and prosperity" and serves a "public purpose." N.Y. Pub. Auth. L. §1077(3). Here, the Town of Riverhead claims that the Project does not serve a public interest because there is no benefit to the residents of the Town of Riverhead. However, the fact that the Project does not benefit the Town of Riverhead has no bearing on the analysis.

Here, the Project will serve a "quintessential governmental function" authorized by state statute and will promote the public health of County residents by providing safe and adequate potable water to an area where demand sometimes exceeds supply and where wells sometimes have specific parameters imposed on them because of contamination concerns or salt-water intrusion concerns. In such situations, "[w]here a project serves an overriding public purpose, courts have not

hesitated to find the project exempt from the host municipality's land use regulation." *See County of Herkimer,* 51 Misc. 3d at 536.

Specifically, SCWA operates 60 wells in Southold and uses these wells to provide water in Southold. (There is an emergency interconnection with the Riverhead Water District on the southwest part of the system). As of 2025, the combined capacity of the wells is 12,750 gallons per minute (gpm). SCWA has one elevated tank and two ground level reservoirs in the Town providing 2.8 million gallons of capacity.

Southold experiences a summer population surge as exemplified by the increase in water delivered in the Town from a winter average of 1,800 gallons per minute (gpm) to a peak range in the summer from 9,000 gpm to 12,000 gpm in the early morning. The highest pre-2024 recorded demand in Southold occurred on July 12, 2023, when SCWA provided 12,970 gpm of water to its customers by producing 9,666 gpm from its wells and releasing 3,304 gpm of water from its storage facilities in the Town. The contribution from the storage facilities highlights the shortfall between pumping capacity and system demand. At times, the water levels in SCWA tank at Moore's Lane have fallen below 3 feet from its 30-foot maximum. Without a ready supply of water in the event of emergency, such as a large fire, a well failure, or detection of a regulated substance at a level requiring discontinuing the use of a well, it would be a significant challenge to meet demand.

SCWA has explored increasing the number of wells in Southold but the aquifer system in the Town cannot support a significant increase in the number of wells or withdrawals. Southold wells have been a focal point of Department of Environmental Conservation Staff, as many of the wells operate within special parameters imposed on them due to their depth and the water table's unique configuration and the potential for salt-water intrusion. This creates a mismatch between the amount of water in the Southold system and water demand.

Upon completion of the first phase, SCWA's Southold water supply system will be integrated and operated as a unified component of the broader SCWA water supply system. This will allow SCWA to reduce reliance on its Southold wells while simultaneously increasing the amount of water available to existing Southold customers to meet the demand.

With less reliance on shallow Southold wells, SCWA will be able to cutback on the use and possibly retire wells impacted by saltwater intrusion or emerging contaminants thereby avoiding the cost of treatment systems.

Importing water from outside the Southold hydrogeologic cycle will provide additional recharge to help restore the thin aquifer.

With SCWA pumping less water from Southold, the agriculture industry may pump water for irrigation with less risk of saltwater intrusion.

The Southold community relies on water supplied by SCWA for fire protection and emergency response. In order to provide adequate pressure for fire flow, SCWA needs its water storage tanks to have adequate supply. During peak summer demand, storage tanks on the North Fork can run dangerously low, particularly the Moore's Lane tank in Greenport. This has led to customers experience low pressure in the early morning hours when the demand is at its highest. Fire fighters may not have enough water and pressure to respond to an emergency if a major fire were to breakout.

Accordingly, the public interest in clean and sufficient supply of water is of the utmost public importance and weighs heavily in favor of immunity for SCWA.

- ***The Effect Local Land Use Regulation Would Have upon the Project***

The Project crosses multiple municipal and jurisdictional boundaries. As a result, the application of local zoning could allow one municipality to stop or significantly alter the Project in a manner that would be detrimental to the residents of the neighboring municipality. The Court of Appeals has discouraged "parochial regulation[s] which 'could otherwise foil the fulfillment of the greater public purpose of promoting'" an adequate supply of public water. *See County of Herkimer, supra.*

While local governments have home rule jurisdiction over many things, their jurisdiction is not without limitations. Pursuant to Section 10 of the General Municipal Law, the rights of the Town are not meant to infringe upon SCWA's ability to conduct its essential governmental function. It would be inconsistent with *Monroe*, and detrimental to the regional nature of the Project, the Public Authorities Law if SCWA is required to submit to local municipal reviews of the Project. Such a result would then subject SCWA projects to approximately 43 different municipal jurisdictions and codes – an outcome that would be significantly detrimental to SCWA's essential governmental purposes.

Moreover, SCWA has standardized system facilities to compress review time by Suffolk County Department of Health Services and to maximize efficiency and productivity and to speed procurement of materials. If SCWA needed a different set of specifications for each site, then design lags would take place in trying to obtain the local approvals as well as procuring materials for the systems/buildings. Delays will also be experienced on the vendor and SCWA sides in the review process as the number of engineering submittals would dramatically increase. Currently, bidders are not faced with a learning curve on every project and manufacturers know what is expected. However, unknown items create risk to bidders and manufacturers and result in higher costs and

sometimes in longer time needed as submittals may have to go back and forth numerous times.

SCWA systems are maintained and operated by a limited number of employees that include generalized trades such as field operators, and specialized trades such as electricians and mechanics. Specialized trades must be capable of deploying to any site when needed and generalized trades must be familiar with as large a number of sites as practicable to allow for succession, union bidding, and absences of other field operators
If the forty-three (43) different municipalities were allowed to regulate SCWA's operations, this would put up borders at town/village boundaries and would effectively defeat the advantages of the pressure zone approach to operating a water system employed where hydraulics and water quality govern. One of the chief benefits for SCWA's de-centralized system (with hundreds of wells and well fields) is that the zones are capable of backing up individual wells or even well fields by automatically responding to demands in the system. Adding constraints to this system would decrease system reliability and flexibility. For instance, during a main break or pump failure or water quality issue, SCWA's system can rely on other sites and treatment systems to overcome that lack of supply.
Constraining SCWA's ability to deploy its vast assets limits reliability and could also result in decreased fire protection.

Accordingly, SCWA must be immune from local control in connection with the Project and every future project so as not to be constrained by forty-three different sets of regulations and approvals.

- ***The Impact upon Legitimate Local Interests***

The Project will result in temporary impacts associated with construction of the water line under local municipal roads. However, SCWA has constructed and is constructing additional mains under roads in the local municipalities in connection with other projects. As a result, SCWA is fully aware of the potential local impacts and managing construction to minimize those local impacts on the municipalities and their residents. In fact, SCWA will minimize traffic impacts as follows: Trenching will only be opened for each day's work, typically 300-400 feet each day. All impacted roads will be fully restored. In consideration of the community, SCWA will avoid road openings and traffic interruptions during the busy fall season and will ensure there is no impact on emergency response services. Where appropriate, SCWA will work during night hours to reduce the impacts on traffic.

Town of Southold officials expressed concerns about the increase in water resulting in additional development in the Town. However, the Project will have no bearing on development as development within the Town of Southold will continue to be subject to Town of Southold zoning regulations.

Accordingly, while there are legitimate local interests for the municipalities, SCWA is fully aware of how to manage and minimize those impacts.

- ***The Applicant's Legislative Grant of Authority***

SCWA is authorized by the New York State legislature pursuant to the Public Authorities Law to supply water to the people of Suffolk County. Accordingly, its grant of authority takes priority over local land use regulations that could impede the supply of water and weighs heavily in favor of immunity. *See County of Herkimer, supra.*

- ***Alternative Locations for the Facility in Less Restrictive Zoning Areas***

SCWA plans on, and, in fact, is required to explore alternatives in the DEIS. However, regardless of the availability of alternative routes, the water main will have to travel through the Town of Riverhead to get to the Town of Southold.

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- ***Alternative Methods of Providing the Needed Improvement***

SCWA plans on, and, in fact, is required to explore alternatives in the DEIS. However, regardless of the availability of alternative methods, the water main will have to travel through the Town of Riverhead to get to the Town of Southold
SCWA cannot solve the current problem by constructing additional tanks in Southold because SCWA's Southold system does not have the extra capacity that would be required to fill them. This is demonstrated by SCWA's difficulty in maintaining adequate water levels in the Moores Lane tank.

SCWA has committed to maintaining and protecting current Southold supply infrastructure to maintain/improve water quality in our aquifers by allowing those wells to rest more often, thus mitigating chloride intrusion, but to do so requires the Project.

- ***The Degree of Intergovernmental Participation in the Project Development Process/Opportunity to be Heard.***

SCWA designed its review of the Project to ensure meaningful public and intergovernmental participation. To date, SCWA has held three public scoping sessions on the Project. More than 100 people, including numerous Town employees, and its consultant, have attended one or more of the hearings. The issues raised by the Town and by others will be appropriately addressed in the final scope and in more detail in the DEIS. After the DEIS is complete, SCWA will hold more public hearings.

In addition, SCWA held three public hearings on the Monroe factor analysis in the Towns of Southampton, Southold and Riverhead on October 7, 8 and 9, 2025 respectively. Officials from the local municipalities participated in the hearings as well as some local residents.

By the conclusion of the environmental review, at least nine public hearings will have occurred on the Project and the analysis of the *Monroe* factors in the DEIS.

Although the Towns are not involved agencies, they are still an interested agencies in the SEQRA process. An interested agency is provided with information and given the opportunity to provide comments and express concerns. SCWA will analyze the concerns raised by the Towns identified during the scoping sessions. This process is consistent with the direction provided by the NYSDEC in its lead agency determination letter and weighs in favor of immunity for SCWA.

ACCORDINGLY BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SCWA is immune from zoning and land use regulations, including, but not limited to the Towns of Southampton, Riverhead and Southold in connection with the Project.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, November 19, 2026, 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, there was none.

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 4:45 p.m.

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Ms. Elizabeth Mercado, Secretary

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