Regular Board Meeting

Suffolk County Water Authority September 24, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance Present:

Members: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Elizabeth Mercado, Secretary, Excused Absence
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 3:10 p.m. upon all Members of the Board being present, and an excused absence from Board Member Elizabeth Mercado. He opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the September 24, 2026, Board Meeting.

The Chairman also welcomed everyone to the September Board Meeting, he started off by recognizing the upcoming Service Awards on October 14th, he thanked Brian Seevers, Director of Human Resources and the Human Resources staff for their efforts. He continued by mentioning that each employee will receive a gift box with SCWA memorabilia to recognize the 75 years of service for the Suffolk County Water Authority. He mentioned that all SCWA locations had or are scheduled for their end of year BBQ's and that if any Board Members would like to attend, they are welcome to do so.

The Chairman then welcomed SCWA's new Environmental Health and Safety Manger, Liam O'Shaughnessy, and justified the importance of his role. Jeff Klienman, Director of General Services, mentioned that Mr. O'Shaughnessy has jumped right into this role and has had a strong start working with himself and the field crews. The Chairman continued by explaining the focus on employee safety and reducing workplace injuries. A Slip, Trip, and Fall simulator is scheduled for November 5, 2026, along with additional field crew safety training that has been scheduled by Mr. O'Shaughnessy and his staff. The Chairman mentioned that the year-end employee injury reportable incident data will be reviewed to track safety performance and hopes these numbers will continue to reduce due to the awareness trainings.

The Chairman went on to discuss that the October Board Meeting will be held in our new fully renovated Boardroom and is excited to see the result. He mentioned that the truck shelter is fully operational, and the steel shelving is expected within four to six weeks, and the new Oakdale building remains to be completed on time and on budget, August 2027.

Mr. Szabo then introduced Steven Galante, CTO and Anthony Iadevaia, Director of Information Technology, to present the SCWA Technology Modernization Plan. This plan is to begin a major technology modernization effort to replace aging systems and improve how the Authority operates. Core platforms such as SAP ECC, Clevest, and Kubra are aging, with SAP ECC losing mainstream support at the end of 2027. The initiative will update major systems including SAP/ ERP, customer billing and payment, the customer portal, website and mobile app, HR/payroll/benefits, and field work management. The overall goal is to improve customer service, increase employee productivity, reduce manual processes, improve data and reporting, and create a more efficient and reliable technology environment.

The modernization will be completed in four stages: Prepare, Access, Plan, and Implement, with SCWA currently in the Prepare stage. SCWA has already identified key technology projects and priorities and is now working to select a strategic partner and develop overall transformation roadmap, timeline, and preliminary investment plan. Future stages will include a detailed assessment of current systems and processes, development of implementation and staffing plans, and ultimately execution of the modernization program.

After Mr. Galante and Mr. Iadevaia finished their presentation the Chairman raised follow-up questions regarding the cost, timing, and implementation of the technology modernization effort, including when a more financial assessment would be available and when the team would return to the Board with timelines and target dates. He also asked how the modernization will coordinate with the upcoming move of several employees into the new building within the next year, and whether the building transition would have any impact on the modernization timeline of implementation.

Mr. Galante and Mr. Iadevaia explained that they have met with every department to assess their individual technology and operational needs and confirmed the upcoming move has been considered and accounted for as part of the modernization planning. Mr. Szabo thanked Mr. Galante and Mr. Iadevaia and the IT team for their work and noted that the Board has been extremely supportive of hiring the necessary staff to ensure the Authority can operate successfully. Looking ahead, he encouraged the team to continue planning proactively and asked that they return to the Board in December 2026 or January 2027 with more developed strategies and options for optimizing the budget as the technology modernization moves forward.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on August 26, 2026, and on motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(343-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on August 26, 2026.

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. Porchia, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were approved on consent:

(344-09-2026) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning January 1, 2027, through, December 31, 2027, Contract 8152A to furnish and deliver PPE, consumables, and vending supplies (Group I- Items 7-12, 48, 51-64) with Auster Rubber Co., Inc, Brooklyn, 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. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(345-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low bid under Contract 8223 for the snow removal at various SCWA sites, during the period beginning November 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, submitted by Laser Industries, Ridge, 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 Forty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars ($43,635); 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 Mr. Davidson, and unanimously carried, it was

(346-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority ratify the award and award to the low bid under Contract 8231 for the final restoration for disturbed areas due to water main installation in the South River Road area of Calverton-Phase 2, submitted by CAC Contracting 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 Three Hundred and Thirty-one Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-four Dollars ($331,994); 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 Mr. Davidson, and unanimously carried, it was

(347-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the bid under Contract 8234 for the removal and disposal of the contents of sanitary septic system, cesspools, etc. at various SCWA sites, during the one-year period beginning
October 1, 2026, submitted by Four Seasons Cesspool, 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 Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars ($11,880); 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. Davidson duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was (Chairman Lefkowitz recused himself)

(348-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low bid under Contract 8235 (Proposition 1) to furnish and install new pre-engineered metal buildings with foundations at various sites throughout Suffolk County, NY, submitted by Core Concepts, Inc., Hauppauge, 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 Seventy-two Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-eight Dollars ($772,238); be and hereby is accepted;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low bidders under Contract 8235 (Propositions 2&3) to furnish and install new pre-engineered metal buildings with foundations at various sites throughout Suffolk County, NY, submitted by Laser Industries, Ridge, 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 Million and Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-one Dollars ($4,016,671) for Proposition 2 and Five Million One Hundred and Thirty-seven Thousand and Five Dollars ($5,137,005) for Proposition 3; 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

(349-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low bid under Contract 8237 (Group I-AII; Group II-Items 11, 12, 13, 14, Group III-AII) to furnish and deliver no lead meter settings, during the one-year period beginning October 1, 2026, submitted by A.Y. McDonald, Dubuque, IA, 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 Two Hundred and Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine 35/100 Dollars ($258,769.35); be and hereby is accepted;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low bid under Contract 8237 (Group II- Items 3-10, 15-20, 30) to furnish and deliver no lead meter settings, during the one-year period beginning October 1, 2026, submitted by T. Mina Supply LLC, Medford, NY, on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidders proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of One Hundred and Ninety-three Thousand Six Hundred and Fourteen Dollars ($193,614); 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 Mr. Davidson and unanimously carried, it was

(350-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority ratify the award and award the low bid under Contract 8239 for the final restoration for disturbed areas due to water main installation in the South River Road area of Calverton- Phase 3, submitted by CAC Contracting 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 One Hundred and Seventy Thousand and Ninety-five Dollars ($170,095); 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. Davidson duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(351-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority ratify the award and award the low bid under Contract 8240 for the final restoration for disturbed areas due to water main installation on National Blvd in Bellport, NY, submitted by Rosemar Contracting Inc., Patchogue, NY, on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of Two Hundred and Forty-seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($247,250); 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

(352-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low bid under Contract 8241 to furnish and deliver sodium hypochlorite solution to various pumping stations, during the one-year period beginning December 1, 2026, submitted by Kuehne Chemical Co., Inc., Kearney, 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 Million One Hundred and Seventeen Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars ($3,117,500); 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 Mr. Davidson and unanimously carried, it was

(353-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority award to the low bid under Contract 8245 for pest control and wildlife management services, during the one-year period beginning October 1, 2026, submitted by Barron Pest Control, Mastic, 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 Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars ($4,965); 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 one request to rescind award. After an explanation, on motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried it was

(354-09-2026) RESOLVED, That the Authority rescind the award under RFQ, Q0080. At the July 2026 Board Meeting, the Board awarded the purchase of five (5) Ford Transit 2500 AWD vehicles to DeLacy Ford of Elmira, NY in the amount of Two Hundred and Seventy-six Thousand Dollars ($276,000). Post award, SCWA determined that DeLacy Ford had quoted the unacceptable, cheaper steel shelving versus the required aluminum. It is recommended the Board rescind RFQ, Q0080 and approve a corrective action to rebid RFQ, Q0080.

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

(355-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0089 to furnish and deliver John Deere Gator from United Ag. & Turf, Hicksville, NY in the total amount of Twenty-seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight 22/100 Dollars ($27,878.22).

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

(356-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0090 to furnish and deliver Two (2) Nissan Frontiers from Bob Ferrario Chevrole, Inc, dba Ferrario Nissan, Sayre, PA in the total amount of Sixty-nine Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-eight Dollars ($69,578).

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

(357-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve RFQ, Q0091 to furnish and deliver Chevrolet Colorados from Mangino Chevrolet, Amsterdam, NY in the total amount of Two Hundred and Twenty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-six 78/100 Dollars ($223,656.78).

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

(358-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory Departments request to purchase an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer, this purchase would serve as a replacement of an older system from Agilent Technologies, Wilmington, DE in the total amount of One Hundred and Thirty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Two 42/100 Dollars ($139,702.42).

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

(359-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Production Control Departments request to purchase Seepex pump parts, that are used to meter in sodium hypochlorite for disinfection at over Two Hundred (200) of the Authority well fields, from Seepex, Inc., Enon, OH in the total amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000).

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

(360-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Laboratory Departments request for the purchase order for New York State Department of Health for the 2026-2027 annual fee, which is required for Laboratory approval in the total amount of Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-three 20/100 Dollars ($11,433.20).

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

(361-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the GIS/ Strategic Initiatives Departments request to continue the on-going consultation agreement during the period beginning October 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, with CAI Technologies to cover many ad-hoc needs, general GIS system consulting, GIS data later development and conversion, and overall GIS data management services as directed by SCWA from CAI Technologies, Littletown, NH in the total amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,00).

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

(362-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Department seeks approval to enter into a Thirty-six (36) month fair market value financing agreement for computer equipment with Dell Financial Services LLC, round Rock, TX with Three (3) annual payments of One Hundred and Thirty-three Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-six 02/100 Dollars ($133,656.02), and a total cost of Four Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight 06/100 Dollars ($400,968.06).

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

(363-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the Engineering Departments request to notify the Board that there is an increase over the previously approved price. At the June 2026 Board Meeting resolution (244-06-2026) passed, approving a full power wash of SCWA's Glenview Place elevated tank utilizing drone technology. The resulting requirements added additional cost to the point that SWAM has requested a new price of Fourteen Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars ($14,800) to perform the demonstration. In comparison the Glenview tank wash would cost Seventeen Thousand and One Hundred Dollars ($17,100).

The Members reviewed the request for Finance (Budget Amendment #5). After explanation of the requests, and on motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(364-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve Brendan Warner, Director of Construction Maintenances request to increase item 031 (Construction Contracts) in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) and increase item 035 (Developer Contracts) in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000). This change will increase the capital budget of One Hundred and Thirty-two Million and One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($132,100,000) to One Hundred and Thirty-three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($133,100,000); costs will be recovered through capital reimbursement revenues.

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

(365-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve Frank Tassone, Deputy CEO for Customer Services request to refund SCWA customer Point O Woods Association, Fire Island, NY (3000623756) for an overpayment of funds in the total amount of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four 84/100 Dollars ($12,984.84).

The Members then reviewed the request for other. On motion made by Mr. Davidson, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia and unanimously carried, it was

(366-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve Philip Thompson, Deputy Director of Production Control and Richard Bova, Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives request to adopt the 2026 Suffolk County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan, which is to identify and reduce vulnerability to hazards to protect the health, safety, quality of life, environment, and economy of the communities within Suffolk County. The plan does not require SCWA to implement action items or commit funding.

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Water Authority (the "Authority") participated in the preparation and update for the 2026 Suffolk County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update (the "2026 Plan Update"); and

WHEREAS, the objective of the 2026 Plan Update is to identify and reduce vulnerabilities to hazards in order to protect the health, safety, and quality of life of the communities within Suffolk County, as well as the environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services has advised that the 2026 Plan Update satisfies the applicable requirements of the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, provided that the 2026 Plan Update is formally adopted by each signatory; and

WHEREAS, formal adoption of the 2026 Plan Update by all participating signatories is necessary for eligibility for certain Federal hazard mitigation grants pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2026 Plan Update does not require the Authority to implement any particular action item identified or commit any funding for the implementation of any such action item;

NOW THEREFORE,

RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby adopts the 2026 Plan Update; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such adoption shall not constitute a commitment by the Authority to implement any specific action item or commit funding contained in the 2026 Plan Update; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents and take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing resolution.

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

(367-09-026) RESOLVED, To approve Timothy Kilcommons, P.E., Chief Engineer/ Director of Research & Developments request to send one of their Water Quality Engineers, Roland Jezek, P.E. to the AWWA Water Quality (WQ) Technology Conference from November 15-19, 2026, in Memphis TN at a total cost not to exceed Three Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars ($3,200).

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

(368-09-2026) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Altice	$33,278.00
Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC	$26,089.51
Dvirka & Bartilucci	$2,171.00

(369-09-2026) At 4:25 p.m. on motion made by Mr. Porchia duly seconded by Mr. Davidson, the Members went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters.

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

(370-09-2026) RESOLVED, To hire George Gallo Jr. of Shirley, NY to fill the open position of Draftsperson III, Construction Maintenance at a total hourly rate of Forty 32/100 Dollars ($40.32); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(371-09-2026) RESOLVED, To terminate the employment of Steven Clemente #1652, Construction Maintenance Supervisor, unless Steven Clemente voluntarily separates from the Authority within Twenty-four hours (24).

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

(372-09-2026) RESOLVED, To ratify the salary increase for Jonathan Dectar of Blue Point, NY, IT Infrastructure from One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) to One Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand Dollars ($155,000) per year as well as an extra week of vacation time.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, October 29, 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 4:50 p.m.

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Ms. Elizabeth Mercado, Secretary