

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**June 15, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Oluwole A. McFoy**  
**Gerald E. Kelly**  
**Jessica R. Brown**  
**William L. Sunderlin**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Charlie Martorana**  
**Jack McMahon**  
**Fouad Arab**  
**William Ferguson**  
**Damon Sykes**  
**Dustin Steiner**  
**Lisa Foti**  
**Samantha Podlas**  
**Damond Rand**  
**Doug Fultz**  
**Ryan Stotz**  
**Kelly Leeb**  
**Bill Appenheimer**  
**Beth Scheeler**

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the agenda. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2022, meeting. Approved.
3. There were no public comments made at the Buffalo Water Board meeting.
4. Staff Update: Mr. Fultz with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
5. Upon the recommendation of the City of Buffalo Accountant and Buffalo Water Board Rate Consultant, motion made by Ms. Brown to approve the Buffalo Water Board Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Associate Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a contract increase for additional engineering services for the Michigan Avenue and Carlton Street Waterline Rehabilitation Project (contract # 92002258). The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water, and the contract, as amended is approved in an amount not-to-exceed \$14,800.00, including this increase authorized by the Buffalo Water Board. Approved.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Associate Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize the Buffalo Water Board Chairman or his designee to negotiate a Facility Encroachment Agreement proposed by CSX, and to execute and deliver the agreement, following review and approval from City of Buffalo Legal Department. The Buffalo Water Board also authorized a payment in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,750 to enter into this Facility Encroachment Agreement. Approved.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Associate Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a new contract for engineering services for the Rehabilitation of the Kensington (Grider) Water Tower. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water, and the contract is approved in an amount not-to-exceed \$77,500.00. Approved.
9. Mr. Stotz and Mr. Steiner of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. delivered a report of GHD's on-going professional services to assist the Buffalo Water Board on several projects, including: (a) GHD is collaborating with Veolia Water and other stakeholders to develop a Customer Information System and Field Work Order Management System. Negotiations are being planned with the selected firm; (b) GHD is working with Promise Partnership on file transfers and thanked Veolia Water for their assistance; (c) Committees on Affordability and Lead Abatement Programs are continuing to plan and implement programs; (d) GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, the sodium hypochloride system design, electrical upgrades at the plant have commenced, continuing work on the Pipe Loop Project, and the design of flood protection berm structures.
10. Mr. Fultz of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Fultz reported that the Consumer Confidence report is posted on the Buffalo Water Board web site and is being produced and will be distributed soon. He noted that the residuals project will be ramping up in late July and the Impeller for High Service Pump #5 has been replaced. Mr. Sykes reported that Buffalo Water Board has received approximately \$700,000 from New York State programs such as the recently instituted New York State Low Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWA) Program. Veolia Water is developing a campaign to broaden the notice to customers of the benefits of this program and will continue with notices in customer bills through the end of this fiscal year. The LIHWA Program brochure has already been mailed to over 3,000 accounts that have entered into the affordability program.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to adjourn at 9:50 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. This meeting will be held in the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility Administration Building Conference Room located at 2 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201, or by virtual conference call, as authorized by law.