

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**September 7, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Peter Merlo**  
**Jack McMahon**  
**Fouad Arab**  
**Charlie Martorana**  
**William Ferguson**  
**Damon Sykes**  
**Stephen Waldvogel**  
**Lisa Foti**  
**Dustin Steiner**  
**Doug Fultz**  
**Kelly Leeb**  
**Ryan Stotz**  
**Carol Burns**  
**Colleen Makar**  
**David Hill**  
**Delano Dowell**  
**Angelica Morrison**  
**David Connors**  
**Barbara Miller Williams**  
**John Davis**

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

1. Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the revised agenda. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2022, meeting. Approved.
3. None.
4. Discussion regarding recent events in Jackson, Mississippi and are there any additional actions that Buffalo Water can do to prevent a similar tragedy from occurring to our system.
5. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and CHA, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize a cost increase to pay for striping and traffic control on the Michigan Avenue Waterline Project (contract #93002578) for Kandey Company, Inc. 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 \$100,882.43. Approved.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a cost increase and additional engineering services by Wendel in its professional services contract for the 2022 Citywide Water Cut Restoration Program Project (contract #93002798). 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 \$228,600.00. Approved.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Greeman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI), motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a contract substantial completion date extension for Rodems Construction Co., Inc. for the Grover Water Tower Rehabilitation Contract Project (contract #93002943) to December 31, 2022. The time extension is deemed appropriate due to the well documented global supply chain disruptions as well as labor shortages plaguing the United States workforce since the Covid 19 pandemic began. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize a cost increase and additional engineering services by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) in its professional services contract for the Grover Water Tower Rehabilitation Contract Project (contract #93002757). 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 \$125,000.00. Approved.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a cost increase and additional engineering services by Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. in its professional services contract for the Massachusetts Avenue Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Project (contract #93002522). 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 \$106,000.00. Approved.
11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a cost increase and additional engineering services by GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (GHD) in its professional services contract for the Water Treatment Plant Disinfection System Conversion Project (contract #93002547). 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 \$107,000.00. Approved.
12. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and GHD, motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Brown to amend the effective start date of the contract with Promise Partnership to April 1, 2022, with the expiration date being 3 years later, on April 1, 2024. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
13. Mr. Waldvogel, 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 recently applied for a grant for a Lead Service Line Replacement Project totaling \$5.4 million. This project will work with the Buffalo Sewer Authority where applicable using Green Infrastructure strategies. GHD and the BWB are optimistic that our application is successful; (b) GHD is collaborating with Veolia Water and others to develop a Customer Information System and Field Work Order Management System. Documents have been forwarded to the Buffalo Water Board's legal counsel and the City's Law Department for contract review; (c) GHD is working with Promise Partnership on a testing program and business processes; (d) GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, and for among other matters, electrical upgrades at the plant have commenced, continuing work on the Pipe Loop Project, and the Centennial Park Project.

14. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report. Mr. Hill reported that two New York State programs are assisting customers with payments including the New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund and the New York State Low Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWA) Program. Both programs together have generated payments more than \$1.3 million for customers. Veolia Water is developing a campaign to broaden the notice to customers of the benefits of these programs, and will continue distributing notices of the availability of these programs along with customer bills. The LIHWA Program brochure has already been mailed to over 3,000 accounts.

Mr. Hill reported that the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) study is ongoing and will be sent to some Buffalo Water Representatives for initial review when completed. The Customer Information System and Field Work Order Management System is still in development, the South Basin was cleaned in record time and now the North Basin is out - of-service and will begin being cleaned shortly. The Lead & Copper program is having good response from customers so far.

15. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize, and fund an increase to the Veolia Water High Priority Water Maintenance Repairs & Lead Service Line Replacement Limit Account in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water, as part of the Veolia Water Management Agreement. Approved.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to adjourn at 10:15 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, October 5, 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.