

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**February 22, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
**Oluwole A. McFoy**  
**William Sunderlin**  
**Denine N. Jackson**  
**Raymour P. Nosworthy**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
**Peter Merlo**  
**Jack McMahan**  
**David Hill**  
**Doug Fultz**  
**Charlie Martorana**  
**Stephen Waldvogel**  
**Damond Rand**  
**Lisa Foti**  
**Bill Ferguson**  
**Kelly Leeb**  
**Ryan Stotz**  
**John Davis**  
**Fouad Arab**  
**Damond Sykes**  
**Dustin Steiner**  
**Nathan Marton**  
**Matthew Adam**  
**Beth Scheeler**  
**David Connors**  
**Angelica Morrison**

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

1. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Jackson, to approve the agenda. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024, meeting. Approved.
3. Public Comment: After the Chair offered an opportunity for public comments, no comments were received.
4. Staff Update: Mr. Hill, with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and the project engineering consultant Arcadis, motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a no cost change order contract time extension with State Group for the Residuals Systems Improvements Project (contract #93002898). The revised project completion date will be June 30, 2024. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and the project engineering consultant Wendel, motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a no cost change order contract time extension with Destro & Brothers Concrete, Co., Inc. for the 2022 Citywide Water Cut Restoration Program (contract #93003023). The revised project completion date will be June 30, 2024. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.

7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to authorize an increase in funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$415,671.00, for the contract with DiDonato Associates for additional engineering services (contract # 93002633) for the 2020 Waterline Improvements Group A & Group B project. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Jackson, to authorize an increase in funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$316,300.00, for the contract with Hazen and Sawyer for additional engineering services (contract # 93002561) for the Finished Water Improvements Project. The project and contract will continue to 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. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a contract with GHD for Engineering Services for the Water Quality Risk Assessment and Technology Review Project. 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 \$293,700.00. Approved.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to authorize an increase in funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$175,000.00, for the contract with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for additional engineering services (contract # 93003022) for the Kensington Water Town Rehabilitation project. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and the project engineering consultant LaBella, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Jackson to authorize a no cost change order contract time extension with Destro & Brothers Concrete, Co., Inc. for the Water System Improvements – 2021 – Various Locations South (contract #93003110). The revised project completion date will be September 30, 2024. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
12. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to authorize an increase in funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,299.28, for the contract with LaBella for additional engineering services (contract # 93002720) for the Water System Improvements – 2021 – Various Locations South project. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
13. Mr. Waldvogel, Mr. Davis, 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) Mr. Waldvogel reported that Buffalo Water Board is eligible to receive an undefined portion of funding from an \$11.5 million State/Federal funding resource for Lead Service replacement projects; (b) Mr. Davis reported on a presentation by WGRZ-TV on International Women's Day regarding the Buffalo Water Board's women Chemists ; (c) there will be four billboard locations within the City of Buffalo by the end of March 2024 that will promote the Buffalo Water Board Get Water Wise program; (d) GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, the electrical upgrades at the plant, blocks have been moved and temporary fencing has been erected to initiate construction activities for the Berm Project and weekly contractor meetings for work at the Ralph C. Wilson Centennial Park are continuing.

14. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report. Mr. Hill reported that Veolia has initiated biweekly process meetings with Buffalo Water operations team members to discuss current projects and operations to coordinate all parties involved in ongoing Buffalo Water Board construction projects. The Buffalo Water Board collected \$50,108 in the month of January 2024 through the Promise Pay program while the total amount collected throughout the fiscal year was more than \$747,000. Mr. Hill reported that the Specialty Preventive Maintenance Limit Account is approaching 80% of its funding allocation. He will present a proposal for the Buffalo Water Board's consideration at the next Board meeting.

Motion by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nosworthy to adjourn at 10:03 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024, 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, for Board Members and by virtual conference call, as authorized by law.