

**APPROVED  
BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES  
October 23, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
**Oluwole A. McFoy**  
**William L. Sunderlin**  
**Gerald E. Kelly**  
**Raymour P. Nosworthy**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
**Peter J. Merlo**  
**John D. McMahon**  
**David Hill**  
**Douglas Fultz**  
**Charles C. Martorana**  
**Fouad Arab**  
**Stephen Waldvogel**  
**Damond Rand**  
**Kelly Leeb**  
**Christine Wingo**  
**Lisa Foti**  
**Bill Ferguson**  
**Damon Sykes**  
**Dustin Steiner**  
**Connor Bannochie**  
**Matthew Adam**

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

1. Motion by Mr. Nosworthy, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to approve the agenda. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Nosworthy to approve the minutes of the September 26, 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. Mr. Merlo, the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water provided the Buffalo Water Board with an update of the Fluoride Implementation Project.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Nosworthy to authorize a change order contract time extension with Frey Electric Construction Co. for additional Construction Services for the Colonel Ward Pumping Station Electrical Improvements Project (contract #93002903). The revised project completion date will be April 30, 2025. 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 Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Nosworthy to authorize a contract increase in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. for additional Construction Administration/Resident Inspection Services for the Colonel Ward Pumping Station Electrical

Improvements Project (contract #93002484). 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. Nosworthy, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a Budget Amendment. One budget reallocation was presented for the Buffalo Water Board to approve (see attached). Approved.
9. Mr. Waldvogel, Ms. Wingo 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 reviewing the recently released USEPA Lead and Copper Rule and will prepare a summary for the Buffalo Water Board; (b) GHD is working with the Community Care Coalition partners (Open Buffalo and Community Health Center of Buffalo) to provide information to City of Buffalo residents on the benefits of several programs; (c) GHD continues to update materials, utilize the interactive map and monitor activity of the Get Water Wise website; (d) GHD prepared public communications regarding the resumption of fluoride to the water system; (e) GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, the electrical upgrades at the plant, and construction of the Berm project to protect the Colonel Ward Treatment Facility. Weekly contractor meetings for work at Ralph C. Wilson Centennial Park are continuing.
10. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report. Mr. Hill reported that Customer Service Center Agents continue to process applications for the Pathways to Affordable Water programs that guide customers to options that may lower their water bill. At the end of September 2024, 1,822 customers received reduced bills from the Residential Affordable Water Programs (RAWP). Promise Pay has assisted the Buffalo Water Board to collect approximately \$1.19 million water charges through its Payment Plan Program. The Buffalo East Side Homeowner Assistance Fund collected in excess \$135,000 last month. Water System revenues collected for September, 2024 were approximately \$4.0 million, as compared to Budgeted Revenues for September 2024 of \$4.4 million. Mr. Hill indicated that there are several improvement projects currently ongoing at the Water Treatment Facility. Veolia Water conducts weekly meetings with process and laboratory staff.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Seconded by Mr. Nosworthy. Approved.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Nosworthy. Approved.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Nosworthy to adjourn at 10:06 A.M. Approved.

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The Buffalo Water Board members and staff will be present in person at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 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.

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## Budget Amendment

### Budget reallocation:

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