

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**August 21, 2024**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
**Peter Merlo**  
**Jack McMahon**  
**David Hill**  
**Doug Fultz**  
**Charlie Martorana**  
**Fouad Arab**  
**Stephen Waldvogel**  
**Damond Rand**  
**Kelly Leeb**  
**Ryan Stotz**  
**Lisa Foti**  
**Bill Ferguson**  
**Damon Sykes**  
**Dustin Steiner**  
**Michael Wolasz**  
**Matthew Adam**  
**Christine Wingo**

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 July 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. Motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve a Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing to consider revision to the Buffalo Water Board Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges and Designation as Lead Agency Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act on September 26, 2024. Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Jackson to authorize a contract with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) for Engineering Services for the Corrosion Control Services for Water Storage Tanks and Ancillary Equipment 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 \$75,000.00. Approved.
7. 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 Colonel Ward Treatment Plant Residuals Systems Improvements Project (contract #93002898). The

revised project completion date will be December 31, 2024. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and the project engineering consultant DiDonato Engineering & Design Professionals, motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a no cost change order contract time extension with Nova Site Company for the Water Distribution Systems Improvements Various Locations – Group A Project (contract #93003105). The revised project completion date will be June 30, 2025. 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 and the project engineering consultant DiDonato Engineering & Design Professionals, motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Nosworthy to authorize a no cost change order contract time extension with Kandey Company for the Water Distribution Systems Improvements Various Locations – Group B Project (contract #93003116). The revised project completion date will be June 30, 2025. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Jackson to authorize a contract with Erdman Anthony for Engineering Services for the Water Distribution Improvements Various Locations 6 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 \$395,270.00. Approved.
11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Jackson to authorize a contract increase of \$87,500 with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. for additional Engineering Services for the Disinfection Conversion (Sodium Hypochlorite) Project (contract #93003114). The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water and the contract increase is approved in an amount not-to-exceed \$87,500.00. Approved.
12. Motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Jackson to approve a Resolution Granting the State of New York Authority to Perform the Adjustment for the Owner and Agreeing to Maintain Facilities Adjusted Via State-let-Contract. The project involves the New York State Department of Transportation construction, reconstruction, or improvement of the KENSINGTON EXPRESSWAY, SECTION 1, C 60-2 BEST STREET BRIDGE OVER NYS ROUTE 33 AND NEW ELECTRIC SUBSTATION CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY PIN 5512.57, D265294 in the City of Buffalo. 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) Mr. Waldvogel reported that GHD has hired Christine Wingo to assist with the Community Care Coalition partners to share information with City of Buffalo residents on a number of programs; (b) GHD continues to update materials, utilize the interactive map and monitor activity of the Get Water Wise website; (c) GHD with Veolia Water and 120 Water have updated the Water Survey to make water quality data collection more user friendly and easy for the customer, rendering the data more usable for water assessment; (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, and construction of the Berm project to protect the Colonel Ward Treatment Facility. 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 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 July 2024, 1,764 customers have received reduced bills from the Residential Affordable Water Programs (RAWP). Promise Pay has collected approximately \$1.0+ million through its Payment Plan Program. The Buffalo East Side Homeowner Assistance Fund collected in excess \$421,000 last month and has served 2,280 customers. Water System revenues collected for July, 2024 were approximately \$4.1 million, as compared to I Budgeted Revenues for July 2024 of \$4.6 million. Mr. Hill indicated the Limit Account expenditure activity on the Specialty Maintenance Account was approximately 85% and that Veolia Water will present the Buffalo Water Board with a list of projects requiring a funding increase at the next Board meeting.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Jackson to adjourn at 10:20 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 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.