

DRAFT

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES June 10, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**William Sunderlin
Bill Hanley
Debbie Lombardo
Tim Donovan
Scott Billman
Brian Gould**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Peter J. Merlo
John D. McMahon
Fouad Arab
David Hill
Doug Fultz
Charlie Martorana
Bill Ferguson
Stephen Waldvogel
Damon Sykes
Damond Rand
Dustin Steiner
Connor Bannochie
Mike Wolasz
Jeff Mays
Eric Machin
Zac Cox**

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

1. Motion by Ms. Lombardo, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to approve the agenda. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Donovan, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026, meeting. Approved.
3. Public Comment: After the Vice Chair offered an opportunity for public comments, no comments were received.
4. Staff Update: Mr. Fultz and Mr. Mays, with Veolia Water, provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
5. Upon the recommendation by Bill Ferguson, the City of Buffalo Accountant, motion made by Mr. Hanley to approve the Buffalo Water Board Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Recommended Budget, seconded by Mr. Billman. Approved.
6. Motion made by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Lombardo, to postpone consideration of the application of Buffalo Water Board charges for construction of residential structures undertaken by the City of Buffalo as part of the City Owned Housing Projects until the July 2026 Buffalo Water Board meeting. Approved.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Hanley to authorize and fund an increase and extension to an existing contract (contract # 93002927) in an amount not to exceed \$605,023.00 with the University of Buffalo Research Foundation. The additional scope will begin July 1, 2026, and continue through June 30, 2029, at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Plant. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. The contract will be funded in 3 annual payments of \$201,674.33 totaling \$605,023.00. Approved.

8. After a review of competitive bids, and upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Wendel, motion made by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Billman, to approve funding for a contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,090,000.00 with Manning Squires Hennig Co., Inc. for the Colonel Ward Pump Station Roof Replacement and Exterior Improvements General Construction Project. 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 Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Billman to authorize and fund a contract increase in an amount not to exceed \$715,000.00 with Wendel for professional services in connection with the Colonel Ward Pump Station Roof Replacement and Exterior Improvements General Construction Project (contract #93003149). This will be for additional professional services including Construction Administration (CA), Resident Inspection (RI) and Material/Special Inspection phase services over a 16-month construction period. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.

10. Motion made by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Billman to approve GHD Consulting Services, Inc.'s professional services contract for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for Buffalo Water Board Consulting Engineer Services to be funded in an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000.00. Approved.

11. Motion made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Billman to approve Barclay Damon, LLP professional services contract for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for Buffalo Water Board Legal Services to be funded in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00. Approved.

12. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Donovan to authorize a Budget Transfer of \$2,200,000.00 from the Buffalo Water Board Reserves Account into the Structural Improvements Account Number 53023517 473020. Approved.

13. Mr. Steiner and Mr. Rand 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 continuing to assist the Buffalo Water Board and is working with the City of Buffalo, and Veolia Water to prepare and finalize a new Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) Compliance Draft Policy; (b) GHD is working with the City of Buffalo and Veolia Water to prepare an application to submit to NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation for a LCRI grant (c) GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, the electrical upgrades at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility, and survey of the spoils storage area. GHD continues to participate in weekly contractor meetings for development of Ralph C. Wilson Centennial Park.

14. Mr. Fultz and Mr. Sykes of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly Management Report. Mr. Fultz thanked Mr. Wolasz and City employees under his supervision for a great job repairing the 36-inch wash water line at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Plant. He also reported a recent trip to the water intake to perform routine exercise of the gates and coordinating with Wendel representatives to evaluate the intake structure following the winter season. Mr. Sykes provided a financial report on revenue from collections through May, 2026 and projections for the end of the fiscal year with budget and actual financial data.

Motion by Ms. Lombardo, seconded by Mr. Hanley to adjourn at 10:24 A.M. Approved.

The Buffalo Water Board members and staff will be present in person at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

Buffalo Water Board meetings are held in accordance with the New York State Open Meetings Law, Article 7 of the Public Officers' Law. The agenda will be posted on www.Buffalowater.org in advance of the meeting and will provide time for public comment. The public are invited to attend in person or by remote video and audio conference. A computer access "MS Teams" link and a Toll-Free Conference Call Telephone Number will be provided in advance of the meeting. See www.Buffalowater.org or call 716-851-9626 for more information.