

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION

Regular Public Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order

The Public Meeting was called to order at **10:00 A.M.** by President **Deborah Rizzi**.

Roll Call

The following Commissioners were present:

- Gerald Friend
- Rigo Sanchez
- Jeff Levine
- Carmen DePadua
- Ron Van Rensalier
- Ruby Cotton

A quorum was established.

Executive Staff in Attendance

- Yitz Weiss, Comptroller
- Louis Amodio, Administrative Secretary
- Yaacov Brisman, General Counsel
- Sydel Cohen, Personnel Director
- Jim Mueller, Executive Director

Administrative Secretary Louis Amodio certified that all requirements of the **Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.)** were met.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Executive Director's Report

(Report presented; details not provided in notes.)

4. Comptroller's Report

Various financial reports were presented.

5. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Commissioner **Cotton**, seconded by Commissioner **DePadua**.

All Commissioners present responded in the affirmative.

Time: 10:39 A.M.

6. Reconvening of Public Meeting

President Rizzi reconvened the meeting at **11:27 A.M.**

Present:

- Gerry Friend
- Jeffrey Levine
- Carmen DePadua
- Ruby N. Cotton
- Rigo Sanchez

Absent:

- Ron Van Rensalier

A quorum was established.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Cotton

Second: Commissioner DePadua

Approval of the **January 21, 2026, Regular and Executive Session Minutes**.

8. Resolutions

Motion: Commissioner DePadua

Second: Commissioner Sanchez

All Commissioners present voted **Yes** (Van Rensalier absent).

Approved Resolutions

- a) **26-019** – Award Contract 25-V-02: Furnish & Deliver Water Service Boxes and Roadway Boxes
 - b) **26-020** – Award Contract 25-V-04: Furnish & Deliver Repair Clamps, Service Saddles & Couplings
 - c) **26-021** – Re-Bid Contract 26-V-06: Furnish & Deliver Brass Water Service Fittings
 - d) **26-022** – Award Contract 26-B-08: Electrical System Inspection, Maintenance, Testing & Calibration
 - e) **26-023** – Award Contract 26-B-01: Emergency Water Main Repairs & Appurtenance Replacement
 - f) **26-024** – Award Contract 26-V-08: Furnish & Deliver Sulfuric Acid
 - g) **26-025** – Award Contract 26-V-09: Furnish & Deliver Thickening Aid Polymer
 - h) **26-026** – Budget Amendment, Change Order No. 1 for Contract 25-V-01
 - i) **26-027** – Approve Change Order No. 1 for Contract 24-C-05: Professional Security Services
 - j) **26-028** – Agreement with Cintas for Uniforms (Omnia Cooperative Pricing #001299)
 - k) **26-029** – Procurement of Two (2) 2027 Kenworth T880 6x4 Trucks (Sourcewell Contract 032824-KTC)
 - l) **26-030** – Procurement of One (1) 2027 Kenworth T380 4x2 Truck (Sourcewell Contract 032824-KTC)
 - m) **26-031** – Procurement of One (1) Bobcat E60 R2-Series Excavator (Bergen County Bid #24-10)
 - n) **26-032** – Shared Services Agreement with Brick Township MUA for Lab Services
 - o) **26-033** – Award Project 26-PA-01: Arbitrage Calculation & Post-Issuance Tax Compliance
 - p) **26-034** – Award Project 26-C-01: Professional Services for Medical Insurance Matters
 - q) **26-035** – Extend Project 21-P-81: Master Facility Plan for LFWTP
 - r) **26-036** – Solicit Proposals for Owner’s Advisor for PFAS Treatment & Pump Station Improvements
 - s) **26-037** – Final Reconciliation & Change Order No. 1 for Contract 23-B-06 (Gate House & Pump House Rehabilitation)
 - t) **26-038** – Approve Change Order No. 1 for Contract 24-B-02: Water Storage Improvements, Phase 1
 - u) **26-039** – Award Project 26-PE-02: Engineering Services for LFWTP Rehabilitation Projects
 - v) **26-040** – Repair of Industrial Pump #4 (PVSC Contract #B369-14)
 - w) **26-041** – Replacement of Verona Pump #2 (PVSC Contract #B369-14)
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9. Requests for Action

- a) Permission to solicit proposals – **Project 26-PE-15**
Professional Engineering Services for Environmental Regulatory Compliance
Not-to-exceed: \$150,000
Advertise: ~March 2026
Term: 12 months
- b) Permission to solicit proposals – **Project 26-PE-20**
Contract Management Services for Concrete Repairs at Main Pump Station
Not-to-exceed: \$400,000
Advertise: ~June 2026
Term: 24 months
- c) Permission to solicit proposals – **Project 26-PE-21** (Non-Fair & Open)
Professional Architectural Services at LFWTP
Not-to-exceed: \$100,000
Advertise: ~April 2026
Term: 12 months
- d) Permission to solicit proposals – **Project 26-PE-22** (Non-Fair & Open)
Architectural Services for PVWC Facilities
Not-to-exceed: \$75,000
Advertise: ~April 2026
Term: 12 months
- e) Permission to solicit proposals – **Project 26-PT-02** (Non-Fair & Open)
Professional Engineering Services for Piloting PFAS Treatment
Not-to-exceed: \$750,000
Advertise: ~April 2026
Term: 20 months (through Dec. 31, 2027)
- g) Permission to solicit proposals – **Project 26-PT-03** (Non-Fair & Open)
Professional Engineering Services for Corrosion Control & Microbiological Treatment
Not-to-exceed: \$75,000
Advertise: ~April 2026
Term: 12 months
- h) Permission to advertise **Contract 26-B-10**: Tank Integrity Testing (2-year contract)
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10. Recommendations from Executive Conference

a) Promotion

Carmelo Hernandez

- From: Water Repairer 2
- To: Water Repairer 3 (Provisional)
- Department: Distribution
- Current Salary: \$93,279

- New Salary: \$95,838

b) New Hire

Richard Tecchio

- Title: Provisional Water Superintendent
- Department: Purification
- Salary: \$193,593

c) New Title

Keyboarding Clerk 1 – Bilingual

- Department: Customer Service
- Range: \$40,000 – \$72,465

d) Separations

Maintenance Department

- William Torrento, Maintenance Superintendent – Retired 1/1/2026
- Richard Zangoglia, Building Superintendent – Retired 1/1/2026

Purification Department

- Dave Melnick, Assistant Water Superintendent – Retired 2/1/2026

Laboratory Department

- Anthony Crolla, Water Sample Collector – Resigned 2/6/2026

The Board approved a contract with **The Giddings Group** to conduct a search for a new Executive Director.

11. New Business

Motion: Commissioner Cotton

Second: Commissioner Friend

All Commissioners present voted **Yes** (Van Rensalier absent).

Approval of **Summary of Disbursements & Payrolls** through **February 26, 2025**, totaling **\$13,166,597.23**, certified by Treasurer Van Rensalier and Comptroller Weiss. Commissioner Cotton abstained on checks **257288, 156588, and 257413**.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **March 25, 2026**, at **10:00 A.M.**

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **11:31 A.M.**

