

# PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION

## Regular Public Meeting Minutes

APRIL 22, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

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### 1. Call to Order

The Public Meeting was called to order at **10:03 A.M.** by President **Deborah Rizzi**.

#### Roll Call

The following Commissioners were present:

- Gerald Friend
- Rigo Sanchez
- Jeff Levine
- Carmen DePadua (Absent)
- Ron Van Rensalier (Absent)
- 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 (Absent)
- 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.

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### 2. Public Comment

None.

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### 3. Executive Director's Report

(Report presented; details not provided in notes.)

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## 4. Comptroller's Report

Various financial reports were presented.

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## 5. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Commissioner **Ruby N. Cotton**, seconded by Commissioner **Jeff Levine**.

**Time: 10:45 A.M.**

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## 6. Reconvening of Public Meeting

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

Present:

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

A quorum was established.

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## 7. Consent Agenda

**Motion:** Commissioner Ruby N. Cotton

**Second:** Commissioner Gerry Friend

Approval of March **25, 2026, Regular and Executive Session Minutes.**

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## 8. Resolutions

**Motion:** Commissioner Ruby N. Cotton

**Second:** Commissioner Gerry Friend

All Commissioners present voted **Yes**

### Approved Resolutions

- a) Resolution No. 26-057  
Resolution to Reject the One (1) Bid Received and Permit PVWC to Modify Specifications and Re-Bid Contract 26-V-17"

- b) Resolution No. 26-058  
Resolution to Reject the One (1) Bid Received as Non-Responsive and Permit PVWC to Re-Bid Contract 26-B-10
- c) Resolution No 26-059  
Resolution to Award Contract 26-V-10 Entitled “Furnish and Deliver Ferric Sulfate”
- d) Resolution No. 26-060  
Resolution to Award Contract 26-V-11 Entitled “Furnish and Deliver Polyaluminum Chloride”
- e) Resolution No. 26-061  
Resolution to Award Contract 26-V-12 Entitled “Furnish and Deliver Hydrogen Peroxide”
- f) Resolution No. 26-062  
Resolution to Award Contract 26-V-13 Entitled “Furnish and Deliver Flocculation Aid Dry Polymer”
- g) Resolution No. 26-063  
Resolution to Award Contract 26-V-06 Entitled “Brass Water Service Fittings” (Re-Bid)
- h) Resolution No. 26-064  
Resolution to Approve Change Order No. 2 for Contract No. 24-V-13 Entitled "Hot Mix Asphalt"
- i) Resolution No. 26-065  
Resolution Awarding Project 25-PA-13 Entitled “Document Management and Retention Solutions”
- j) Resolution No. 26-066  
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PE-03 Entitled “Professional Engineering Services for Rehabilitation of Water Treatment Processes at the LFWTP”
- k) Resolution No. 26-067  
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PE-06 Entitled “Professional Services for Program Management of PVWC’s Water Main Replacement Program and Management of Commission’s Master Permit with NJDEP”
- l) Resolution No. 26-068  
Resolution Extending Project 25-PE-12 Entitled “Professional Services for Conducting Condition Assessments on PVWC’s Transmission Mains to the PVWC Reservoirs”
- m) Resolution No. 26-069  
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PE-15 Entitled “Professional Engineering Services for Environmental Regulatory Compliance Issues”

- n) Resolution No. 26-070  
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PE-17 Entitled “Professional Services for Design of Structural Reinforcement of New Street Dam and Perform Miscellaneous Inspections and Other Regulatory Compliance Issues for PVWC's Dams”
- o) Resolution No. 26-071  
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PE-23 Entitled “Perform Construction Management and Inspection Services for Water Main Replacements within the Beech Street Area in North Arlington”
- p) Resolution No. 26-072  
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PE-25 Entitled “Professional Services for Meter Replacement Program: Construction Administration and Management Services for the Meter Replacement Program, Phase 2”
- q) Resolution No. 26-073  
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PT-03 Entitled “Professional Engineering Services for Corrosion Control and Microbiological Treatment”
- r) Resolution No. 26-074  
Resolution to Amend Budget Amendment, Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. 24-B-05 Entitled “Water Storage Improvements, Phase 1, Levine Water Tanks”
- s) Resolution No. 26-075  
Resolution for Final Reconciliation for Contract Closeout, Change Order No. 3, Contract No. 19-B-22 Entitled “Architectural Rehabilitation of PVWC’s Main Pump Station, Superintendent’s Building and Jackson Ave. Pump Station, Totowa & Wayne, NJ”
- t) Resolution No. 26-076  
Resolution Approving Change Order No 1 for Contract 25-V-03 Entitled” Furnish and Deliver Ferric Sulfate”
- u) Resolution No. 26-077  
Resolution authorizing PVWC to procure First Aid Kits, Bloodborne Pathogen Kits, Rescue Oxygen Breathing Apparatuses and Defibrillators Utilizing Omnia Cooperative Pricing Agreement #001299 – Workplace Solutions
- v) Resolution No. 26-078  
Resolution to Approve Change Order No. 1 for First Aid Kits, Bloodborne Pathogen Kits, Rescue Oxygen Breathing Apparatuses and Defibrillators
- w) Resolution No. 26-079  
Resolution to Procure One (1) E60 R-2 Series Bobcat Compact Excavator for Distribution Department Utilizing the Bergen County Cooperative, Contract #24-10
- x) Resolution No. 26-080  
Resolution for Budget Amendment, Change Order No. 3 for Contract No. 22-B-08 Entitled “Lead Service Line Replacement in the Main System”

- y) Resolution No. 26-081  
Resolution to Approve the Dry Polymer VFD Controls Replacement Project
  - z) Resolution No. 26-082  
Resolution to Approve the Standard RTU Replacements Project
  - aa) Resolution No. 26-083  
Resolution to Procure Communication Upgrades for the PVWC Chemical Building Project through the Somerset County Cooperative, Contract CC-0056-25
  - bb) Resolution No. 26-084  
Resolution Requesting Approval of Emergency Procurement for Chittenden Road Emergency Repair Materials
  - cc) Resolution No. 26-085  
Resolution to Approve the Procurement of Services from Advanced Utility Systems to Perform Tasks Necessary to the Implementation of New Financial Management System
  - dd) Resolution No. 26-086  
Resolution for Final Reconciliation for Contract Closeout, Change Order No. 1, Contract No. 24-B-02 Entitled “New Roofs and Miscellaneous Repairs for Various Buildings at PVWC LFWTP”
  - ee) Resolution No. 26-087  
Resolution to Approving Change Order No. 2 for Project No. 25-PT-02 Entitled “Professional Services for Piloting PFAS Treatment
  - ff) Resolution No. 26-88  
Resolution Authorizing the Sale of PVWC Owned Water System
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## **9. Requests for Action**

- a) Request Permission to Solicit Proposals under the Non-Fair and Open Process for Project No. 26-PA-10 entitled Professional Services for Data Center Feasibility Study”
- b) Request Permission to Solicit Proposals under the Non-Fair and Open Process for Project No. 26-PE-14, entitled “Professional Services for Main Pump Station Operations Support.” The contract will have a not-to-exceed amount of \$180,000, will be awarded in May 2026 and will cover a 12-month term.
- c) Request Permission to Solicit Proposals under the Non-Fair and Open Process for Project No. 26-PE-18, entitled “Professional Services for Design and Upgrades of HVAC and Electrical Systems and Inspection Services at the Clifton Distribution /Customer Service Building.” The contract will have a not-to-exceed amount of \$450,000, will be awarded in May 2026 and will cover a 33-month term.

- d) Request Permission to Solicit Proposals under the Non-Fair and Open Process for Project No. 26-PE-19, entitled “Professional Services for Design of Electrical Systems and HVAC Upgrades.” The contract will have a not-to-exceed amount of \$460,000, Will be awarded in May 2026 and will cover a 12-month term.
- e) Request Permission to Solicit Proposals under the Non-Fair and Open Process for Project No. 26-PT-01, entitled “Professional Engineering Services for Disinfection Optimization and Related Matters.” The contract will have a not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000, will be awarded in May 2026, and will cover a 12-month term.
- f) Request Permission to Advertise Contract 26-B-09 Entitled “Mountain Avenue Area Drainage Improvements.” The contract is anticipated to cost \$1,750,000 with a tentative award in November 2026 and will have a duration of 12 months.
- g) Request Permission to Advertise Contract 26-B-12 Entitled “North Arlington Beech Street Water Main Replacement.” The contract is anticipated to cost \$12,000,000, will be awarded in May 2026 and will have a duration of 12 months.
- h) Request Permission to Advertise Contract 26-B-13 Entitled “Interim Upgrades to Intake Canal Facility.” The contract is anticipated to cost \$5,300,000, and will be Awarded in September 2026 and will have a duration of 24 months.
- i) Request for Permission to Advertise Contract No. 26-B-14 "Water Main Replacement", Paterson, Phase 1: Garret Heights Service Area." The contract is anticipated to cost \$2,500,000, will be advertised in May 2026, and will have a duration of 12 months.
- j) **Modify Action Item from the November 2025 Board Approval: Request Permission to Advertise Contract 26-B-07 Entitled “LFWTP Chemical Fill Station Improvements.” The contract is anticipated to cost \$300,000, and will be awarded in May 2026 and will have a duration of 12 months.”**
- k) Request Permission to Solicit Proposals under the Fair and Open Process for Legal Services
  - 1) Project 26-PL-01 - Professional Legal Services for Review of Land Use and Related Matters
  - 2) Project 26-PL-02 - Professional Bond Counsel Services
  - 3) Project 26-PL-03 - Professional Legal Services Related to Loss Prevention, Insurance, Personal Injury Defense & Related Matters
  - 4) Project 26-PL-04 - Professional Legal Services for Bankruptcy, Delinquencies and Related Matters

- 5) Project 26-PL-05 - Professional Legal Services Related to Employment Law/Personnel Matters and Other Related or Miscellaneous Legal Matters
  - 6) Project 26-PL-06 - Special Counsel Services: Litigations, Contracts & Regulatory, Legislative & Policy Matters
  - 7) Project 26-PL-07 - Professional Legal Services – Hearing Officer for Personnel Matters
  - 8) Project 26-PL-08 - Professional Legal Services for Real Property Tax Appeals & Related Matters
  - 9) Project 26-PL-09 - Special Counsel for Investigations
  - 10) Project 26-PL-10 – Professional Legal Services Related to Workers’ Compensation Law and Related Matters
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## 10. Recommendations from Executive Conference

### Promotion:

1. Eric Sinke to *provisional* Chemist 3 (CSC List)

**Laboratory Dept.**

Current Position: Chemist 2

Current Salary: \$99,406.44

Current Range: \$85,000 - \$120,801.02

**Proposed Title: Chemist 3**

Title Salary: \$107,550.66

Title Range: \$90,000 - \$140,127.53

### New Title:

2. **Mechanical Engineer Trainee**

**Engineering Dept:**

Proposed Range: \$60,000 - \$67,112.50

3. **Electrical Engineer Trainee**

**Engineering Dept:**

Proposed Range: \$60,000 - \$67,112.50

4. **Environmental Engineer Trainee**

**Engineering Dept:**

Proposed Range: \$60,000 - \$67,112.50

### Separations:

**Distribution Dept.**

Resigned: Anthony Fazzinga Jr., Laborer 1, 4/3/2026

**Laboratory Dept.**

Separated: Chirag Trivedi, Chemist 3, 3/20/2026

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## **11. New Business**

**Motion:** Commissioner Ruby N. Cotton

**Second:** Commissioner Gerry Friend

All Commissioners present voted **Yes**

Approval of **Summary of Disbursements & Payrolls** through **April 22, 2026**, totaling **\$8,120,751.47**, certified by Treasurer Van Rensalier and Comptroller Weiss.

Commissioner Cotton abstained on checks **257766**.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, **May 27, 2026**, at **10:00 A.M.**

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## **12. Adjournment**

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