

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION

Regular Public Meeting Minutes

MAY 27, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

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
- Ron Van Rensalier
- Ruby Cotton (Absent)

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 **Rigo Sanchez**, seconded by Commissioner **Gerald Friend**.

Time: 10:47 A.M.

6. Reconvening of Public Meeting

President Rizzi reconvened the meeting at **11:48 A.M.**

Present:

- Gerry Friend
- Jeffrey Levine
- Ron Van Rensalier
- Rigo Sanchez
- Carmen DePadua

A quorum was established.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Rigo Sanchez

Second: Commissioner Carmen DePadua

Approval of April 22, 2026, **Regular and Executive Session Minutes**.

8. Resolutions

Motion: Commissioner Rigo Sanchez

Second: Commissioner Carmen DePadua

All Commissioners present voted **Yes**

Commissioner Friend Voted No on Resolution's 26-102,103,104,105

Tabled-Resolution's 26-108,109, and 112

Approved Resolutions

- a. Resolution No. 26-088
Resolution of the Passaic Valley Water Commission Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$6,950,000 Principal Amount of Project Notes Relating to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and Determining Various Matters Pertaining Thereto
- b. Resolution No. 26-089
Resolution of the Passaic Valley Water Commission Declaring Its Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Project Costs from the Proceeds of Debt Obligations of the Commission, Including in Connection with Its Participation in the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank's Water Bank Financing Program
- c. Resolution No. 26-090
Series 2026 Supplemental Resolution No. 4 Supplementing the Passaic Valley Water Commission's General Bond Resolution Duly Adopted May 27, 1992, as Amended and Supplemented and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$6,950,000
Principal Amount of Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 in One or More Series of the Commission and Determining Various Matters Pertaining Thereto
- d. Resolution No. 26-091
Resolution Approving Change Order No. 3 for Project 25-PT-02 Entitled "Professional Services for Piloting PFAS Treatment – Cornwell Engineering Group in the Amount of \$551,501.00
- e. Resolution No. 26-092
Resolution Renewing Contract 24-B-15 Entitled "Paterson and Prospect Park Concrete Restoration"
D&L Paving - \$495,000.00
- f. Resolution No. 26-093
Resolution Renewing Contract 24-B-16 Entitled "Clifton, Passaic, Lodi & North Arlington Concrete Restoration"
D&L Paving - \$495,000.00
- g. Resolution No. 26-094
Resolution Extending Contract 25-B-06 Entitled "Great Notch Reservoir Dam Maintenance"
Colonnelli Brothers, Inc. - \$339,209.00 (No Change to Contract Amount)
- h. Resolution No. 26-095
Resolution Extending Project 25-PE-15 Entitled "Professional Architectural Services for Concrete Repairs at the Main Pump Station Building"
Bilow Garrett Group - \$100,000.00 (No Change to Contract Amount)

- i. Resolution No. 26-096
Resolution Extending Project 25-PE-24 Entitled “Professional Architectural Services for PVWC’s Clifton Facility”
Coppa Montalbano Architects - \$75,000.00
- j. Resolution No. 26-097
Resolution Approving Change Order No 1 for Contract 23-B-13 Entitled “Trench Spoils, Asphalt and Concrete Removal and Disposal Services”
JR Haftek – Change Order Amount \$443,892.66 - New Contract Amount \$2,009,892.60
- k. Resolution No. 26-098
Resolution Approving Change Order No 1 for Contract 24-C-02 Entitled”
Financial Management Software”
Oracle - Change Order Amount \$26,953.29 - New Contract Amount \$453,296.29
- l. Resolution No. 26-099
Resolution Approving Change Order No 2 for Contract 25-V-05 Entitled
“Flocculation Aid Dry Polymer Clarifloc A3333P”
Polydyne - Change Order Amount \$5,115.00 - New Contract Amount \$107,415.00
- m. Resolution No. 26-100
Resolution Approving Change Order No 2 for Contract 25-V-03 Entitled”
Furnish and Deliver Ferric Sulfate”
Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. - Change Order Amount \$223,912.96 - New Contract Amount \$3,913,801.90
- n. Resolution No. 26-101
Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of Thirty (30) Hach SC4500 Controllers as Proprietary Goods
Hach - \$99,762.90
- o. Resolution No. 26-102
Resolution to Procure One (1) 2026 3500 Sierra Crew Cab Service Truck for the Garage Utilizing the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing Agreement, Contract #65 MCESCCPS
Frank’s Truck Center - \$128,128.92
- p. Resolution No. 26-103
Resolution to Procure One (1) 2027 Kenworth T420 4X2 Single Axle Dump Truck for the Distribution Department Utilizing the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing Agreement, Contract 032824-KTC
Gabielli Truck Sales - \$189,600.44
- q. Resolution No. 26-104
Resolution to Procure One (1) 2026 Ford Transit T-350 HR Cargo RWD Service Van for Maintenance Utilizing the New Jersey Cooperative Pricing Alliance, Contract #CK04, BC-BID-24-43
All American Ford of Paramus - \$54,741.60

- r. Resolution No. 26-105
Resolution to Procure Four (4) 2026 Transit-250 Cargo RWD Service Vans for Maintenance Utilizing the New Jersey Cooperative Pricing Alliance, Contract #CK04, BC-BID-24-43
Route 23 Auto Mall - \$201,186.40
- s. Resolution No. 26-106
Resolution Authorizing the PVWC to Procure Genetec Synergis Access Control System Utilizing the Somerset County Cooperative, #CC-0056-25, Hunterdon HCES-CAT-25-06-R, Hunterdon HCES-CAT-25-10 – Unified Technology Partners - \$1,087,205.68
- t. Resolution No. 26-107
Resolution to Procure Renewal of PVWC’s Annual Subscription of Granicus Website Support Utilizing the Omnia National Purchasing Cooperative
Granicus - \$64,299.45
- u. Resolution Authorizing Lease Agreement with Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Temporary Construction Laydown Area at PVWC Property, Totowa, New Jersey
PSE&G – Payment to PVWC \$1,306.00 (Monthly throughout Construction)
- v. Resolution No. 26-110
Resolution Authorizing Easement Agreement with 522 Valley Estates LLC for Meter Chamber Access at 522 Valley Road, Clifton, New Jersey
522 Valley Road, Clifton, New Jersey
- w. Resolution No. 26-111
Resolution Authorizing Easement Agreement with Pegasus 450 Belleville Tpke, LLC and SPG 500 Belleville Turnpike Urban Renewal LLC, North Arlington, New Jersey
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- x. Resolution No. 26-113
Resolution Rescinding PVWC Resolution No. 26-065
- y. Resolution No. 26-114
Resolution for Permission to Solicit Proposals Utilizing Competitive Contracting for Project 26-C-06 Entitled “Document Management and Retention Solutions”
- z. Resolution No. 26-115
Resolution to Authorize the Sales of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website

- aa. Resolution No. 26-116
Resolution Approving Change Order No 3 Extending Contract 20-P-91 Entitled “Professional Services for FERC Regulatory-Required Improvements to PVWC's Intake Canal Facilities and Interfacing with Project 15-P-41”
Ramboll Americas Engineering - \$2,498,800.00 (No Change to Contract Amount)
- bb. Resolution No. 26-117
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PT-01 Entitled “Professional Engineering Services for Disinfection Optimization and Related Matters”
Process Applications Inc. - \$35,000.00
- cc. Resolution No. 26-118
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PE-24 Entitled “Professional Engineering Services for Filter Optimization Carollo Engineers Inc. - \$150,000.00
- dd. Resolution No. 26-119
Resolution Authorizing an Indemnification and Hold Harmless with The Township of Wayne, NJ for use The Point View Reservoir in Wayne, NJ for the purpose of in-service training for the Township’s Police Department.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Request permission to advertise Contract No. 26-B-11 "Liquid Oxygen System Upgrades." This Construction contract will replace liquid and gas piping, regulators and implement safety improvements of the liquid oxygen system at the Little Falls Water Treatment Plant. The total cost for this 12-month contract is anticipated to be on the order of \$3,000,000. We anticipate this publicly bid contract to be awarded in September 2026.
2. Request to prepare a Request for Proposals and solicit proposals for Contract No. 26-PE-27 "Construction Management Services for Overseeing Liquid Oxygen System Upgrades” under the Non-Fair and Open Process. This 18-month contract will oversee all work associated with the upgrades to be made to the liquid oxygen at the Little Falls Water Treatment Plant. The total cost for this project is anticipated to be \$300,000. We anticipate this public bid contract to be awarded in July 2026.
3. Request permission to advertise Contract No. 26-B-15 "Main Pump Station Floor and Structural Concrete Rehabilitation." This Construction contract will perform rehabilitation of the Main Pump Station floor and structural concrete in basement. The total cost for this 36-month contract is anticipated to be on order of \$15,000,000. We anticipate this publicly bid contract to be awarded in November 2026.

4. Request to prepare a Request for Proposals and solicit proposals for Contract No. 26-PE-20 "Construction Management to Oversee Concrete Rehabilitation at the Main Pump Station Building" under the Fair and Open Process. This 36-month contract will oversee all work associated with the rehabilitation of the Main Pump Station floor and structural concrete in basement. The total cost for this project is anticipated to be \$1,000,000. We anticipate this publicly bid contract to be awarded in November 2026.

10. Recommendations from Executive Conference

Promotion:

1. **Lilia Negrete to *provisional* Comptroller (CSC List)**
Accounting Dept.
Current Position: Principal Accountant
Current Salary: \$149,559
Current Range: \$80,000 - \$149,559
Proposed Title: Comptroller
Title Salary: \$158,112
Title Range: \$78,000 - \$192,328

2. **Josefina Silva to *provisional* Senior Security Guard Bilingual**
Maintenance Dept.
Current Position: Security Guard
Current Salary: \$84,186
Current Range: \$42,000 - \$84,187
Proposed Title: Senior Security Guard Bilingual
Title Salary: \$84,949
Title Range: \$65,000 - \$88,000

3. **Michael Irvolino to *provisional* Senior Public Works Inspector**
Engineering Dept.
Current Position: Public Works Inspector
Current Salary: \$100,279
Current Range: \$45,000 - \$100,279
Proposed Title: Senior Public Works Inspector
Title Salary: \$103,539
Title Range: \$45,000 - \$116,580

4. **Lana Frazier to *provisional* Senior Public Works Inspector**
Engineering Dept.
Current Position: Public Works Inspector
Current Salary: \$100,279
Current Range: \$45,000 - \$100,279
Proposed Title: Senior Public Works Inspector
Title Salary: \$103,539
Title Range: \$45,000 - \$116,580

New Hire:

5. **Frank Crocitto, as a *provisional* Senior Maintenance Repairer Mason
Maintenance Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$70,900
Title Range: \$50,000-\$83,272**

6. **Tomas Aviles, as a *provisional* Meter Worker 1/Meter Repairer (CSC List)
Distribution Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$42,000
Title Range: \$42,000 -\$79,954**

7. **Yusuf Drye, as a *provisional* Laborer 1
Maintenance Dept./Distribution Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$38,000
Title Range: \$38,000-\$76,498**

8. **Julian Szetela, as a *provisional* Laborer 1
Maintenance Dept./Distribution Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$38,000
Title Range: \$38,000-\$76,498**

9. **Sylvester Huffin, as a *provisional* Laborer 1
Maintenance Dept./Distribution Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$38,000
Title Range: \$38,000-\$76,498**

10. **James Buckalew, as a *provisional* Laborer 1
Maintenance Dept./Distribution Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$38,000
Title Range: \$38,000-\$76,498**

11. **George Pino, as a *provisional* Laborer 1
Maintenance Dept./Distribution Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$38,000
Title Range: \$38,000-\$76,498**

12. **Kah’Jir Acey, as a *provisional* Laborer 1
Maintenance Dept./Distribution Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$38,000
Title Range: \$38,000-\$76,498**

13. **William Davies, as a *provisional* Laborer 1
Maintenance Dept./Distribution Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$38,000
Title Range: \$38,000-\$76,498**

New Title:

14. **Water Sample Collector/Laboratory Technician Water Analysis
Laboratory Dept:
Proposed Range: \$50,000-\$80,889**

Separations:

Engineering Dept.

Retired: John Feliciano, Sr. Public Works Inspector, 5/1/2026

Resolution 26-120 Consent Decree

Resolution 26-121 Grade Construction

11. New Business

Motion: Commissioner Rigo Sanchez

Second: Commissioner Carmen DePadua

All Commissioners present voted **Yes**

Approval of **Summary of Disbursements & Payrolls** through **May 27, 2026**, totaling **\$32,722,551.98**, certified by Treasurer Van Rensalier and Comptroller Weiss.

Commissioner Cotton abstained on checks **257766**.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **June 24, 2026**, at **10:00 A.M.**

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **11:54 A.M.**