

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION **SPECIAL** MEETING OF
AUGUST 12, 2026

(OPEN SESSION)

C O M M I S S I O N E R S P R E S E N T:

DEBORAH RIZZI, President

CARMEN DEPADUA, Vice President

RONALD VAN RENSALIER, Treasurer

RUBY COTTON, Secretary

RIGO SANCHEZ **(Absent)**

JEFFREY LEVINE

GERALD G. FRIEND

A L S O P R E S E N T:

YITZ WEISS, Interim Executive Director/Comptroller

LOUIS AMODIO, Interim Business

Administrator/Administrative Secretary

YAACOV BRISMAN, General Counsel

1 MR. AMODIO: Call the meeting to order.

2 PRESIDENT RIZZI: Good morning. Call the
3 meeting to order.

4 Thank you for being this morning.

5 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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7 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
8 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
9 Sanchez is absent)

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11 MR. AMODIO: Time is 10:31 a.m.

12 You have a quorum.

13 All of the requirements of the Open Public
14 Meetings Act have been met. Notices have been
15 furnished to all Commissioners; City Clerks of
16 Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; North Jersey
17 Herald News; The Record - Passaic County edition
18 and the Commission's Executive Staff with a copy
19 posted at the main bulletin board at the Clifton
20 facility.

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22 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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24 MR. AMODIO: Next step, please bring the
25 candidate in.

1 PRESIDENT RIZZI: Hold on, Yaacov?

2 MR. BRISMAN: If you don't mind,
3 Commissioners, with the permission of the Board
4 President and I also advised the Board Secretary,
5 I have two quick things, if I may.

6 Number one is, I don't need a resolution,
7 but I just need authority. We were approached by
8 an outside firm that does class action lawsuits.
9 There's a large class action lawsuit for PVC
10 piping. We actually order very little PVC piping,
11 we're copper, but we want to join the class
12 because we do order it on occasion. This probably
13 will not resolve itself for years, but I want to
14 be on the list so whenever there is a resolution
15 and a settlement we get the money. So I just want
16 an authorization to sign the papers on behalf of
17 the Commission so we can join the class.

18 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Move it.

19 COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Second.

20 PRESIDENT RIZZI: All in favor.

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22 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
23 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
24 Sanchez is absent)

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1 MR. BRISMAN: Thank you for that,
2 Commissioners.

3 The other thing is, and I sent an email to
4 the legal affairs committee on the 28th, we talked
5 about this easement for PSE&G. They're doing a
6 \$15 million underwater improvement. We already
7 have, I checked with Engineering, there are
8 perpetual easements on that property already.
9 They actually raised it, you know, Commissioner
10 Friend I think gets a lot of the credit,
11 Commissioner Levine, Commissioner Depadua, they
12 pushed for more money, they actually raised it and
13 they never do this, they were very upset with us,
14 but they raised it to \$50,000. But they put
15 infrastructure there. It's another utility. I've
16 been assured, we have other perpetual easements on
17 that site, it is not an issue. We have many
18 easements of this nature, I respectfully ask,
19 we've gotten a significant increase, it's not
20 something that's going to go away because it's
21 part of a utilities infrastructure improvement,
22 it's a \$15 million project. Respectfully, I would
23 like a motion, I would like to approve this this
24 way we could move forward.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Is it still in

1 perpetuity?

2 MR. BRISMAN: Yes, just like they all are.
3 There's many others like that, because they don't
4 invest that kind of money. It will not impact our
5 operations at all and there's already on-site
6 perpetual easements.

7 So, respectfully, I would request a motion
8 and a second to approve it and a roll call.

9 COMMISSIONER COTTON: What was it
10 originally, Yaacov?

11 MR. BRISMAN: Do you remember how much
12 originally they offered?

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: 24,000 to I think
14 80, something like that.

15 MR. BRISMAN: I don't remember.

16 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: It was about three,
17 four times as much.

18 COMMISSIONER COTTON: How much are they
19 offering now?

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I think it was 80
21 something.

22 MR. BRISMAN: No, no, they had offered 24,
23 they're up to 50,000.

24 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Okay. For how long?

25 MR. BRISMAN: It's perpetuity.

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Well, there was
2 another one.

3 MR. BRISMAN: Between the two it was 80.
4 The other one was already approved.

5 So if I could get a motion, please?

6 COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: I motion it. Let's
7 get this done.

8 PRESIDENT RIZZI: Second?

9 MR. BRISMAN: Ruby, do you second the
10 motion? Will you second?

11 COMMISSIONER COTTON: She can't second?

12 MR. BRISMAN: She could.

13 COMMISSIONER COTTON: She really
14 shouldn't, but...

15 MR. BRISMAN: Okay.

16 PRESIDENT RIZZI: I second.

17 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Okay, she can.

18 MR. BRISMAN: If you don't mind, Mr.
19 Amodio, doing a roll call for the PSE&G easement.

20 MR. AMODIO: And who made the motion?

21 MR. BRISMAN: Commissioner Depadua;
22 seconded by President Rizzi.

23 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

24 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Reluctantly, yes.

25 MR. AMODIO: I guess that's a no.

1 MR. BRISMAN: Abstain.

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3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
4 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
5 Sanchez is absent. Commissioner Van Rensalier is
6 not in the room)

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8 MR. BRISMAN: We have four.

9 PRESIDENT RIZZI: Let me get them in.

10 MR. BRISMAN: Thank you very much,
11 Commissioners.

12 PRESIDENT RIZZI: We need a motion for
13 closed session.

14 MR. BRISMAN: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Second.

17 PRESIDENT RIZZI: All in favor.

18 MR. AMODIO: Give me one second,
19 Commissioner. It was Commissioner Friend?

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER COTTON: And Cotton.

22 MR. AMODIO: And Commissioner Cotton.

23 PRESIDENT RIZZI: Okay. So as far as
24 closed session, I think we may ask staff to excuse
25 themselves so that the interviews are done by the

1 Commissioners.

2 MR. BRISMAN: Do you want me to call in
3 the...

4 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Who's first?

5 PRESIDENT RIZZI: We're recusing staff,
6 correct?

7 MR. AMODIO: It's 10:37 a.m.

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9 (Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public
10 Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public
11 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and.

12 Whereas, the public body is of the opinion
13 that such circumstances presently exist;

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
15 Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission:

16 1. The public shall be excluded from
17 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
18 matters; the general nature of the subject matters
19 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
20 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Law, and other
21 matters as may be discussed in camera.

22 2. It is anticipated at this time that
23 the above-stated subject matters will be ratified
24 during public meeting following or as soon
25 thereafter as the reason for discussion no longer

1 exists.

2 3. This resolution shall take effect
3 immediately.

4 Second by Commissioner Cotton)

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8 PRESIDENT RIZZI: Everybody open.

9 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Take the roll call.

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11 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
12 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
13 Sanchez is absent)

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15 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Now, motion to
16 adjourn.

17 COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Second.

18 PRESIDENT RIZZI: All in favor.

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20 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 12:52
21 p.m.)

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