

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION **SPECIAL** MEETING OF
AUGUST 13, 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

YAACOV BRISMAN, General Counsel

1 PRESIDENT RIZZI: Good morning everybody.
2 Let's get started.

3 MR. WEISS: I'll take the roll.

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5 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
6 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
7 Levine is not present yet. Commissioner Sanchez
8 is absent)

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

18 And we can begin by having a Pledge of
19 Allegiance.

20 Lynann, would you lead us?

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22 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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24 MR. BRISMAN: Before we go into Executive
25 Session, is there any public business that needs

1 to be attended to?

2 MR. WEISS: No, but one last minute
3 addition to the agenda.

4 MR. BRISMAN: Okay.

5 MR. WEISS: Yeah, there's one last minute
6 addition to the agenda that I believe all of you
7 know about because I spoke to you individually.

8 We have an opportunity to hire a Water
9 Sample Collector, somebody who has already been
10 interviewed. She would have been on the agenda
11 for the meeting at the end of the month, we're
12 just not a hundred percent sure that that meeting
13 will take place. We didn't want to have to wait
14 until the end of September to be able to hire her
15 because the Lab, as you know, is desperate to get
16 water sample collectors. This is for a Water
17 Sample Collector/Lab Tech Water Analysis. So
18 these are people that are going to be cross
19 trained.

20 She's somebody who has experience, which
21 is also rare for us. The interviews are already
22 done and she was well received.

23 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Was she
24 presented to the committee?

25 MR. WEISS: I spoke to the committee chair

1 yesterday and he said if this is something we
2 need, he's fine with putting it on the agenda for
3 today and then I spoke with President Rizzi and
4 she concurred.

5 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Move it.

6 MR. WEISS: Moved by Commissioner Friend.

7 Second?

8 COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Second.

9 MR. WEISS: Second by Commissioner
10 Depadua.

11 MR. BRISMAN: We need a roll call vote.

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13 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
14 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
15 Levine is not present yet. Commissioner Sanchez
16 is absent)

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18 (Whereupon, the following New Hire was
19 approved: A. Renata Roberts, as a provisional
20 Water Sample Collector/Lab Tech Water Analysis
21 Laboratory Dept.

22 Proposed Salary: \$55,000

23 Title Range: \$50,000 - \$76,520)

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25 MR. BRISMAN: I see no members of the

1 public are here today, so if there's no other
2 business for the public, motion for Executive
3 Session.

4 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Move it.

5 COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Second.

6 MR. BRISMAN: Motion and second. All in
7 favor?

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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 Depadua)

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6 (Whereupon, all Commissioners present
7 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Levine
8 is not present yet. Commissioner Sanchez is
9 absent)

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13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Motion to adjourn.

14 COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Second.

15 PRESIDENT RIZZ: On the roll.

16 All in favor, aye.

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18 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
19 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
20 Sanchez is absent)

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22 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at
23 12:22 p.m.)
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