

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION

Regular Public Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order

The Public Meeting was called to order at **10:06 A.M.** by President **Deborah Rizzi**.

Roll Call

The following Commissioners were present:

- Deborah Rizzi
- Gerald Friend
- Rigo Sanchez (present at 10:09 AM via Zoom)
- Jeff Levine (present at 12:04 PM)
- Carmen DePadua
- Ron Van Rensalier (present at 11:17 AM via Zoom)
- Ruby N. Cotton

A quorum was established.

Executive Staff in Attendance

- Yitz Weiss, Comptroller
- Yaacov Brisman, General Counsel
- Sydel Cohen, Personnel Director

Interim Executive Director Yitz Weiss 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

S. Atkinson – 47 Christie Ave., Clifton – discolored water concern.

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 **Ruby N. Cotton**, seconded by Commissioner Carmen DePadua. All Commissioners present responded in the affirmative.

Time: 11:27 A.M.

6. Reconvening of Public Meeting

The meeting was reconvened at **12:39 P.M.**

Present:

- Gerry Friend
- Jeffrey Levine
- Carmen DePadua
- Ruby N. Cotton
- Rigo Sanchez
- Ron Van Rensalier
- Deborah Rizzi

A quorum was established.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Carmen DePadua

Second: Commissioner Ruby N. Cotton

Approval of August 26, 2026, Regular and Executive Session Minutes.

8. Resolutions

Motion: Commissioner Ron Vanrensalier

Second: Commissioner Ruby N. Cotton

All Commissioners present voted: **Yes. Commissioner Friend voted No for Resolution No. 26-156 and Resolution No. 26-172.**

Tabled Resolution

- a) Resolution No. 26-155
Resolution Awarding Project 26-C-04 Entitled “Professional Services for Property, Casualty, Automobile and Excess Liability Insurance”

Approved Resolutions

- b) Resolution No. 26-156
Resolution Awarding Project 26-PA-12 Entitled “Professional Services for Financial Advisor” NW Financial Group - \$60,000.00
- c) Resolution No. 26-157
Resolution to Award Project 26-PE-16, Entitled “Professional Services for Providing Enhancements to ESRI Applications and Geodatabases” Mott MacDonald - \$100,000.00
- d) Resolution No. 26-158
Resolution to Award Project 26-PE-27, Entitled “Construction Administration and Management Services for Overseeing Liquid Oxygen System Upgrades” HDR Engineering - \$300,000.00
- e) Resolution No. 26-159
Resolution Authorizing an Award of Professional Legal Services
- f) Resolution No. 26-160
Resolution to Award Contract 26-V-19, Entitled “Dense Graded Aggregate” Braen Stone - \$570,500.00
- g) Resolution No. 26-161
Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement No. 27LJJFA29 With USGS USGS - \$55,280.00
- h) Resolution No. 26-162
Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement No. 27LJJFA30 With USGS
USGS - \$56,2555.00
- i) Resolution No. 26-163
Resolution to Extend Contract No. 25-V-11 entitled “Furnish & Deliver Tapping Sleeves, Valves and Curb Boxes” Core and Main - \$2,358,548.86
- j) Resolution No. 26-164
Resolution to Procure Materials for “Standard Method 9223 and Simplate HPC MPN Testing” Idexx - \$130,234.90

- k) Resolution No. 26-165
Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 26-B-01 Entitled “Emergency Water Main Repairs and Appurtenance Replacement” Montana Construction – Increase of \$2,344,412.75. New Total \$14,154,412.75
- l) Resolution No. 26-166
Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 for Project No. 25-PA-08 Entitled “Professional Services for Technical Implementation of Oracle Financial Management System” CGI – Increase of \$45,000.00
- m) Resolution No. 26-167
Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding with Primo Brands to procure water in Emergency Situations. Upon order \$5.49/Pure Life and \$5.99/Poland Springs
- n) Resolution No. 26-168 (amended to add the term “additional vehicles”)
Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of GPS Tracking & Camera Driver-I Equipment and Software Renewal for PVWC’s Fleet of Vehicles Netradyne - \$418,980.83
- o) Resolution No. 26-169
Resolution to Procure Replacement Raw Water Pump for LFWTP. Precision Electric Works Motor - \$324,128.00
- p) Resolution No. 26-170
Resolution to Repair the Raw Water Pump System for LFWTP and Procure an Additional Impeller Precision Electric Works Motor - \$157,585.00
- q) Resolution No. 26-171
Resolution to Procure One (1) New 1000 HP Motor for Morris County Pump Station. Precision Electric Works Motor - \$133,503.50
- r) Resolution No. 26-172
Resolution for Long Term Ground Lease at 1135 Broad Street in Clifton, New Jersey
- s) Resolution No. 26-173
Resolution Authorizing the Passaic Valley Water Commission to Issue and Execute a Bond in Accordance with the “Passaic County Highway Opening and Use Resolution”
- t) Resolution No. 26-174
Resolution to Procure Replacement Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Units for the Clifton Server Room UPS through the New Jersey Purchasing Alliance. SHI - \$609,308.83

- u) Resolution No. 26-175
Resolution Approving Successor Collective Bargaining Agreements with CWA, Local 1032, Blue & White Collar Unit and Supervisors Unit
 - v) Resolution No. 26-176
Resolution Approving Raising All Salary Ranges to Meet New Jersey State Minimum Wage
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9. Requests for Action - Approved

- a) Request to prepare a Request for Proposals and solicit proposals for Contract No. 26-PE-28 "Professional Services for Design and Construction Management Services for the Replacement of the Electrical Systems and Controls of the Raw Water Pumping System" under the Fair and Open Process. This 40-month contract will provide design work and perform construction management services for the replacement of the VFDs, electrical systems and controls of the raw water pumping system. The total cost for this project is anticipated to be \$800,000.00. We anticipate this contract to be awarded in November / December 2026.
 - b) Request to prepare a Request for Proposal for Contract No. 26-PE-29 "Professional Services for Interim Compliance Planning for PFAS" under the Non-Fair and Open Process. This 12-month contract will investigate potential measures to bring PVWC into interim compliance with the PFAS regulations. The total cost for this project is anticipated to be \$400,000. We anticipate this contract to be awarded in November 2026.
 - c) Request to prepare a Request for Proposal for Contract No. 26-PE-30 "Professional Services for Historical and Cultural Resource Studies for PVWC's LFWTP" under the Non-Fair and Open Process. This 24-month contract will allow PVWC to develop a cultural resource plan in accordance with NJDEP requirements for the LFWTP site. The total cost for this project is anticipated to be \$350,000. We anticipate this contract to be awarded in November 2026.
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10. Recommendations from Executive Conference

Promotion:

- a. **Rony Francisco to a *provisional* Sr. Engineer Civil Engineering Dept.**
Current Position: Analyst Trainee
Current Salary: \$67,112
Title Range: \$60,000-67,112
Proposed Title: Sr. Engineer Civil
Proposed Salary: \$ 85,066
Title Range: \$85,066 - \$110,131

- b. **Maya Barnes to a *provisional* Water Sample Collector/Lab Technician Water Analysis Laboratory Dept.**
Current Position: Water Sample Collector
Current Salary: \$70,810
Title Range: \$45,000-\$76,520
Proposed Title: Water Sample Collector/Lab Tech Water Analysis
Proposed Salary: \$72,826
Title Range: \$50,000-\$80,889

Title Change/Min Salary Range Change:

- c. **Alexander Ortiz to Assistant Water Treatment Plant Operator Purification Dept.**
Current Title: Water Treatment Plant Operator
Current Salary: \$80,917
Title Range: \$55,000-\$83,247
Proposed Title: Assistant Water Treatment Plant Operator
Proposed Salary: \$75,212
Title Range: \$25,001-\$75,212
Proposed Minimum Range: \$33,114-\$75,212
- d. **Ryan Mitchell to Maintenance Repairer Maintenance Dept.**
Current Title: Sr. Maintenance Repairer Welder
Current Salary: \$65,209
Title Range: \$54,995-\$106,068
Proposed Title: Maintenance Repairer
Proposed Salary: \$65,209
Title Range: \$45,000-\$78,599

New Hire:

- e. **Blerim Bekiri as a *provisional* Water Sample Collector**
Proposed Salary: \$45,000
Title Range: \$45,000-\$76,520
- f. **Robert Cole Hudson as a *provisional* Water Sample Collector/Lab Technician Water Analysis**
Proposed Salary: \$50,000
Title Range: \$50,000-\$80,889

- g. **Carine Medellus as a *provisional***
Water Sample Collector/Lab Technician Water Analysis
Proposed Salary: \$50,000
Title Range: \$50,000-\$80,889

New Title:

- h. **Environmental Engineer 3**
Engineering Dept.
Proposed Range: \$95,000 - \$153,558
- i. **Principal Data Control Clerk**
Distribution & Maintenance Dept.
Proposed Range: \$47,000 - \$95,000
- j. **Sr. Stock Clerk**
Distribution Dept.
Proposed Range: \$46,000 - \$86,000
- k. **Personnel Aide**
Human Resources Dept.
Proposed Range: \$40,000 - \$60,000

Separations:

Laboratory Dept.

Resigned: Gesi Lleshi, Water Sample Collector, 7/24/26

11. New Business

Motion: Commissioner Ron Van Rensalier

Second: Commissioner Jeff Levine

All Commissioners present voted **Yes**

Approval of **Summary of Disbursements & Payrolls** through **September 23, 2026**, totaling **\$12,340,183.59**, certified by Treasurer Van Rensalier and Comptroller Weiss.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **October 28, 2026**, at **10:00 A.M.**

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **12:51 PM.**