

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND THE REORGANIZATION  
SCHEDULED  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

The regularly scheduled meeting and the Re-Organization meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026. The meeting started at 6:41 PM.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act and guidance issued by the Department of Community Affairs. The regular meeting and Re-Organization Meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority will convene in person and on ZOOM Meetings, on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

- **The agenda is available on the website of the RVRSA at <https://rvrsa.org/agenda/>**
- **This meeting was posted on the RVRSA website and on the public notice board in the main RVRSA building.**
- **This meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and the Star Ledger newspapers.**

Records Clerk, Pamela Fernandez-Smith, read a statement that timely notice of the meeting had been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act to member municipalities, members of the Authority and designated newspapers.

The salute to the United States flag followed.

The Board held a moment of silence for Commissioner John Cegelka, who passed away on February 10, 2026.

Diane Alexander, Esq. gave the Oath of Office to Jennifer Hobbs of The Borough of Wharton.

Roll Call Attendance was taken:

The following Board Members were present: Commissioners Andes of Town of Denville, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Hobbs of the Borough of Wharton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Sheehy of Township of Randolph.

The following members were absent: Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens, Lavery of Town of Boonton, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There was a quorum.

Also, present was Diane Alexander, Esq. Maraziti Falcon.

Authority staff present was JoAnn Mondsini, Robert Bocchino, Janice Fox and Pamela Fernandez-Smith.



**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Yeas: (6) Andes, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Farrell

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.

**Motion that Sandy Thai be elected as ASSISTANT TREASURER of the Authority.**

Moved by: Commissioner Schorno

Second by: Commissioner Howarth

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Yeas: (7) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.

**Motion that Janice Fox be elected as ASSISTANT SECRETARY of the Authority.**

Moved by: Commissioner Schorno

Second by: Commissioner Farrell

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Yeas: (7) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.

**6:51 PM - Public Portion on Consent Agenda Items – Re-Organization Meeting**

- **No Public Comment**

**RE-ORGANIZATION CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a board member so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

- **Resolution 26-005** – Establishment of a Cash Management Plan for RVRSA Funds and Investments
- **Resolution 26-006** – Designation of Official Newspaper
- **Resolution 26-007** – To Establish Time and Place for Regular Meetings and Notice Thereof
- **Resolution 26-008** – Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- **Resolution 26-009** – Designation of S.E.D. Project Compliance Officer
- **Resolution 26-010** – Designation of a Qualified Purchasing Agent
- **Resolution 26-011** – To Authorize the Signing of Checks
- **Resolution 26-012** – To Authorize the Defense and Indemnification of the Members and Employees of the RVRSA
- **Resolution 26-013** – Authorizing Certain Payments by the CFO or Executive Director
- **Resolution 26-014** – The Executive Director and/or The Chief Financial Officer of the

- RVRSA to be Empowered to Initiate Telephone/Electronic/Facsimile Funds Transfers
- **Resolution 26-015** – The Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer are Authorized to Open and/or Close Certificates of Deposit Accounts on behalf of the RVRSA
- **Resolution 26-016** – Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer as the Authority Official to Act With the E-Government for Government
- **Resolution 26-017** – Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to be the Custodian of the RVRSA's Petty Cash Fund
- **Resolution 26-018** – Designation of Persons to Represent RVRSA's Interests
- **Resolution 26-019** – Designating a Custodian of Government Records Pursuant to the Open Public Records Act
- **Resolution 26-020** – Appointing Fund Commissioner
- **Resolution 26-021** – Re-Authorizing Incentives to Qualified Employees Who opt to Waive Health Benefits Under the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP)
- **Resolution 26-022** – Governing the Payment of Certain Uncontested Non-Discretionary Costs Incurred.
- **Resolution 26-023** – Authorizing WEX Health Benefits as Administrator of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority's Section 125-Flexible Spending Accounts in Accordance with the Regulations Promulgated by Chapter 78 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey.

These Resolutions were adopted on a **Consent Agenda** at a re-organization meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority on **February 12, 2026**, on the motion of Commissioner Schorno and second by Commissioner Isselin with the following roll call votes:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Laverty, and Zuppa.

**Consent Agenda Passed on 7 yeas.**

#### **REGULAR MEETING started at 6:53 PM**

**Correspondence** - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Capacity Assurance Report

**Public Portion -6:53 PM** Agenda Items Only

- No Public. No Comments.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Minutes** of January 8, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- **Resolution 26-024** – Authorizing Execution of Contract for Annual Turbine Generator Preventative Maintenance and Repair Contract

Commissioner Farrell offered **the Consent Agenda** and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Hobbs

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.

**Consent Agenda passed on 6 yeas.**

**Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman** - Meeting held February 4, 2026.

- **Report** - Reviewed Annual Reviews for non-union personnel, discussed succession planning preparation, and reviewed resolution to amend the adopted salary ranges for non-union personnel.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-025** – Amending Adopted Salary Ranges for Non-Union Employees and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 26-025 passed on 7 yeas.**

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-026** – Authorizing Execution Of Contract For Laboratory Services and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 26-026 passed on 7 yeas.**

**Planning Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

**Operations Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- **No Report**
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

**Infrastructure Committee – Thomas Andes, Chairman** – Meeting held Feb. 4th.

- **Report** – Reviewed and discussed (1) 2 Change Order requests for Contract 52 - Elevator Project, (2) PFAS Conceptual Plan and (3) Replacement of Fire Service Pipe.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 26-027** – Authorizing Change Order #1 for Contract 52 – Elevator Project and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.  
**Resolution 26-027 passed on 7 yeas.**

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 26-028** – Authorizing Change Order #2 for Contract 52 - Elevator Project and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.  
**Resolution 26-028 passed on 7 yeas.**

**Jersey City Committee – Jennifer Hobbs, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

**Sewer Use Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 26-029** – Authorizing Endorsement Of Application For Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1) Rockaway Township 449 US 46, Block 10205, Lot 7 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.  
**Resolution 26-029 passed on 7 yeas.**

**Finance Committee – William Isselin, Chairman** – Meeting held February 5<sup>th</sup>.

- **Report** – Discussed and reviewed proposed Capital Budget amendment.
- CFO's Report is in the packet.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 26-030** – Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority Resolution To Amend The 2026 Capital Budget and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.  
**Resolution 26-030 passed on 7 yeas.**

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 26-031** – Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for **\$1,245,649.08** and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (3) Cegelka, Lavery, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 26-031 passed on 7 yeas.**

### **Executive Director's Report**

- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Director Report is in the packet.

### **Engineers Report**

- **Report** -The Elevator Project is underway, and the elevator will be taken out of service next week for approximately two months.
- Engineering Report is in the packet.
- Industrial Pre-Treatment Report is in the packet.
- Electrical Engineer's Report is in the packet.
- IPP Report is in the packet.

### **Lawyers Report** -Diane Alexander

- **Report**- In regard to the opposition to the State and DEP Judicial Consent Order with 3M and Dupont over the PFAS, we have objected to releasing 3M and Dupont from liability for PFAS damages that may occur in the future. We received the confidential package from the State and the DEP. Our response is due on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting with the parties to discuss negotiations in the interim.

### **Old Business**

- **No Report**

### **New Business**

- **Report** – JoAnn Mondsini discussed the meeting we had with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party company that administers The Difference Card Program in conjunction with having employees change to a high-deductible health plan to have great savings for employees and RVRSA. We will have a Special Board Meeting, the last week of February, to discuss this, so we can have an Open Enrollment Period in March for the program to begin in June.

### **Public Portion**

- The public portion was open at 7:12 PM. There was no public present. The public

portion ended at 7:12 PM.

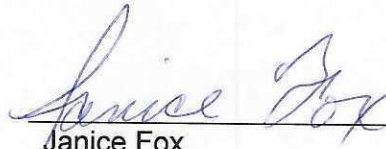
**Closed Session**

- None

Commissioner Howarth made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Second by Commissioner Isselin and approved by all present.

Meeting ended at 7:12 PM.

The next meeting scheduled is March 12, 2026.

  
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Janice Fox  
Assistant Board Secretary