ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, June 11, 2026. The meeting started at 6:30 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 of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority will convene in person and on ZOOM Meetings, on Thursday, June 11, 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.**

The 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.

Roll Call Attendance was taken:

The following Board Members were present: 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, Janone of the Borough of Victory Gardens, Laverty of Town of Boonton, and Schorno of Township of Rockaway.

The following Board members were absent: Sheehy of Township of Randolph and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There was a quorum.

Also, present was Diane Alexander, Esq. Maraziti Falcon

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

Correspondence –

- Patrick Laverty-Resignation Letter. Commissioner Laverty stated that he is resigning from his position on the Board due to an opportunity within the Town of Boonton. This is his 2nd round on this Board, and it has been a great pleasure to serve with all the other members. This opportunity to move to the position of Administrator of the Town of Boonton, he takes seriously, and he will need to devote all of his time to it. He thanked everyone for his time served and for the fantastic work that they do. Commissioner Schorno wished his the best on behalf of all of the Commissioners and RVRSA.

- Bloomberg Law Press Release re: NJ Reaches Utility Agreement in $2.5 Billion PFAS Settlement.

Public Portion -Agenda Items Only

- No Public. No Comments.

Consent Agenda

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

- **Approval of Minutes** of May 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes

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

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.
The Consent Agenda adopted on 8 yeas.

Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – Meeting held June 9th.

- **Report -** Discussed **(1)** Additional funds for Valley Health System, **(2)** New Atlantic Health Contract provider and **(3)** PFAS Pilot Study and Kleinfelder PS Contract Amendment

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-059** – Authorizing Amendment To Contract For Drug And Alcohol Testing With Valley Health System, Inc. and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.
Resolution 26-059 adopted on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-060** – Authorizing Amendment To Contract For Professional Services For Medical Services and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.
Resolution 26-060 adopted on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Hobbs asked for a detailed explanation of Resolution 26-061. Ms. Mondsini brought up the Executive Committee meeting agenda on the screen and explained that the Calgon pilot study is needed and will determine the size of future PFAS removal system for a conceptual design that Kleinfelder is working on so we stay ahead of the game, with the upcoming surface water quality standard changes, and future permit requirements for PFAS. The conceptual plan that Kleinfelder is working on, includes a gravity system for the carbon, so we need to prove that the carbon would work. Kleinfelder will contract with Calgon to bring in a grid system with several carbon cylinders. We will have it set up for 4-8 months to test different types of carbon, and then feed in our effluent from our disk filters to see if we are able to remove the PFAS. The tests will go back to Calgon, and they will work with that data to give us a report. That budget is $27,500.00 for the 4-8 months of the pilot program. The 2nd part of the resolution is the budget for continuation of services for Kleinfelder in the amount of $42,000.00 for projects they are already working on: 1. The chemical building. 2. Preparation of plates for O&M Manual update. And 3. Bid & CSRI services for the HVAC RTU replacement for the Process Building. Total amendment is $69,500.00 with a total Contract amount of $202,750.00.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-061**- Authorizing 2nd Amendment to Professional Service Contract With Kleinfelder, Inc. and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.
Resolution 26-061 adopted on 8 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 June 5th.

- **Report** – Discussed proposed Change Order #4 for Contract 52 – Elevator Project.

Change Order includes additional time extension, installation of ventilation hatch and closing opening between elevator shaft and elevator machine room.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 26-062** – To Authorize The Execution Of Change Order #4 To Contract Number 52, Elevator Project and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.
Resolution 26-062 adopted on 8 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 **the Resolution 26-063 –** Authorizing Endorsement Of Application For Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1) 1 West Hanover Avenue Block 130, Lot 119 Township of Randolph and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.
Resolution 26-063 adopted on 8 yeas.

Finance Committee –William Isselin, Chairman – Meeting held June 4th.

- **Report –** Discussed (1) Appropriation Transfer and (2) Cancellation of Outstanding Checks
- CFO Report

Commissioner Isselin offered **the Resolution 26-064 –** Authorizing Appropriation Transfer For The Fiscal Year 2026 and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.
Resolution 26-064 adopted on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **the Resolution 26-065** – Authorizing The Cancellation Of Outstanding Checks and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.
Resolution 26-065 adopted on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 26-066** – Authorizing Payment of Vouchers in the Amount of $1,382,396.58 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Laverty, and Schorno.
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (1) Andes
Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.
Resolution 26-066 adopted on 7 yeas.

Executive Director's Report- JoAnn Mondsini

- **No Report**
- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Directors Report is in the packet.

Engineers Report- Robert Bocchino

- **Report** – The elevator is in operation now. The change order just approved allows for some additional time for work that needs to be done and will not affect the operation going forward. There will be a change order coming up for our backflow preventer project as there were delays because the town was requiring an additional tamper switch to be added, which involved more electrical improvements and changes to the original design. We will review this in an Infrastructure Committee meeting.
- 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

Report – Yesterday, we received an objection on behalf of Carneys Point and Sayreville to the JCO settlements. There were 6 issues noted, but only two of the objections are directly relevant to our settlement with the State. One is the allegation that there is no certainty that the funds will be allocated pursuant to the settlement documents after the first year. The objectors are alleging that the DEP doesn't have the authority to appropriate funds, only the legislature does. The Second Point relevant to our settlement is that the settlements themselves constitute a material change in the JCO terms and therefore mandate a new public notice and hearing. The State has asked for an opportunity to reply, and asked to be granted until June 19th to do so. The State has also asked if we (and the Counties) can have an opportunity to reply. The Objector (Carneys Point/Sayreville) objected to allowing us (or the Counties) an opportunity to reply. We will see what the judge says at the hearing, which is scheduled for June 24th.

Old Business

- **No Report**

New Business

- **No Report**

Public Portion- Opened at 6:53 PM

- No Public, no comments, closed at 6:53 PM

Closed Session

- None

At 6:53 PM Commissioner Schorno made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved by all present.

The meeting ended at 6:54 PM.

The next meeting scheduled is July 9, 2026

Janice Fox

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Assistant Board Secretary