

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2026**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, August 13, 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, August 13, 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, Lepore of Town of Boonton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Sheehy of Township of Randolph.

The following Board member was absent: Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There was a quorum.

Also, present was Diane Alexander and Joseph Maraziti, Esqs. Maraziti Falcon.

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

Correspondence – 2026 2nd Quarter RVRSA Capacity Assurance Report

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 July 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

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

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Lepore, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Janone.

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

The Consent Agenda adopted on 8 yeas.

Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – Meeting held August 11, 2026.

- **Report** - Discussed Amendment to Kleinfelder Design Contract for Contract 45 – Main and Unit Substation Replacement Project

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-076** – Authorizing Amendment Of Engineering Service Contract With Kleinfelder To Provide Additional Design Services For Main And Unit Substations Replacement Project Phase 2 – Contract 45 and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lepore, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Sheehy and Zuppa.

Resolution 26-076 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 – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

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

- **No Report**

Sewer Use Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman – Meeting held June 30 and August 6, 2026.

- **Report** – (1) Reviewed and discussed Mine Hill request for additional gallonage, (2) New IPP Permit and Variance Application for Lodi CML (Dunkin Donut commercial bakery).

Commissioner Farrell offered **the Resolution 26-077** – To Authorize Execution Of Tenth Amendment To The Amended And Restated Customer Service Contract With Mine Hill Township To Provide For Additional Allocation and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lepore, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 26-077 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell offered **the Resolution 26-078** – Authorizing Execution Of An Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Initial And Variance To Lodi CML Cooperative, LLC, Block 22102/Lot 5.01 – Township of Rockaway and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lepore, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 26-078 adopted on 9 yeas.

Finance Committee – William Isselin, Chairman – Meeting held August 7, 2026.

- **Report** – Discussed (1) Appropriation Transfer, (2) Capital Budget Amendment, and (3) Application for I-Bank loan for Contract 45 – Main and Unit Substations Replacement Project
- **CFO Report**

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 26-079** – Authorizing 2026 Appropriation Transfer and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lepore, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 26-079 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 26-080** – Authorizing 2026 Capital Budget Amendment and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lepore, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 26-080 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 26-081** – Authorizing Application For A Loan From The New Jersey I-Bank For Phase 2 – Main And Unit Substations Replacement Project and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lepore, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 26-081 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 26-082** – Authorizing Payment of Vouchers in the Amount of \$863,311.62 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lepore, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes.

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 26-082 adopted on 8 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 staircase going up to the roof of the Chemical Building is complete. The Effluent Meter Project is progressing. We excavated the area and made a bypass for the contractor to get the measurements that are needed to hold the meter. In a few weeks, the meter will be installed.
- 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 – The Judge in the judicial consent order case involving the NJDEP, the State of New Jersey, 3M, and DuPont issued her decision approving both judicial consent orders. She had previously approved the stipulations that we entered into, as well as the stipulation entered into by the County, with the State and NJDEP. The judge also approved the attorney's fees for the State and NJDEP attorneys.

We are now in the 30-day period during which any appeals may be filed. Assuming there are no appeals, we will then move forward with preparing the ACO we previously discussed, including provisions addressing liability relief for CERCLA and Spill Act claims.

Old Business

- **No Report**

New Business

- **No Report**

Public Portion- Opened at 6:44 PM

- No Public, no comments, closed at 6:44 PM

Closed Session

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 26-083** – Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant To The Open Public Meetings Law and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Farrell, Hobbs, Howarth, Isselin, Janone, Lepore, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 26-083 adopted on 9 yeas.

At 6:59 PM Commissioner Schorno made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved by all present.

The meeting ended at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting scheduled is September 10, 2026.



Janice Fox
Assistant Board Secretary