

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, August 14, 2025. The meeting started at 6:31 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 14, 2025, at 6:30P.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, Cegelka of the Borough of Victory Gardens, Chegwidde of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Lavery of Town of Boonton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, Sheehy of Township of Randolph, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City (joined at 6:40PM).

The following Board Members were absent: none

There was a quorum.

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

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

Correspondence - 2nd Quarter 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 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.

- **Approval of Minutes** of July 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.
- **Resolution 25-079** – Authorizing The Issuance Of A Public Notice Prior To Renewal Of An Industrial Sewer Connection Permit For APTAR BOONTON (formally Enteris Biopharma) 83 Fulton Street, Boonton, NJ 07005

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

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwiddden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Consent Agenda adopted on 9 yeas.

Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – Meeting held August 12, 2025.

- **Report** – Reviewed and discussed (1) Proposals received for Short and Long Term Disability Coverage; (2) Revised resolution regarding EPA and State Revolving Fund cuts and (3) Public Notice for Proposed DEP v 3M Settlement

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-080** – Supporting Restored Cuts To The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Budget and State Revolving Funds (SRF's) and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwiddden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 25-080 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-081** – Authorizing Contract with Mutual of Omaha for Short-Term and Long-Term Disability Policies – Waiting for cost from Omaha and Hartford and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwiddden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-081 adopted on 10 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 –William Chegwidden, Chairman – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

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

- **No Report**

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 25-082** – Authorizing Execution Of An Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Renewal And Variance To: Rockaway Center Associates (RCA), DBA: Rockaway Townsquare Mall, Block 11001/Lots 1-11, Township of Rockaway and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwidden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-082 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 25-083** – Authorizing Endorsement of Treatment Works Approval Donut Factory and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwidden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-083 adopted on 10 yeas.

Finance Committee –William Isselin, Chairman – No meeting held.

- **No Report**
- CFO Report

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 25-084** – Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for **\$1,136,748.93** and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Cegelka, Chegidden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-084 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 25-085** – Authorizing The Increase Of RVRSA Bid Threshold To \$53,000.00 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Chegidden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-085 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 25-086** – Authorizing Appropriation Transfer For The Fiscal Year 2025 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Chegidden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-086 adopted on 10 yeas.

Executive Director's Report-JoAnn Mondsini

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

Engineers Report- Robert Bocchino

- **Report**-Contract 43- we just received a credit change order and request for final payment. The Elevator Project was awarded to CAP Elevator. They are scheduled to come in for a site survey. This Project should be complete by the end of the year.
- 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

- No Report

Old Business

- No Report

New Business

- No Report

Public Portion- Opened at 6:45PM

- No Public, no comments, closed at 6:45PM

Closed Session 6:46PM-7:09PM

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-087** – Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant To The Open Public Meetings Act To Discuss Issues Regarding Attorney Client Privilege and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwiddden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-087 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-088** – Authorizing Request For Extension Of Time To Submit Comments And The Submission Of Comments Regarding A Proposed Settlement Between NJDEP And The 3M Company Regarding PFAS_ and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwiddden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

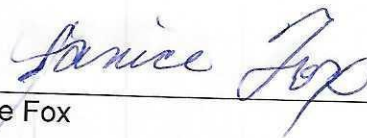
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-088 adopted on 10 yeas.

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

The meeting ended at 7:12PM.

The next scheduled meeting is August 14, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Janice Fox", is written over a horizontal line.

Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary