

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, September 11, 2025. 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, September 11, 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 Chairman held a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11.

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, Chegwiddden of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Laverty 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, Esq. Maraziti Falcon.

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

Correspondence - None

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 August 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session.

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

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwidde, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Lavery and Zuppa.

Consent Agenda adopted on 8 yeas.

Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – Meeting held Sept 2nd and Sept 8th.

- **Report** - Discussed Succession Planning, Contract Amendments for Computer Services, Fire Inspection/Repair Services and the Proposed 3-M and Dupont Settlements.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-089** – Authorizing The Amendment Of The Contract With Atlantic Tomorrows Office For The Procurement Of Computer Services Relevant To The Maintenance And Integration Of The RVRSA's Existing Computer Systems and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwidde, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Lavery and Zuppa.

Resolution 25-089 adopted on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-090 - Authorizing** Amendment Of Contract For Annual Fire Alarm, Fire Extinguisher, Fire Sprinkler, Fire Hydrant Inspection Services, Fire Equipment Repair Services And Fire Alarm Monitoring Service and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwidde, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Lavery and Zuppa.

Resolution 25-090 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 Sept 8, 2025.

- **Report** – Reviewed and discussed Contract 43 – Interceptor Sewer Replacement and Rehabilitation – Boonton Section Contract Modification No. 6 and Acceptance of Work and Final Payment, including Retainage to Spiniello Companies.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 25-091** – Authorizing The Execution Of Change Order 6 To Contract Number 43, Interceptor Sewer Replacement And Rehabilitation – Boonton Section and Second by Commissioner Schorno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 25-091 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 25-092** – Accepting The Work And Authorizing Final Payment And The Release Of All Retainage For Contract Number 43, Interceptor Sewer Replacement And Rehabilitation – Boonton Section and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 25-092 adopted on 9 yeas.

Jersey City Committee –William Chegwidden, Chairman – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

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

- **No Report**

Finance Committee –William Isselin, Chairman – Meeting held Sept 8, 2025.

- Report – Reviewed and discussed proposed 2026 Budget.
- CFO Report

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 25-093** – Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for **\$1,332,388.53** and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Chegwiddden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes.

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 25-093 adopted on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 25-096** – Authorizing Appropriation Transfer For The Fiscal Year 2025 and Second by Commissioner Farrell 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 25-096 adopted on 9 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 has resolution for final payment and we can close out that project. Contract 41 has final payment issued and project can be closed out. Contract 44 has all the detours out on the street for the crossing pipes for the duct tank.
- 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 6:44PM

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

Closed Session 6:44PM-7:03PM

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-094** – 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: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwidde, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 25-094 adopted on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-095** – Authorizing The Filing Of Litigation Intervening In The Matter Of NJDEP, Et Al., V. E.I. Dupont De Nemours And Company, Et Al., Case No.: 1:19-CV-14766-R<B-JBC (D.N.J.) Regarding Proposed Settlements Between NJDEP And The 3M Company And E.I. Dupont De Nemours And Company Regarding PFAS and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Chegwidde, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Schorno, and Sheehy.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

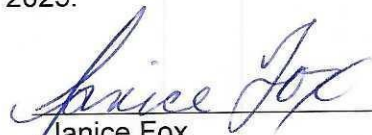
Absent: (1) Zuppa.

Resolution 25-095 adopted on 9 yeas.

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

The meeting ended at 7:05PM.

The next meeting scheduled is October 9, 2025.



Janice Fox
Assistant Board Secretary