

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, November 13, 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, November 13, 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, Chegwidden 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, and Schorno of Township of Rockaway, Sheehy of Township of Randolph, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following Board members were absent: None

There was a quorum.

Also, present was Joseph Maraziti, Esq. Maraziti Falcon and Paul Cuva, CPA, of Wielkotz & Company, LLC.

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

Correspondence - 3rd 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 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 October 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- **Resolution 25-101** – Authorizing The Award Of A Contract for Sodium Hypochlorite 15% Solution

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

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Consent Agenda adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Zuppa abstained from the Minutes.

Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – Meeting held October 21st and November 10th.

- **Report** – Discussed the October 2025 revisions to the RVRSA Personnel Manual, Succession Planning, Commendations for Long Term Employees, 2nd Amendment to Fire Services Contract and Sodium Hypochlorite bid results.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-102** – Resolution of Commendation for a Long-Time Authority Employee-Jorge Santos for 20 Years of Service and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-102 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-103** – Resolution of Commendation for a Long-Time Authority Employee-Sandy Thai for 25 Years of Service and second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-103 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-104** – Resolution to Accept and Implement the October 2025 Revision of the RVRSA Personnel Manual/Policies and Procedures and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-104 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 25-105** – Authorizing Second Amendment Of Contract For Annual Fire Alarm, Fire Extinguisher, Fire Sprinkler, Fire Hydrant Inspection Services, Fire Equipment Repair Services And Fire Alarm Monitoring Services and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-105 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 – Meeting held November 10th.

Report – Discussed TWA applications for Ridgeview in Rockaway Borough and 106 Hurd Street in Mine Hill and ESA Waiver application for 9 Elm Street in Denville.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 25-106** – Conditionally Authorizing Endorsement Of Application For Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1) For Ridgeview at Rockaway, LLC - Rockaway Borough, Block 29, Lot 1, Block 31, Lot 4 and Block 33, Lot 3 and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-106 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 25-107** – Conditionally Authorizing Endorsement Of Request For Mapping Revision/Grant Condition Waiver, 9 Elm Street-Denville, Block 50102, Lot 26, Township of Denville and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-107 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 25-108** – Conditionally Authorizing Endorsement Of Request For Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1) For 106 Hurd Street, Mine Hill, Block 2004, Lot 1 and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-108 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 25-109** – Authorizing Nineth Amendment to Amended and Restated Contract and Amendment To The Fifth Amendment Relevant To 106 Hurd Street Customer Service Contract Between The Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority And The Township Of Mine Hill and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-109 adopted on 10 yeas.

Finance Committee –William Isselin, Chairman – Meeting held on November 3rd.

- Report – Reviewed Year Ending 2024 Audit.
- CFO Report

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 25-110** – Certification Of The 2024 Audit By The Governing Body Of The Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority To The Local Finance Board Of The State Of New Jersey and second by Commissioner Howarth, and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-110 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 25-111** – Authorizing Appropriation Transfer For The Fiscal Year 2025 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-111 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 25-112** - Authorizing Adoption of 2026 Budget and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-112 adopted on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 25-113** – Authorizing Payment of Vouchers in the Amount of \$1,267,505.52 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yea: (9) Cegelka, Chegwidden, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Schorno, Sheehy, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (1) Abstain
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 25-113 adopted on 9 yeas.

Executive Director's Report- JoAnn Mondsini

- **Report**-Hypochlorite bid prices came down about 6% for a 1-year contract. We started lessons for the operators.
- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Directors Report is in the packet.

Engineers Report- Robert Bocchino

- **Report** – We received 2 bids that will be on next's months agenda for the Board meeting. 1st is the Chemical Building Roof Railings Project and 2nd is the City Water Backflow Prevention Device Replacement Project. Contract 44 is on hold as we have to get the site subcontractor for the work has to come back to do some restoration work in the beginning of December and then come back in the Spring to do the road paving. They quoted 100 weeks. Contract 45 is Phase 2, which is in the design phase. We received the preliminary design report from Elecsys and will review at the next Infrasturcture 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

- **No Report**

Old Business

- **No Report**

New Business

- **No Report**

Public Portion- Opened at 6:47PM

- No Public, no comments, closed at 6:47PM

Closed Session 6:47PM-7:14PM

Commissioner Howarth offered **Resolution 25-114** – Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant To The Open Public Meetings Act To Discuss Issues Regarding Attorney Client Privilege regarding Jersey City litigation and Objection to Judicial Consent Orders approving PFAS settlement, and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

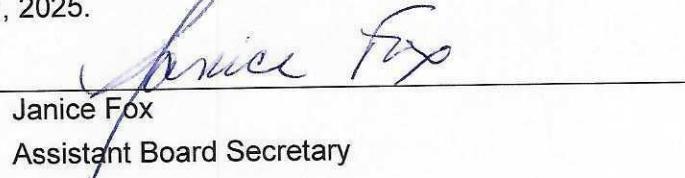
Resolution 25-114 adopted on 10 yeas.

7:13 PM Commissioner Howarth made a motion to end the closed session and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved by all present.

7:14 PM Commissioner Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved by all present.

The meeting ended at 7:14PM.

The next meeting scheduled is December 11, 2025.



Janice Fox
Assistant Board Secretary