

New York Municipal Water Authority  
Governance and Board of Directors Meetings

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Governance Committee Meeting

>> IF YOU COULD START THE TEAM'S RECORDING...

>> WE'RE RECORDING.

>> GREAT. THANK YOU. OK. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO YOU, MAX.

>> GREAT. THANKS, EVERYONE, AND GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MAX VON HOLLWEG, CHAIR OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK CITY MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY. JUST AS A HOUSEKEEPING ITEM, I'D ASK EVERYONE TO KEEP YOUR PHONES MUTED UNLESS YOU'RE SPEAKING. I'LL NOW CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING AND ASK DEB TO CALL THE ROLL.

>> CONDUCTING THE ROLL CALL, MAX VON HOLLWEG?

>> I'M HERE.

>> MARC SHAW?

>> PRESENT.

>> SELVIN SOUTHWELL FOR BASIL SEGGOS?

>> PRESENT.

>> GREAT. WE HAVE A QUORUM.

>> GREAT. FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS, AS ALWAYS, IS A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OUR LAST MEETING, WHICH WAS JUST A YEAR AGO TODAY. THE DRAFT OF THOSE MINUTES HAS BEEN CIRCULATED FOR YOUR REVIEW. I'D ASK IF SOMEONE COULD MOVE THAT RESOLUTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> AND A SECOND?

>> SECOND.

>> DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE DRAFT MINUTES THAT HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED? AND I DO NOT, SO HEARING NONE, I'LL CALL A VOTE ON THAT RESOLUTION. MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> APPROVE.

>> MR. SHAW?

>> AFFIRMATIVE.

>> AND I VOTE, AS WELL, IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION. IT IS HEREBY APPROVED. THEN NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS IS A REVIEW ITEM, NOT A RESOLUTION ITEM, AND IT'S A REVIEW OF THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021. WE HAD A REPORT THAT'S BEEN CIRCULATED ALREADY THAT DESCRIBES THE AUTHORITY'S PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021. OUR CHARTER REQUIRES THAT WE REVIEW THIS ITEM ANNUALLY. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS TO THE REPORT THAT'S BEEN DISTRIBUTED?

>> NO.

>> NO.

>> HEARING NONE, NO VOTE'S REQUIRED. I'LL MOVE ON TO ANOTHER RESOLUTION ITEM ON OUR AGENDA, AND THIS IS AN ITEM THAT REQUIRED BY OUR OWN CHARTER, WHICH REQUIRES THAT WE ANNUALLY EVALUATE OUR OWN PERFORMANCE AND PREPARE A REPORT DOCUMENTING THE RESULTS OF THAT SELF-EVALUATION THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LATER TODAY. A REPORT OF OUR ACTIONS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR HAS BEEN PROVIDED, AND THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION WOULD EXPRESS OUR OWN OPINION THAT WE'VE BEEN FUNCTIONING IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER CONSISTENT WITH OUR CHARTER AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THAT CHARTER. I'D ASK IF SOMEONE COULD PROPOSE THAT RESOLUTION FOR OUR CONSIDERATION.

>> SO MOVED.

>> AND I GUESS I'LL SECOND IT THIS TIME. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR COMMENTS ON THAT RESOLUTION? HEARING NONE, I'LL CALL A VOTE THEN, PLEASE. MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> APPROVE.

>> MR. SHAW?

>> APPROVE.

>> AND I, TOO, VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION, AND IT'S HEREBY APPROVED. THE LAST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS ANOTHER REVIEW ITEM, AND THAT'S A REVIEW OF THE AUTHORITY'S POLICY ON THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES. WE'RE REQUIRED, AGAIN, BY OUR CHARTER TO REVIEW THIS POLICY ANNUALLY. WE'RE NOT PROPOSING ANY CHANGES AT THIS TIME VERSUS WHAT WE HAD APPROVED A YEAR AGO. THIS IS A REVIEW ITEM. NO VOTE'S REQUIRED, BUT I WOULD ASK IF ANYONE HAS ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT POLICY. HEARING NONE, WE MOVE ON, NO FURTHER BUSINESS. I NOW ASK FOR A VOTE TO ADJOURN.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> AND A SECOND, AND HEARING THAT, I WOULD THEN ASK, MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SHAW?

>> TO ADJOURN.

>> AND I, TOO, VOTE IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNMENT, SO THANKS, EVERYONE. THIS COMMITTEE MEETING'S HEREBY ADJOURNED, AND I BELIEVE WE NOW WILL MOVE ON TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, WHICH IS GONNA BE CHAIRED BY DAVID WOMACK.

#### Board of Directors Meeting

>> THANK YOU, MAX. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I'M DAVID WOMACK, DELEGATE FOR BUDGET DIRECTOR JACQUES JIHA AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MUNICIPAL-- NEW YORK CITY MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY. I WILL NOW CONVENE A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ASKING DEB TO CALL THE ROLL.

>> CONDUCTING THE ROLL CALL, JACQUES JIHA?

>> DAVID WOMACK FOR JACQUES JIHA.

>> SELVIN SOUTHWELL FOR BASIL SEGGOS?

>> PRESENT.

>> MAX VON HOLLWEG?

>> I'M HERE.

>> MARC SHAW?

>> PRESENT.

>> JOE MURIN FOR VINCENT SAPIENZA?

>> PRESENT.

>> AND ROBIN LEE FOR SHERIF SOLIMAN?

>> PRESENT.

>> WE HAVE A QUORUM.

>> THANK YOU, DEB. THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S LAST MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2021. THE MINUTES HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED FOR THE BOARD'S REVIEW. ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS OR CORRECTIONS? HEARING NONE, I'LL CALL ROLL FOR A VOTE. MR. VON HOLLWEG, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MS. LEE, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SHAW, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. MURIN, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> AND I VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES IS HEREBY APPROVED. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE

AGENDA IS A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ACCEPT THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM'S AUDIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS JUNE 30--FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021, AND JUNE 30, 2020, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ALLOWS FOR THE REPORT AND THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO BE AMENDED TO REFLECT NONMATERIAL CHANGES ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE AUTHORITY. THIS ACTION'S BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE AUTHORITY AND THE WATER BOARD AFTER MEETING WITH THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS GRANT THORNTON AND MANAGEMENT. THE AUTHORITY'S COMPTROLLER ROBERT BALDUCCI IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR. BALDUCCI? HEARING NONE, I'LL CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE. MR. VON HOLLWEG, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> I VOTE IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MS. LEE, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SHAW, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. MURIN, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> AND I VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION IS HEREBY APPROVED. NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY'S INVESTMENT GUIDELINES. NO CHANGES ARE PROPOSED AT THIS TIME. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, I'LL CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE. MR. VON HOLLWEG, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MS. LEE, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SHAW, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. MURIN, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> AND I VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION IS HEREBY APPROVED. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD APPROVE THE AUTHORITY'S INVESTMENT REPORT. PURSUANT TO SECTION 2925(6) OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW, THE AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED TO ANNUALLY PREPARE AND APPROVE AN INVESTMENT REPORT. THE REPORT CONTAINS THE CURRENT INVESTMENT GUIDELINES, THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE INVESTMENTS, AN INVESTMENT INCOME RECORD OF THE AUTHORITY, AND A LIST OF FEES, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER CHARGES PAID FOR INVESTMENT SERVICES. A DRAFT OF THE REPORT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED FOR THE BOARD'S REVIEW. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, I'LL CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE. MR. VON HOLLWEG, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MS. LEE, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SHAW, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. MURIN, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> AND I VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION IS HEREBY APPROVED. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY'S MISSION STATEMENT AND THE

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH THE MEASUREMENT REPORT. PURSUANT TO THE PAAA, THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THE AUTHORITY'S MISSION STATEMENT AND MEASURE BY WHICH IT COULD GAUGE HOW SUCCESSFULLY IT IS PERFORMING ITS STATED MISSION. NO CHANGES TO THE MISSION STATEMENT ARE PROPOSED AT THIS TIME. ADDITIONALLY, THE AUTHORITY'S MEASUREMENT REPORT, WHICH WE POSTED ON ITS WEBSITE, HAS BEEN COMPLETED. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? HEARING NONE, I'LL CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE. MR. VON HOLLWEG, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MS. LEE, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SHAW, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. MURIN, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> AND I VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION IS HEREBY APPROVED. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND MICHAEL RAHOY TO SERVE AS A SOFTWARE CONSULTANT. MR. RAHOY IS A CURRENT OMB EMPLOYEE WHO IS RETIRING, AND HE HAS UNIQUE AND SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS RELATED TO THE AUTHORITY'S ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE. THE GOAL IS ALSO FOR MR. RAHOY TO AID THE AUTHORITY IN THE MIGRATION OF ITS ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE. THE AUTHORITY IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A VENDOR THROUGH WHICH IT WILL LICENSE MICROSOFT 365 SOFTWARE. THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION WOULD AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. RAHOY TO PROVIDE SUCH CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE FEES AND TERM LISTED IN THE RESOLUTION. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? HEARING NONE, I'LL CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE. MR. VON HOLLWEG, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MS. LEE, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SHAW, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. MURIN, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> AND I VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION IS HEREBY APPROVED. THE FINAL ITEM ON TODAY'S AGENDA IS A REPORT BY THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR MAX VON HOLLWEG, WHO WILL PRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE'S SELF-EVALUATION. MR. VON HOLLWEG.

>> SURE. THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MET JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO, AND WE ARE REQUIRED EVERY YEAR BY OUR CHARTER TO EVALUATE OUR OWN PERFORMANCE, AND WE DID SO AND CONCLUDED THAT WE HAVE BEEN ACTING IN A SATISFACTORY WAY DURING THE LAST YEAR IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR CHARTER, AND THERE'S A REPORT THAT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO EVERYONE THAT INDICATES THAT WE HAVE CONDUCTED THAT SELF-EVALUATION AND CONCLUDED THAT OUR PERFORMANCE WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR CHARTER AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, AND I SUBMIT THAT TO THE BOARD NOW.

>> THANK YOU. IF THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, I'LL ENTERTAIN A VOTE TO ADJOURN. MR. VON HOLLWEG, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> I'M IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNING.

>> ABSOLUTELY. MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MS. LEE, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> I VOTE IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SHAW, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. MURIN, HOW DO YOU VOTE?



JOE, I PRESUME THAT WAS YES.

>> YES. I HAD A-- IN FAVOR.

>> TWO YEARS INTO THIS, AND WE STILL DO THIS STUFF. I VOTE IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNMENT. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS NOW ADJOURNED, AND THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S NEW YORK WATER MEETINGS.

>> THANK YOU ALL.

>> THANK YOU ALL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.