

## **New York City Water Board**

### Activities, Operations, and Accomplishments – Fiscal Year 2021

The New York City Water Board (the “Board”) is responsible for setting water and sewer rates at a level sufficient to fund the capital, operating, and financing needs of the New York City water and sewer system (the “System”). The Board is obligated by an Agreement of Lease with the City of New York (the “City”) and a Financing Agreement among the Board, the City, and the New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority (the “Authority”) to establish rates and charges in each year at a level that will provide the required revenue. The Board collects all System revenue and disburses it as follows: 1) to fund debt service on bonds issued to finance capital improvements to the System, 2) to reimburse the City for operating and maintenance costs, 3) to pay a rental fee to the City for the lease of the System (as requested), and 4) to fund required reserves and any other required payments. Daily operations of the Board are carried out by officers and staff of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) utilizing the office space of DEP.

The Board monitors billings and collections throughout the year, and Board members receive between four and six financial updates annually. In addition, the Board periodically enters into contracts to support its revenue and collection activities. Presented below are highlights of the Board’s activities, operations and accomplishments for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

On October 15, 2020, the Board:

- Accepted the independent auditor’s report on the audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020 and authorized the release of the financial statements.
- Reviewed the annual fiscal year 2021 investment report and approved the ongoing adoption of the existing investment guidelines.
- Received information about water use trends in the City during the pandemic.

On November 19, 2020, the Board:

- Reviewed and approved a request for additional compensation for the Board’s rate consultant.
- Received a progress report from the Department of Environmental Protection on the project status of the Department’s efforts to install and start using a new software package for issuing water and sewer utility bills.
- Reviewed and approved a request from the Board’s staff to enter into negotiations with a new electronic payments processor, Paymentus, to work in concert with the Board’s primary bank and the new utility software billing package.

- Received a financial update on revenues and customer payment trends.

On March 23, 2021, the Board:

- Received and approved a request by the DEP and Board staff for an authorization of funds and an extension of authority to issue an RFP and negotiate with prospective vendors on behalf of the Board.
- Received an update on financial and water use trends.
- Received an update on the Board's investment portfolios.
- Received an update on the Board's portfolio of agreements with outside vendors.

On May 10, 2021, the Board:

- Reviewed and consented to the release of its leasehold on a 0.207 acre section of Block 2494, Lot 6, Brooklyn, to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development to support the Greenpoint Landing development project.
- Received DEP's proposed approach to water rates for FY 2022, and agreed to take the proposal under consideration and to hold public hearings.

On June 14, 2021, the Board:

- Adopted the Board's annual budget for FY 2022.
- Adopted the Board's rate schedule effective July 1, 2021.