

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY  
DECEMBER 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those participating were Board Members Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, Ms. Sylvia, Mr. Harry Readshaw, Mr. Darrin Kelly, and Mr. Paul Klein, (via zoom). Absent from the meeting were Ms. Theresa Kail-Smith and Ms. Emily Kinkad. Also participating in the meeting were Ms. Arletta Scott Williams, Ms. Kimberly Kennedy, Ms. Michelle Buys, Ms. Karen Fantoni, and Ms. Suzanne Thomas. Messrs. Michael Lichte, Douglas Jackson (Authority Staff), Max Junker (Babst Calland), and Colin Lampark (HATCH).

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comments for this meeting.

Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam stated there was an Executive Session before the start of this meeting, and no votes are taken at that time.

Karen Fantoni, Director of Finance, reported on the 2025 Operating and Capital Budget. The process was explained realizing it takes up to five months to complete. The teamwork involved every department, manager and Director, to bring the budget before the Board for your consideration on today's agenda. With all financials closing in August, we continued with three days of departmental meetings and by going through each line item and review the rate model. We are in the fourth year of our five-year rate resolution that was passed in year 2021. This process is also reviewed by our Consulting Engineer, Colin Lampark, from HATCH Consulting. There was a Board review in which the draft was presented before the Board in November and since then we have been able to address all questions and concerns that the Board members brought to us. Once the budget is approved, we are required by the trust indenture to get copies of the final Operations Budget and the Consulting Engineers Report to the Trustees. Some highlights are, we have a 7%, scheduled rate increase for 2025, that will provide additional funding for self-funded capital. It is cheaper for us to self-fund some of the capital projects that we have as opposed to funding with debt and bonds. Unfortunately, we will be doing a lot of bond issuances in the future to provide increases for the debt service payments. We spoke previously about the issuances of new bonds in 2024, we are going to be issuing bonds, hopefully in 2025, etc. in order to continue to fund the Clean Water Program and the other capital items that have to be done through our organic capital program as well.

Kimberly Kennedy, Director of Engineering and Construction, explained with additional details about 2025 and what we expect to spend. The top six would include the CSO Bypass and Disinfection project that is two years in, with two years to go. We recently awarded the Solid Thickening and Dewatering Improvements project. It was kicked off yesterday with the four primes, so we expect a lot of activity to the tune of \$28 million, next year on this project. We are also going to finalize the design and bid for two major projects next year: the Wet Weather Pump Station and the Ohio River Tunnel. We have approximately \$14 million, to take to the Wet Weather Pump Station to the bid phase. On the construction side, the Ohio River Tunnel is approximately \$10 million. We will be completing the North End Plant Expansion next year and starting the design for the Allegheny River Tunnel.

Colin Lampark, Consulting Engineers (HATCH), presented the Consulting Engineer report for 2024. The presentation provided a summary of the contents included in the annual reports that will be considered for approval in the meeting. This report is a culmination of work performed throughout the year.

The main topics that were discussed provided purpose and scope, review of the treatment system, Capital Improvements review of the revenues and expenses, review of debt services and insurance, provided an outlook for 2025 and concluded the report.

Kimberly Kennedy, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented the 2024 Capital Budget Status Report. Since December 10, 2024, we have spent \$100 million this year with two-thirds going towards the plant expansion.

Report of actions by the Executive Director in approval of construction change orders within the contingency included with Board Approval at the time of Contract Award as authorized by Resolutions No. 2022-03-04:

1. No. 10 (Final), under Contract 1759G, "Environmental Compliance Facility," from Hudson Companies in the amount of \$723.00. These costs are associated with additional occupant load placards required by code. The original amount of the contract was \$16,732,000.00. The final value of the contract including this change order is \$16,672,354.78.
2. No. 4, under Contract 1760G, "CSO Bypass and Disinfection," from Kokosing Construction in the amount of \$415,692.99. These costs are associated with upsizing concrete beams to support the bypass channel covers, and to rotate two valves to provide better access to the valve actuators. The original amount of the contract was \$77,465,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$78,583,726.26.

Report of actions by the Executive Director in approval of construction change orders less than \$30,000.00 and a cumulative total change order value to date of less than five percent of the original contract amount:

1. No. 1 (Final), under Contract 1779, "Annual Cleaning Contract 2023-2024," from Robinson Pipe Cleaning for a credit in the amount of \$811,132.60. This credit is associated with final quantity reconciliation of unit priced items plus the addition of two additional CCTV sites. The original amount of the contract was \$4,591,567.00. The final value of this contract including this change order is \$3,780,434.40.

Upon motion of Mr. Harry Readshaw, and seconded by Mr. Darrin Kelly, the Board approved the Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 21, 2024.

Upon motion of Mr. Darrin Kelly, and seconded by Ms. Sylvia Wilson, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess \$23,200.00, processed during the period November 13, 2024, to December 2, 2024, and review the summary report of expenses in excess of \$12,600.00, processed during the same period.

Upon motion of Mr. Darrin Kelly, and seconded by Ms. Sylvia Wilson, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for the following contracts:

1. Contract No. 1815, "Miscellaneous Sewer Improvements 2025-2026"
2. Contract No. 1816, "Manhole Improvements Contract"
3. Contract No. 1817, "Repair of Roll-Up Garage Doors"

Upon motion of Darrin Kelly, and seconded by Sylvia Wilson, the Board approved the following Services Authorizations for Professional Consultants. Assignments are based on consultant's past efforts,

knowledge and understanding of the tasks involved and the availability of the consultant's staff to perform the tasks in the time required:

1. For McKim & Creed, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed \$96,084.00, to perform the scope of services for the evaluation and design of the Solar Power Generation for the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Building.

Upon motion of Ms. Sylvia Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Darrin Kelly, the Board approved the following Services Authorization for Professional Consultants. Assignments are based on consultant's past efforts, knowledge and understanding of the tasks involved and the availability of the consultant's staff to perform the tasks in the time required:

1. For WSP USA, Inc, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed \$39,324,380.00, to perform the scope of services for the final design of the Allegheny River Tunnel.

Upon motion of Mr. Harry Readshaw, and seconded by Ms. Sylvia Wilson, the Board approved modification of Service Authorization 302 for Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to extend their Green Infrastructure/Source Control Program Management role to provide ongoing program management support for the ALCOSAN GROW Program for an amount not to exceed \$3,396,434.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Darrin Kelly, and seconded by Mr. Paul Klein, the Board approved modification of Service Authorization 382 for CDM Smith to provide Services During Construction for the Solids Thickening and Dewatering Improvements (Contract 1799) for an amount not to exceed \$2,079,862.00.

Upon motion of Ms. Sylvia Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Darrin Kelly, the Board modified the Grant Agreements for the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program by extending the Term of the Contract.

Upon motion of Mr. Harry Readshaw and seconded by Mr. Darrin Kelly, the Board approved the Board Meeting dates for the calendar year 2025 and authorize advertisement of those dates in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

Upon motion of Ms. Sylvia Wilson and seconded by Mr. Darrin Kelly, the Board adopted the 2024 Consulting Engineers Report and the 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Arletta Scott Williams, made the Board aware in November, Erica Lamar Motley, the Manager of Scholastic Outreach and Education, was honored for the 40 under 40, by the Pittsburgh magazine for Pittsburgh Urban Magnet project. Erica has been with the Scholastic Department sent its conception with only 2 other people and now operates at full capacity. Scholastic starts with pre-K, to Workforce development, to Collegiate internships. Today, this department will be made to a division, Scholastic Outreach and Education and Erica will become the Director of the division. Congratulations.

Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, Board Chairperson extended Congratulations to Erica and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on January 23, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Harry Readshaw  
Secretary

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Secretary to the Board