



## MINUTES

### Special Meeting of the Niagara Falls Water Board August 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Water Treatment Plant Conference Room  
5815 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14304

*Chairman Forster called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.*

#### 1. Attendance:

Asklar (Board Member/Chairman of Finance/Member Exec. Staff Review Cmte.) *Present*

Forster (Chairman) *Present*

Kimble (Board Member) *Present via Videoconference*

Larkin (Board Member/Vice Chairwoman/Governance Chairwoman/  
Chairwoman Exec. Staff Review Cmte.) *Present*

Leffler (Board Member/Member Exec. Staff Review Cmte.) *Present*

*Chairman Forster asked that the Board enter into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, or removal of a particular person.*

*Motion by Board Member Larkin and seconded by Board Member Leffler to enter into Executive Session at 5:03 p.m.*

*Asklar \_\_Y\_\_ Forster \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Larkin \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_*

*Motion carried, 5-0.*

*Motion by Board Member Asklar and seconded by Board Member Leffler to exit Executive Session at 5:19 p.m.*

*Asklar \_\_Y\_\_ Forster \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Larkin \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_*

*Motion carried, 5-0.*

**2. Letters and Communications**

- a. **2023-08-08 – Zehraoui to Forster, Resignation Effective September 8, 2023**
- b. **2023-08-07 – DEC Correspondence – Notice of Intent to Modify and Renew WWTP SPDES Permit**

*Mr. Costello stated the above draft permit is still being analyzed, but will likely require challenging and costly improvements, including installation of dechlorination equipment and BOD removal. The Water Board will respond to DEC stating all concerns.*

**3. Resolutions**

**2023-08-001 - PROJECT 1 CHANGE ORDER FOR CONCRETE REPAIR WORK**

- a. **Hohl Change Order for WWTP Project 1 Additional Concrete Repair**

*Jay Meyers from CPL commented on insufficient grating and lack of steps in Basin 5, stating it was likely a design flaw. He also commented on concrete repair, stating the amount of work needed when the project was designed 6 years ago was underestimated.*

*Motion by Board Member Larkin and seconded by Board Member Leffler to approve.*

*Asklar \_\_Y\_\_ Forster \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Larkin \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_*

*Motion carried, 5-0.*

**2023-08-002 - SETTLE PAVAN CLAIM**

- a. **Notice of Claim – Pavan (Redacted)**

*Motion by Board Member Larkin and seconded by Board Member Kimble to approve.*

*Asklar \_\_Y\_\_ Forster \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Larkin \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_*

*Motion carried, 5-0.*

**2023-08-003 - SEQR REVIEW FOR WWTP BIOLOGICAL CONVERSION PROJECT**

**a. WWTP Conversion - Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1**

**i. WWTP Conversion - Narrative Addendum to Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1**

**b. WWTP Conversion - Short Environmental Assessment Form Parts 2 and 3**

*Motion by Board Member Asklar and seconded by Board Member Leffler to approve.*

*Asklar \_\_Y\_\_ Forster \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Larkin \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_*

*Motion carried, 5-0.*

**2023-08-004 - APPLICATION FOR WIIA, BIL, AND WQIP FUNDING FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONVERSION WORK**

*Motion by Board Member Leffler and seconded by Board Member Asklar to approve.*

*Asklar \_\_Y\_\_ Forster \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Larkin \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_*

*Motion carried, 5-0.*

**2023-08-005 - WIIA GRANT APPLICATION AND SEQR REVIEW FOR CALUMET AVE. SEWER REHABILITATION**

*Motion by Board Member Kimble and seconded by Board Member Larkin to approve.*

*Asklar \_\_Y\_\_ Forster \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Larkin \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_*

*Motion carried, 5-0.*

**2023-08-006 - WIIA GRANT APPLICATION AND SEQR REVIEW FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

*Motion by Board Member Larkin and seconded by Board Member Kimble to approve.*

*Asklar \_\_Y\_\_ Forster \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Larkin \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_*

*Motion carried, 5-0.*

4. **Executive Session:** Anticipated motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of considering matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, or removal of a particular person (Public Officers Law § 105(f)).

*Conducted earlier in meeting.*

5. **Adjournment of Meeting**

*Motion by Board Member Asklar and seconded by Board Member Larkin to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.*

*Asklar \_\_Y\_\_ Forster \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Larkin \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_*

*Motion carried, 5-0.*