



Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority

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“PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING”

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GREATER NEW HAVEN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024 6:00 P.M.
260 EAST STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

The regular meeting of the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority was held June 12, 2024, the GNHWPCA offices at 260 East Street, New Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Chairman Mongillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call

Director’s present: Director Joyce Alton, New Haven
Director Elaine Braffman, New Haven
Director Salvator DeCola, New Haven, via teleconference
Director Kenneth Dagliere, East Haven
Director Raymond Pompano, East Haven
Chairman Stephen Mongillo, Hamden
Director Russell Cyr, Hamden, via teleconference
Director Jeffrey Ginzberg, Woodbridge, via teleconference
Director absent: Vice Chairman Clayton Williams, New Haven

Also present: Sidney J. Holbrook, Executive Director
Gabriel Varca, Treasurer
Gary Zrelak, Director of Operations
Thomas Sgroi, Director of Engineering
Louis Criscuolo, Deputy Director of Finance
Nick Stevens, Project Engineer 3
Ernie Williams, IT Manager
Glenn Santoro, Esq., Robinson & Cole
Deborah L. Torre, Secretary

1. Approval of minutes of May 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting.

Director Braffman made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting of the

Board of Directors of the Authority are hereby adopted and approved in the form attached hereto as the Exhibit to Agenda Item #1, and any such changes, revisions or additions thereto having been noted to by the Secretary of the Authority.

Director Pompano seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Braffman
Cyr
Dagliere
DeCola
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Pompano

2. Public participation relating to agenda items.

Public Present.

Charlie Haeckel, 1117 Townsend Avenue, New Haven, CT 06512 addressed the board regarding the offices at 260 East Street, New Haven, requested changes to Public Access to the building.

3. Consideration and approval of a resolution approving a task order to extend the performance period of the agreement with MLM Consulting LLC for the period commencing July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 for services related to the management of wastewater residuals, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

Director Alton made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the task order to extend the performance period of the agreement with MLM Consulting LLC for the period commencing July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 for services related to the management of wastewater residuals, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, as further

described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #3, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is authorized and empowered, for and on behalf of the Authority to negotiate, execute and deliver such task order and any and all reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

Director Dagliere seconded the motion.

Task Order to extend the services related to the management of Synagro.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Braffman
Cyr
Dagliere
Decola
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Pompano

4. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, to negotiate, execute and deliver an agreement with GA Fleet Associates Inc. for the rental of certain equipment and other related services for the Authority's hydrocyclone project, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,130.00.

Director Braffman made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the rental agreement with GA Fleet Associates Inc. for the rental of certain equipment and other related services for the Authority's hydrocyclone project, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,130.00, as further described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #4, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is

authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to negotiate, execute and deliver such agreement and any and all reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

Director Alton seconded the motion.

This project involves a modification to the GNHWPCA's wasting process to more effectively remove the lighter settling solids in the secondary activated sludge treatment train. This project will be on a temporary basis to evaluate the effectiveness of this process.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Braffman
Cyr
Dagliere
DeCola
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Pompano

5. Consideration and approval of certain Departmental Budget Transfer Requests.

Director Braffman made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the Departmental Budget Transfer Requests, as described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #5, are hereby approved.

Director Pompano seconded the motion.

There are two budget transfers.

1. \$18,601 to cover pay out of sick/vacation time due to retirement.
2. \$20,000 consultant fees through 06/30/2024.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Braffman
Cyr

Dagliere
DeCola
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Pompano

6. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the write-off of \$5,226.09 of accounts receivable as uncollectable.

Director Braffman made the following motion.

RESOLVED: That the write-offs as further described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #6 are hereby approved

Director Altom seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Braffman
Cyr
Dagliere
DeCola
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Pompano

7. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, to negotiate, execute and deliver amendments to agreements for on-call sewer repairs, effecting a two-year extension of the term of each such agreement, all related to Project No. SSR 2022-02 Sanitary Sewer Collection System on-Call Repairs.

Director Pompano made the following motion

RESOLVED: That the amendment to the agreement for on-call sewer repairs with each of the contractors as further described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #7, effecting a two-year extension of the term of each such agreement, all related to Project No. SSR 2022-02 Sanitary Sewer Collection System On-Call Repairs, are hereby approved, and that the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on

behalf of the Authority, to negotiate, execute and deliver such amendments and any and all reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

Director Braffman seconded the motion.

This is a 2-year contract extension for contractors who provide on-call sewer repair services for the sanitary sewer collection system.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Braffman
Cyr
Dagliere
DeCola
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Pompano

8. Consideration and approval of a resolution approving an increase of the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 for services related to Project No. SSR 2022-03, Whitney Museum Green Infrastructure Parking Lot, as approved by the Board on September 13, 2023, by \$80,000, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$280,000.

Director Pompano made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That (i) the resolution approving an increase of the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 for services related to Project No. SSR 2022-03, Whitney Museum Green Infrastructure Parking Lot, as approved by the Board on September 13, 2023, by \$80,000, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$280,000, is hereby approved and (ii) the agreement with Burns Construction for services related to Project No. SSR 2022-03, Whitney Museum Green Infrastructure Parking Lot, for an amount not to exceed \$280,000, all as further described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #8, are hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to negotiate, execute and deliver such agreement and any and all reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance there

Director Dagliere seconded the motion.

This is a public benefit project which is to complete the rehabilitation of a portion of the Whitney Museums parking lot utilizing Green Infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff to the Mill River.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Braffman
Cyr
Dagliere
DeCola
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Pompano

9. **Executive Session pursuant to Sections 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(9) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, for the purpose of discussing records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.**

Director Alton made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Sections 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(9) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board present and voting, the Board of Directors hereby approves to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.

Director Pompano seconded the motion.

Director Alton moves motion to go into executive Session.

Director Pompano seconded the motion.

Vote to go into Executive Session

All in favor.

At 6:40 P.M. Chairman Mongillo calls for a motion to end Executive Session.

Included in Executive Session were the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Finance Director, Deputy Director of Finance and Directors of Operations and Engineering.

No votes were taken.

All in favor of coming out of Executive Session.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Braffman
Cyr
Dagliere
DeCola
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Pompano

10. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, to negotiate, execute and deliver a (i) Release with Luis Chumpitaz, for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00, and (ii) Release with Lisa Slonus, for an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Director Dagliere made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That, the (i) Release with Luis Chumpitaz, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00, and (ii) Release with Lisa Slonus, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000, all as further described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #10, are hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to negotiate, execute and deliver such releases and any and all reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

Director Pompano seconded the motion.

Settlement of customer claims

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Braffman
Cyr
Dagliere
DeCola
Ginzberg

Mongillo
Pompano

11. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, to negotiate, execute and deliver amendments to the collective bargaining agreement with each of Local 1303-434 and Local 818-54, effecting a four-year extension of the term of each such agreement and an increase in the wages payable thereunder.

Director Braffman made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That, the amendments to the collective bargaining agreement with each of Local 1303-434 and Local 818-54, effecting a four-year extension of the term of each such agreement, as further described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #11, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is authorized and empowered, for and on behalf of the Authority, to negotiate, execute and deliver such amendments and any and all reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

Director Pompano seconded the motion.

The GNHWPCA's two local unions Collective Bargaining Agreement amending and affecting a four-year extension of the terms of each such agreement. All members in agreement and ready to sign.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

Alton
Braffman
Cyr
Dagliere
DeCola
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Pompano

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

12. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, to negotiate, execute and deliver an electric supply agreement for the purchase of the Authority’s Electric Commodity at a fixed rate for a multi-month period.

Director Alton made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That, the electric supply agreement for the purchase of the Authority’s Electric Commodity at a fixed rate for a multi-month period, as further described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #12, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to negotiate, execute and deliver such agreement and any and all reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

Director Pompano seconded the motion.

Electric Supply Agreement Authorization for the purchase of the Authority’s Electric Commodity at a fixed rate for a multi-month period. The new contract will replace the current fixed rate contract expiring in December 2024. Going out to bid early because of better pricing now.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYES</u>	<u>ABSTENTIONS</u>
Alton		
Braffman		
Cyr		
Dagliere		
DeCola		
Ginzberg		
Mongillo		
Pompano		

13. Executive summary and department updates and presentations.

- Monthly Financial Report
- Monthly Operations Report
- Monthly Engineering report

- Bond Rating – refunding, reaffirmed at AA+

14. Consideration and approval, as necessary, of any other new business of the Authority.

No new business.

15. Call to the public.

No public present.

16. Adjournment.

There being no further business a motion was made by Director Braffman seconded by Director Pompano and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Torre
Secretary