

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those participating were Board Members Ms. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, Ms. Emily Kinkead (via zoom), Ms. Theresa Kail-Smith participated (via zoom), in the Executive Session but had to leave before the Public Session. Mr. Harry Readshaw, Mr. Darrin Kelly, and Mr. Paul Klein (via Zoom) and absent from the meeting was Ms. Sylvia Wilson. Also participating in the meeting were Ms. Williams, Ms. Buys, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Fantoni, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Clark, Ms. Motley-Williams. Messrs. Michael Lichte, Doug Jackson, Phil Cole (Authority staff), Max Junker (Babst Calland)

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comments for this meeting.

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

Erica LaMar Motley, Manager of Scholastic Outreach and Educational services shared some highlights on how ALCOSAN is increasing our image and awareness to students, teachers, and parents who live, or attend schools in our 83 communities. We have been providing presentations, hands-on activities, mentoring, and job shadowing. During the pandemic, we pivoted to our virtual platforms. Our students are from Pre-k to College level, including gifted and those students identified with learning challenges. This year ‘Frankie’s Science Days’ are December 27th and December 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm. Every child will receive all the materials to participate, in the U.S. Mail. ALCOSAN now has a mobile technology and mini lab, that will allow us to take Science on the road. Lastly, Frankie gave our Board Vice Chairperson, Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, a shout out for receiving the 2023, C-Suite award from the Pittsburgh Business Times.

Karen Fantoni, Director of Finance, reported on 2023, Operating Cost and Revenues. As of the end of October, we are 83% of the year through and collected 91.5% of our budgeted revenue and expended 76.4% of our Operating budget. We continue to operate in sound and financial manner.

Kimberly Kennedy, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented the WWTP Expansion Cost Report. Construction at the plant continues to make progress every month, we are up to \$208,000,000.00 million. Within the last 12 months, we have advanced in construction by \$64,000,000.00.

Upon motion of Darrin Kelly, and seconded by Harry Readshaw, the Board approved the Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 26, 2023.

Upon motion of Harry Readshaw, and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess \$20,100.00, processed during the period of October 17, 2023, to November 6, 2023, and review the summary report of expenses in excess of \$10,900.00, processed during the same period.

Upon motion of Harry Readshaw and seconded by Paul Klein, the Board awarded the following contract:

1. Contract No. 1791 “Dewatering Centrifuge Equipment” to GEA Mechanical Equipment US, Inc. at the price of \$4,571,284.00.

Upon motion of Darrin Kelly and seconded by Harry Readshaw, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for the following contract:

1. Contract No. 1798, “Contract to Furnish and Deliver Caustic Soda for Demineralization Unit Regeneration”.

The items denoted with an asterisk () were reviewed by the Professional Service Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on November 13, 2023. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended that these items be submitted to the Board.*

*Upon motion by Darrin Kelly, and seconded by Harry Readshaw, the Board approved the following Service Authorizations for Professional Consultants. Assignment is based on consultants’ 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 Delve Underground, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed \$849,733.95 to perform the construction management scope of services under Capital Project S-474, “Contract 1763: Access Shafts Near A-40 and M-49 Interceptor Junction and Contract 1764: 0-15/O-16 Access Shaft and Regulator Improvements”.
2. For GHD, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed \$576,419.00 to perform the scope of services under Capital Project S-491, “Upper Saw Mill Run and Lower Ohio Interceptor Lining”.
3. For Veritas Prime, under the agreement for Professional Services, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 to perform the scope of services for Human Resources Information System Needs Assessment.

*Upon motion by Paul Klein, and seconded by Harry Readshaw, the Board awarded Underground Utility Locating Services to T2 Utility Engineers and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a fee.

*Upon motion by Emily Kinkead, and seconded by Harry Readshaw, the Board approved modification of Service Authorization 380 for Gannett Fleming for work associated with the Construction Phase Services of the Misc. Tank Demolition and Replacement project for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

*Upon motion by Harry Readshaw and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the adopted Resolution No. 2023-11-01 authorizing a payment of \$29,330.00 to Jia Jia Manuel and Aaron Manuel, for the appraised value of certain personal property relinquished to ALCOSAN in connection with the displacement of the Manuels' business from real property acquired to implement the Clean Water Plan.

*Upon motion by Harry Readshaw and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-11-02 to authorize the submission of an application for a Statewide Local Share Account grant of \$658,400.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of a 2024 MC1312- 3S4X Combination Jet/Vac truck from GapVax, Inc.

*Upon motion by Darrin Kelly and seconded by Paul Klein, the Board authorized the Executive Director to execute the Mutual Release for the litigation docketed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Docket No. 2:18-cv-533 regarding the January 13, 2018, barge breakaway at Jack's Run Fleeting Area.

*Upon motion by Harry Readshaw and seconded Paul Klein the Board ratified Special Counsel Salzmann Hughes, P.C.'s execution of both the Joint Stipulation and the Amended Joint Stipulation filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the application at Docket No. A-2021-3024058 regarding the potential sale of the Brentwood Borough wastewater conveyance and collection system to Pennsylvania-American Water Company.

Before everyone departed from the meeting, the ALCOSAN Board members wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on December 14, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.