

**Minutes of the
Special Board Meeting
Of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority
Held on February 4, 2019**

This Special Board Meeting of The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act, was called to order on February 4, 2019, at approximately 11:00 a.m., in the First-Floor Board Room, 1200 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. Paul Leger, Ms. Deborah Gross, Mr. Jim Turner (via Conference call), Ms. Margaret Lanier (via Conference call).

Absent was Ms. Chaton Turner.

There was a quorum for this meeting.

Present from staff were: Robert Weimar, Debby Gibson, Debbie Lestitian, Edward Barca, Rick Obermeier

Also present was Mark Nowak of Clark Hill, David Ries of Clark Hill, Adam Smeltz of Post-Gazette, Giuseppe Sciulli of Mott MacDonald, Margaret Kraus of WESA

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

None was held.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT No comments.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Leger reported that the organizational reporting has been changed and that additional employees have been hired by the PWSA..

Chairperson Leger requests a motion to approve the changes on the Organizational Chart for discussion. Ms. Gross so moved, and Mr. Turner and Ms. Lanier both seconded the motion.

Ms. Lanier asked for clarification on the additional staff and Mr. Weimar responded with a detailed description of the positions to be occupied by the new hires.

Paul Leger added that there are no raises and no changes in salaries and that the budget remains the same.

Ms. Gross stated her support for the internal expansion and hiring of personnel.

Mr. Leger asked for support of the modified organizational chart.

Those members in attendance unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 13 of 2019 Approving Termination Notice for the PWSA-City Cooperation Agreement Related to the Operations of the Water and Sewer System

Mr. Leger, Board Chair, explained the details of this Resolution. This is the required 90-day notice to the City to terminate the 1995 Cooperation Agreement. The PWSA and the City will begin to negotiate a new Cooperation Agreement. This is not to be confused with the lease between the City and PWSA.

Chairperson Leger entered a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Gross so moved, and Mr. Turner and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

Ms. Gross stated that 1995 was a very long time ago. The regulatory environment and application of the Municipal Authorities Act and PUC regulations are unique and have changed the duties and responsibilities of the parties. This has never happened before to any other municipality in the Commonwealth.

Paul Leger stated that the new agreement will benefit both the ratepayers and the taxpayers. The City and the PWSA will negotiate a new agreement over the next 90 days.

The four attending members unanimously approved the Resolution. The Resolution was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gross so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

James Turner, Secretary