

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **January 26, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2026, Chairman Amir Famili presiding. The meeting was held via video and audio advanced communication technology ("ACT"), using the ZOOM internet application, including telephone option, due to the winter storm emergency currently in effect. Each Board member and other attendees of the meeting were able to hear each other attendee and be heard by each other attendee. The public could also participate in the meeting via ACT, using the Zoom internet application, including telephone option. A Roll Call of Board members present was taken. Amir Famili, Jeff Morgan, Linda Rosenfeld, Kevin Baker, Sean Ziller, and Peter Dent were present for Roll Call and remained for the duration of the meeting.

Attorney Kevin Reid of the KingSpry law firm, the Authority's Solicitor, was present along with Authority Staff, Liesel Gross, Chris Moughan, Chuck Volk and Taylor Stakes.

Chairman Famili announced that the Board received their electronic and hard copies of the Board packet in advance. A copy of the packet is also available online.

#### **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Liesel Gross stated that due to the change in meeting venue as a result of the winter storm emergency, the agenda has been modified to address only one action item that requires a Board decision today. All other items listed on the agenda will be postponed for the next meeting to be held on February 9, 2026. The customer bill dispute hearing has been postponed as well, and the customer was notified of the date change.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **January 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by Linda Rosenfeld, seconded by Sean Ziller, the Board approved the minutes from the January 12, 2026 meeting as presented (6-0).

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

##### **Resolution No. 1-2026-2: Authoring Application for Pennvest Financing, Lead Service Line Replacement Project, Cycle 3**

Liesel Gross reviewed Resolution 1-2026-2, which is required to complete a funding application to Pennvest by the next application deadline of February 4, 2026. The application is described in the Resolution and will cover costs to replace an additional 1,000 lead water service lines in the City of Allentown. The project will be the third cycle of lead pipe replacements. She noted the Authority is hoping to apply for funding now while some grants are still available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Sean Ziller asked for details on the project costs and the Authority's share of the project cost if Pennvest funding is awarded. Ms. Gross noted the project costs are still being finalized for the application, but the project is estimated to cost \$12 million. The Authority's share of the cost will be determined after the Pennvest funding decision is made regarding grant availability. There was some additional discussion about recent media coverage of the Authority's lead pipe replacement projects and Pennvest funding.

On a motion by Linda Rosenfeld, seconded by Peter Dent, the Board approved Resolution 1-2026-2 (6-0).

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Liesel Gross reviewed the staff response to the winter storm emergency, including adjustments to operational staffing schedules and arrangement of emergency housing for staff to ensure availability. She noted current activities focus on emergency response for leak repairs, core treatment plant operations, and snow clearing activity. Amir Famili thanked the staff for these efforts and their dedication to the Authority's customers.

**SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS / OTHER COMMENTS**

None.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

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Linda A. Rosenfeld  
Secretary