

Calvin D. Farr, Jr., P.E., General Manager/CEO

Paul Colangelo, Jr., Chair B. Paul O'Meara, Jr., Vice Chair Marlo Thomas Watson, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Almond, Member Dean E. Dickey, Member Charles A. Grymes, Member K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Ph.D., Member

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF MAY 8, 2025

Board Members Present: Paul Colangelo, Jr. (via MS Teams), Dean E. Dickey, Charles A. Grymes, K. Jack

Kooyoomjian, Ph.D., B. Paul O'Meara, Jr., Marlo Thomas Watson.

Staff: Calvin D. Farr, Jr., Hari Kurup, Astrid Nelson, Don Pannell, Najee Alleyne, Audrey

Arnold, Ximena Balbuena, Lyle Beefelt, Samer Beidas, Kathy Bentz, Drew

Cockram, Lee-Anne Dandrea, LaNetta Farris, Michael Fox, Irma Houck, Mamoud Kamara, Jamaine Logan, Navdeep Nara, Glenn Pearson, Tony Piccione (via MS Teams), Shailaja Poluru, Doug Shoop, Alex Silver, Brian Sipes, Zachary Waszczak,

Jeanetta Williams, April Bean, and Kim Murray.

Legal Counsel: Mark Viani/Bean Kinney & Korman, P.C.

Guests: Lisa and Owen Duriancik; Mik Hotha/AECOM; RJ Kumar, Travis Murray, and

Valerie Ross/ESC Partners; Shannon Campbell and Lyndal Haddox/E Source (via

MS Teams); Tom Smith; Harry Wiggins.

Board Members Absent: Jim Almond.

Mr. Colangelo joined the meeting via MS Teams at 3:55 PM from New York for business reasons.

Mrs. Thomas Watson joined the meeting via MS Teams at 3:55 PM from her vehicle on the way to the meeting.

#### CALL TO ORDER and GENERAL MATTERS

Vice Chair O'Meara called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

# a) Consideration of Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2025, Board Meeting

Vice Chair O'Meara asked if there were any edits to the minutes from the April 10, 2025, Board Meeting; hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

# b) Consideration of Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2025, Annual Business Plan Work Session

Vice Chair O'Meara asked if there were any edits to the minutes from the April 22, 2025, Annual Business Plan Work Session. Dr. Kooyoomjian noted that he sent Ms. Murray a few minor editorial corrections. Hearing no additional edits, the minutes were approved as presented.

### c) Consideration of Announcements by Staff

i. <u>At Places</u>: Mr. Farr noted the following items at Board Members' places: (1) A T-shirt from Kidz@Work day celebrating "Water Superheroes," and (2) A corrected copy of Table 9A in the FY26 Annual Business Plan, which inadvertently omitted an asterisk to identify one of the Sewer Pump Station projects subject to bond reimbursement.

### d) Public Comment Time

Mr. Harry Wiggins addressed the Board about protection of the Occoquan Reservoir; he suggested Prince William Water consider identifying the impact of development within the Occoquan Reservoir protection area to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors when they are considering development in those resource protection areas. He also suggested Board members receive copies of the Occoquan Water Monitoring Laboratory (OWML) reports in their monthly Board packages so they can review the information provided about the Occoquan Reservoir.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Annual Business Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 and Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2030.
- b) Authorize Issuance of a Purchase Order to Mythics, LLC for Oracle Licensing and Support.

Vice Chair O'Meara asked if any Board Member wanted to pull an item from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Dickey asked to pull item 2.b) for discussion.

Vice Chair O'Meara called for a motion to approve item 2.a) on the Consent Agenda: Approval of the Annual Business Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 and Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2030.

Motion: Mr. Grymes Second: Mr. Dickey

Ayes: Grymes, Dickey, Colangelo (via MS Teams), Kooyoomjian, O'Meara, Thomas Watson (via MS

Teams)

Absent: Almond

Vice Chair O'Meara asked Mr. Farr to begin the discussion on item 2.b) Authorize Issuance of a Purchase Order to Mythics, LLC for Oracle Licensing and Support. Mr. Farr explained this is a very important project that is needed to modernize the technology Prince William Water uses, as well as the administrative processes. He noted Mr. Kurup and Mr. Beefelt will provide an overview of the project. Mr. Farr also introduced consultants

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from ESC Partners and E Source (some were physically present; some were on MS Teams). Mr. Kurup presented information about the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project and addressed Board members' questions about the project.

Mrs. Thomas Watson joined the meeting in person at 4:33 PM.

Dr. Kooyoomjian, Mr. Dickey, and Mr. Grymes shared questions and comments on the project.

Vice Chair O'Meara asked for a motion to approve item 2.b).

Motion: Mr. Dickey

Second: Dr. Kooyoomjian

Ayes: Dickey, Kooyoomjian, Colangelo (via MS Teams), Grymes, O'Meara, Thomas Watson

Absent: Almond

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Mr. Farr provided updates on the Cherry Hill water main project. Dominion Energy is making progress on the effort, and their staff reported that most residents in Cherry Hill have elected to have a connection to public water. Dominion recently notified the property owners of their progress and advised that information regarding required easements will be forthcoming.
- b) Mr. Farr shared that Prince William County (PWC) has initiated the 65% design phase for the low-pressure force main extension to Bristow Manor. PWC is exploring additional funding options to cover the estimated \$2 million funding shortfall for the project. In the meantime, Prince William Water continues to administer the temporary pump and haul service for the community and golf club.
- c) Mr. Farr reported he and Mr. Pannell were recently invited to represent Prince William Water on the Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Infrastructure Executive Committee. The Committee is made up of representatives from the energy, transportation, broadband, and water sectors. It is focused on updating the Virginia Chamber's strategic plan, *Blueprint Virginia 2030*. The updated *Blueprint Virginia 2030* will be presented to the Governor-elect in December and will influence Virginia's infrastructure priorities for the next four to five years.
- d) Mr. Farr noted staff completed the bond sale last week with \$111.3 million in *Water and Sewer System Revenue and Refunding Bonds* to fund a portion of our replacement capital program. Both Moody's and Standard & Poor's affirmed Prince William Water as a triple-A credit, citing strong financial metrics and governance as credit strengths, specifically formal policies and practices, long-term planning, and a demonstrated willingness to implement rate increases. The triple-A ratings resulted in strong demand for the bonds, which allowed us to lower the overall interest rate to 4.41%. Mr. Farr thanked the Finance and Management & Budget staff who worked on the debt issuance.
- e) Mr. Farr provided community outreach and engagement highlights, including events, activities, social media posts, and employee articles for the past month. Student Owen Duriancik, whom Prince William Water judges awarded first place in the Middle Division of the Regional Science & Engineering Fair, was present at the meeting and recognized for his project and award. Mr. Farr added that staff continues to partner with PWC Schools to provide internships to high-school aged students. This year, Prince William Water

hosted three students who were also part of a non-profit organization called Future Kings, which provides STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) training and certifications to high school boys.

- f) Mr. Farr shared People & Talent updates with the Board, reporting on Kidz@Work Day and the Spring Fling; he thanked Board Members who attended one or both events. Future events include the Health and Safety Fair on May 14 and the celebration of Drinking Water & Wastewater Professionals Day with an ice cream social on June 30. Our recruiting team is also working on temporary and seasonal roles (23) and college internship positions (four) for the summer.
- g) Mr. Farr advised the Supplier Diversity Vendor Expo is set for Tuesday, June 3; it is a great opportunity for SWaM (small, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses) vendors to meet and talk with staff about their services. After the Expo, staff will host a "Prince William Water Capital Improvement Lunch and Learn" session for vendors.
- h) Mr. Farr reminded Board Members the 2025 Water Academy begins Wednesday, June 18. A flyer with details was included in this month's Board packages.
- i) Mr. Farr wished a Happy Mother's Day to all who celebrate as a mother or celebrate the mothers in their life.
  - j) Mr. Farr noted a closed meeting is needed this evening.

#### 4. ATTORNEY'S TIME

Mr. Viani introduced his colleague, Tim Hughes, who has assisted with construction contracts. Mr. Viani confirmed a closed meeting is needed under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711A1, Personnel, and § 2.2-3711A6, Procurement.

Vice Chair O'Meara requested a motion to authorize a closed meeting to discuss items under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711A1, Personnel , and § 2.2-3711A6, Procurement.

Motion: Mrs. Thomas Watson Second: Dr. Kooyoomjian

Ayes: Thomas Watson, Kooyoomjian, Colangelo (via MS Teams), Dickey, Grymes, O'Meara

Absent: Almond

### 5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Vice Chair O'Meara asked if Board Members had any comments or questions on the Administrative Reports. Mr. Beefelt provided a review of the Third Quarter and Year-to-date financials. Mr. Sipes added information about bill payment assistance options that are provided to customers.

### 6. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS

Mrs. Thomas Watson commended staff and consultants on their presentations, and congratulated Mr. Farr and Mr. Pannell for their representation on the Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Infrastructure Executive Committee.

Dr. Kooyoomjian wished a Happy Mother's Day; he expressed how much he enjoyed the Spring Fling; and he thanked Mr. Farr for his recent letter regarding the PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) Reduction Program. He noted he enjoyed serving as a science fair judge for the Federal Water Quality Association. Dr. Kooyoomjian reported that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors is scheduled to vote on the appointment of Tom Smith as the Woodbridge District representative to the Prince William Water Board of Directors at their May 13, 2025, meeting. He mentioned that PWC Department of Parks and Recreation applied for a Fairfax Water supply stakeholder outreach program grant, and suggested Ms. Bentz look into the grant as well.

Mr. Grymes welcomed Tom Smith to the Board.

Mr. Dickey thanked staff and consultants for the briefs and presentations, and commended staff on the bond sale. He also wished Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. O'Meara shared Happy Mother's Day wishes and noted he enjoyed the Spring Fling. He also thanked Communications and Community Engagement staff on the Kidz@Work event.

Mr. Colangelo thanked staff and consultants for the presentations. He also wished a Happy Mother's Day.

#### CLOSED MEETING

Vice Chair O'Meara announced a closed meeting at 5:35 PM to discuss items under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711 A1, Personnel, and § 2.2-3711A6, Procurement.

Mr. Colangelo disconnected from MS Teams at 5:53 PM.

Upon conclusion of the closed meeting at 6:00 PM, and in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a motion was made by Mrs. Thomas Watson and seconded by Mr. Dickey to return to an open meeting certifying that to the best of the Members' knowledge, the only matters considered were those that were appropriate to be discussed under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711 A1, Personnel , and § 2.2-3711A6, Procurement.

# **CERTIFICATION FOR CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Prince William Water Board of Directors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and,

WHEREAS, § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Prince William Water Board of Directors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William Water Board of Directors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution

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applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Thomas Watson

Second: Mr. Dickey

Ayes: Thomas Watson, Dickey, Grymes, Kooyoomjian, O'Meara

Absent: Almond, Colangelo

# 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Marlo Thomas Watson
Secretary/Treasurer