

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Thursday, April 24, 2025  
450 Child Street (Boardroom), Warren, RI

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## **Board Members Present:**

Juan Mariscal, Chairman (*arrived 5:19pm*)  
Christopher Stanley, Secretary/Treasurer  
John M. Jannitto, Board Member (*arrived 5:25pm*)  
Robert J. Martin, Board Member  
William F. Gosselin, Board Member  
Stephen Gross, Board Member  
Richard E. Fournier, Board Member  
David E. Fales, Board Member

## **Board Members Absent:**

Thomas Kraig, Vice-Chairman

## **BCWA Staff Attending:**

Stephen H. Coutu, Executive Director  
Michael Crawford, Deputy Executive Director  
Daniel Hughes, Finance Manager  
Colin O'Hara, Engineering Project Manager  
Lauren DeRuisseau, HR/Executive Assistant

## **Others Attending:**

Legal Counsel Joseph Keough

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### **1. Call to Order**

Pursuant to proper notice, the Board Meeting of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Acting Chairman Christopher Stanley at 5:01pm.

### **2. Public Input**

There was no public input.

### **3. Minutes**

#### **a. Board Meeting – 3/27/25**

Director Gross made the following motion seconded by Director Gosselin

**Motion: To approve.**

**Motion passed 5-0 by aye vote, with one abstention by Director Martin**

### **4. Executive Director's Report**

- Pawtucket Water Supply Board Connection – We received a water quality analysis from East Providence and they provided conceptual plans for the blending and treatment

station. Initially there was going to be two separate facilities. The plan now is to design one station for both communities to be sited at the water tank facilities in East Providence.

- Treatment Plant – A draft RFP has been prepared and will be discussed in Executive Session. Conceptual plans for a new maintenance garage have been advanced and we are seeking a task order and fee from Pare Corp to design it.
- Dam Removal – There is still some minor grading to be done. Representatives from the Dam Safety Program came on site April 4<sup>th</sup> and were pleased with the work that was completed.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Program – To date, there are 15 remaining public side services to be replaced.
- Fountain Avenue Tank – An RFP is in development for a wireless communication company to use space on the tank, which we hope to issue sometime in May.
- We are pleased to welcome Jack Ouellette as our newest Water Utility Operator. We are currently advertising in local papers for seasonal summer laborers.
- Our spring hydrant flushing program is currently underway. We put notices in the local papers as well as on our website and Facebook page.

Director Martin moved the following motion seconded by Director Gross

**Motion: To accept the report.**

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

Operations report:

- Phase 1 dam inspection due for the Swansea Dam, which is getting paid for through Massachusetts DEP.

Engineering report:

- Boyle & Fogarty was approved for the \$1.5M Capital Improvement Project. They are planning to begin that project in July this year.
- For the 2024 Capital Improvement Project, the contractor returned on March 31<sup>st</sup> to do renewals in Bristol. All renewals in Bristol have since been completed. Currently waiting for RIDOT road opening permits to complete the rest of the renewals.

IT report:

- The security camera work is going well. The new system will be online starting tonight.

## **5. Financial Report**

(Appendix A)

Finance Manager Dan Hughes provided a financial summary for March 2025.

*Chairman Mariscal arrived at 5:19pm.*

## **6. Board Member Town Council Reports**

There were no reports.

## **7. Executive Session**

Director Gross made the following motion seconded by Director Stanley

**Motion: To move into Executive Session based on the listed RI General Laws and Regulations.**

**(Litigation – North Farm pursuant to RIGL s. 42-46-5 (a)(2); Investment of Public Funds – Evaluation of Bond Counsel Services Proposals pursuant to RIGL s. 42-46-5 (a)(7); Property – Former Plant Facilities and Property pursuant to RIGL s. 42-46-5 (a)(5); Executive Session Minutes: Board Meeting – 3/27/25)**

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

*Director Jannitto arrived at 5:25pm.*

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:25pm.

The Board returned to open session at 6:16pm.

Director Gross made the following motion seconded by Director Martin

**MOTION: To seal the Executive Session minutes.**

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

## **8. Board Vote on 3-Year Bond Counsel Services Agreement**

Director Gross made the following motion seconded by Director Stanley

**Motion: To approve Mack Law Associates.**

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

## **9. Next Scheduled Meeting – May 29, 2025**

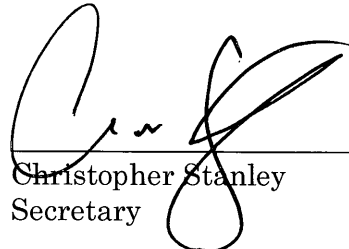
## **10. Adjournment**

Director Gross moved the following motion seconded by Director Stanley

**MOTION: To adjourn.**

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm.

  
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Christopher Stanley  
Secretary