

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

**Thursday, September 25, 2025  
450 Child Street (Boardroom), Warren, RI**

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## **Board Members Present:**

Juan Mariscal, Chairman  
Thomas Kraig, Vice-Chairman  
Christopher Stanley, Secretary/Treasurer  
John M. Jannitto, Board Member  
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:**

None

## **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 Chairman Mariscal at 5:01pm.

### **2. Minutes**

#### **a. Board Meeting – 8/28/25**

Vice-Chairman Kraig moved the following motion seconded by Director Stanley

**MOTION: To approve.**

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

#### **b. Properties Committee Meeting – 9/11/25**

Director Stanley moved the following motion seconded by Director Jannitto

**MOTION: To approve.**

**Motion passed with (8) aye votes, and (1) abstention by Director Gross**

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

- Pawtucket Pipeline Project – At the last Board meeting, the Board approved Amendment No. 3 for Beta Group. The letter sent to Beta along with their response to that letter are included with my report. We also received the monthly progress report as requested. We have a meeting with East Providence administration next week to discuss the recent contract amendment and the blending and control station.
- Demo of Water Treatment Plant – We had a kick off meeting with the design team for the proposed garage on September 18<sup>th</sup> and there will be a design charrette next Thursday and Friday.
- Dam Removal Project – The contractor is back on site to wrap up punch list items and do seeding. We are getting pricing for tree planting in October.
- Pare Corp continues to work on the permitting documents for the Shad Factory Pipeline.
- A binder of all BCWA properties was presented to the Properties Committee.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Program – The service line inspection program is winding down. The contractor received a 40% success rate and have removed 148 service lines from the unknown list. We submitted our report to the state as required by the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act and in addition, reports were sent to Barrington, Bristol, and Warren town officials as requested by the Board.
- We expect a final report by the end of this week for the Fountain Avenue Tank.
- We are currently advertising for a vacant Water Utility Operator position.

#### **Operations Report:**

- Regarding lead service lines, we will be beginning compliance notifications over the next couple of weeks to our customers that either have unknowns or qualifying lead services. This will be our last effort to try to identify all the unknowns as part of the project with RIRWA.
- Our operators recently completed work on an inoperable valve on Child Street with limited disruptions to residents.

#### **Engineering Report:**

- Boyle & Fogarty completed all the work in Warren aside from the asphalt restoration. They have moved to Bristol and started installing the water main on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The location of the fire hydrant has been determined and approved by the Bristol Fire Department (next to 47 Gooding Avenue).
- Dewcon started milling today with their subcontractor and will starting paving next week.

### **4. Financial Report**

(Appendix A)

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

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

There were no reports.

## **6. Properties Committee – Former Plant Buildings Recommendation**

Director Martin stated that the Properties Committee met on September 11<sup>th</sup> to review where we are with the two buildings. The consensus was that we gave the public a sufficient amount of time and a request for proposal, to which there were no responses. The Committee decided that the best course of action for BCWA was to eliminate the buildings. Historic architectural features would be preserved once they have been determined. The Committee would ensure that the results would go to the Warren Town Council to keep them informed of the progress.

## **7. Public Input**

The Board recognized Historical Preservation Consultant Ned Connors. Mr. Connors stated that the RFP was more of a request for discussion as opposed to a request for proposals and that is not how industrial and commercial properties are marketed. Mr. Connors proposed meeting with an industrial and commercial properties real estate broker and the use of LoopNet, which lists commercial and investor real estate and exposes the property to a national and international audience. Mr. Connors presented a mockup of a proposed advertisement for the buildings on LoopNet.

The Board also recognized a member of the public, Paul Rocha, who was in attendance with Mr. Connors.

## **8. Executive Session**

Director Gross made the following motion seconded by Director Stanley

**MOTION: To enter Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL s. 42-46-5 (a)(2) and RIGL s. 42-46-5 (a)(5).**

**(Litigation – Providence Water Supply Board – Docket 24-51-WW and Supreme Court Appeal – Pursuant to RIGL s. 42-46-5 (a)(2); Disposition of Publicly Held Property – Former Treatment Plant Buildings Pursuant to RIGL s. 42-46-5 (a)(5); Executive Session Minutes: Board Meeting – 7/24/25, Properties Committee Meeting – 9/11/25)**

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:50pm.

The Board returned to open session at 6:27pm.

Director Martin made the following motion seconded by Director Stanley

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

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

## **9. Board Vote on Course of Action for Former Plant Buildings**

Director Gross made the following motion seconded by Director Stanley

**MOTION: To table a course of action until a report is done on the property.**

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

## **10. Next Scheduled Meeting – October 23, 2025**

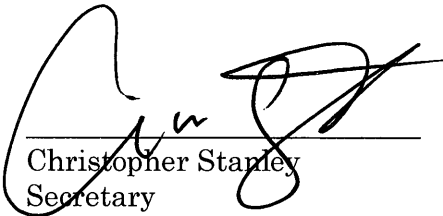
## 11. Adjournment

Director Stanley moved the following motion seconded by Director Gross

**MOTION: To adjourn.**

**Motion passed unanimously by aye vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.



Christopher Stanley  
Secretary