

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**BUFFALO SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**JULY 1, 2020**

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# **BUFFALO SEWER AUTHORITY**

**July 1, 2020**

**ANNUAL MEETING                      9:00 A.M.                      VIA TELECONFERENCE**  
**+ 1 929-229-5044 United States, New York City (Toll)**  
**Conference ID: 878 614 073#**

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**CALL OF THE ROLL**

Present: Herbert L. Bellamy, Jr.  
Christopher Roosevelt  
Eleanor Petrucci  
Oluwole A. McFoy, P.E.  
Ronald Brown  
Gelea James  
Allison Lack  
LaToya Cunningham  
Tracy King  
David Rossney  
Roberta Gaiek, P.E.  
Delano Dowell  
Laura Surdej  
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Absent: none

Chairman  
Assistant Vice Chairman  
Secretary  
General Manager  
Executive Secretary  
Director of Human Resources  
General Counsel (BSA)  
Special Assistant  
Press Information Officer  
Treatment Plant Superintendent  
Treatment Plant Administrator  
Special Assistant to the Comptroller  
Erie County Dept. of Sewerage  
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The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM. A quorum was present.

## ITEM NO. 1

Motion to Adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of June 24, 2020

MOTION TO ADOPT  
MADE BY MS. PETRUCCI  
2<sup>ND</sup> BY MR. ROOSEVELT  
AYES 3 NOES 0

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## ITEM NO. 2

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
CHAIRMAN	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
HERBERT L. BELLAMY, JR.	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>
	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
VICE CHAIRMAN	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
CHRISTOPHER ROOSEVELT	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>
	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
ASSISTANT VICE CHAIRMAN	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
VACANT	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>
	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
SECRETARY	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
ELEANOR PETRUCCI	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>
	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
VACANT	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>

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## ITEM NO. 3

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO AUDIT COMMITTEE**

	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
CHAIRPERSON	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
ELEANOR PETRUCCI	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>
	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
MEMBER	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
CHRISTOPHER ROOSEVELT	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>
	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
MEMBER	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
HERBERT L. BELLAMY, JR.	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>

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## ITEM NO. 4

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
CHAIRPERSON	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
CHRISTOPHER ROOSEVELT	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>
	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
MEMBER	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
ELEANOR PETRUCCI	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>
	MOTION TO	<u>APPROVE</u>
MEMBER	MADE BY	<u>MR. ROOSEVELT</u>
HERBERT L. BELLAMY, JR.	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	<u>MS. PETRUCCI</u>
	AYES <u>3</u>	NOES <u>0</u>

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## ITEM NO. 5

**WAIVER OF SEWER-RELATED INTEREST AND PENALTY CHARGES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS: On March 15, 2020, Mayor Byron W. Brown first declared a State of Emergency for the City of Buffalo in response to the COVID-19 Outbreak; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 continues to be active throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS: Adverse health and financial consequences related to COVID-19 have exacerbated economic challenges faced by a number of Buffalo and Erie County residents; and

WHEREAS: The Buffalo Sewer Authority is committed to the equitable provision of its essential services and to its role in protecting public health; and

WHEREAS: Section 1178 of the New York Public Authorities Law provides that the Buffalo Sewer Authority has the power to fix and collect rates, rentals, and other charges for rendering its services; and

WHEREAS: The Buffalo Sewer Authority's Final Schedule of Sewer Rents and Other Charges for 2019-2020 and for 2020-2021 both contain provisions for charging interest for sewer rents and charges that remain unpaid after their respective due dates.

NOW THEREFORE  
BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of the Buffalo Sewer Authority determines that the waiver of sewer-related interest charges and penalties that would have otherwise accrued during the period of March 15, 2020 - June 30, 2020 is made to further the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Buffalo and the State of New York. The Authority is only waiving sewer-related interest and penalty charges with no waiver for unpaid sewer principal charges.

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED:

That the Board of the Buffalo Sewer Authority determines that the waiver of sewer-related interest charges and penalties that would otherwise accrue during the period of July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020 may be made at the discretion of the General Manager in the interest of furthering the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Buffalo and the State of New York. The Authority would only waive sewer-related interest and penalty charges, with no waiver for unpaid sewer principal charges.

BE IT FINALLY  
RESOLVED:

The Board of the Buffalo Sewer Authority does hereby authorize the General Manager of the Authority to undertake any and all actions that are necessary or appropriate to enable the Authority to waive sewer-related interest charges and penalty charges from the period March 15, 2020 - June 30, 2020, and at the discretion of the General Manager, from the period July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020, to effectuate the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
MADE BY MR. ROOSEVELT  
2<sup>ND</sup> BY MS. PETRUCCI  
AYES 3 NOES 0

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## ITEM NO. 6

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**MOTION TO APPROVEMADE BY MS. PETRUCCI2<sup>ND</sup> BY MR. ROOSEVELTAYES 3 NOES 0

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