

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**OF**

**SOCWA BOARD MEETING**

**February 14, 2024**

SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
Regular Meeting – February 14, 2024  
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – Baldwin Public Library

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Mr. Jim Breuckman, Chair.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
Shawn Young	2	Berkley
Neil Johnston (Alternate)	2	Beverly Hills
Kurt Jones	1	Bingham Farms
Melissa Coatta	5	Birmingham
Ryan McDonald (Alternate)	1	Clawson
Rocco Fortura	1	Huntington Woods
Mike Greene	1	Lathrup Village
Jim Breuckman	1	Pleasant Ridge
Aaron Filipski	10	Royal Oak
Patrick Ryan	15	Southfield
Neil Johnston (Alternate)	<u>1</u>	Southfield Township
 TOTAL	 40	

Absent  
None

Also Present

Eric Griffin, General Manager  
Jeff McKeen, SOCWA and SOCRRA  
Bob Jackovich, Operations Manager  
Robert Davis, General Counsel  
Colette Farris, Organizational Development Manager

-11489 -

Motion by Mr. P. Ryan, supported by Mr. A. Filipski:

That the agenda be approved as submitted.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11490 -

Motion by Mr. M. Greene, supported by Mr. K. Jones:

That the January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes be approved as submitted.

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11491 -

Motion by Mr. K. Jones, supported by Mr. A. Filipski:

That Warrant No. WA-862 in the amount of \$2,379,086.76 be approved and payments authorized.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11492-

Motion by Mr. K Jones, supported by Mr. A. Filipski:

That the report on the GLWA Rate Process for 2024/25 be received and filed.

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11493-

Motion by Mr. P. Ryan, supported by Mr. M. Greene:

That the report on SOCWA Sales Rates 2024/25 be received and filed.

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11494-

Motion by Mr. K. Jones, supported by Mr. P. Ryan:

That SOCWA oppose SB 0549-0554 and HB 5088-5093 because the proposed legislation duplicates a viable and working system already in place under WRAP; and SOCWA, by its municipal members, urges the State elected representatives and the representatives from Oakland County to oppose this legislation, amending the resolution to include an additional clause outlining the difficulty of eliminating WRAP.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Ryan,  
Johnston (30 votes)

Nays: Filipski (10 votes)

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11495-

Motion by Mr. P. Ryan, supported by Mr. M. Greene:

That the report on GLWA issues be received and filed.

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11496-

Motion by Mr. M. Greene, supported by Mr. P. Ryan:

That the Quarterly Report – Second Quarter 2023-2024 be received and filed.

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11497-

Motion by Mr. A. Filipski, supported by Mr. K. Jones:

That the Quarterly Legal Report be received and filed.

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11498-

Motion by Mr. P. Ryan, supported by Mr. M. Greene:

That the investments report made by the Authority for July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 be received and filed and made a part of the Board record.

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11499-

Motion by Mr. P. Ryan, supported by Mr. K. Jones:

That the Board accept the quote from Somerset Painting for painting selected areas of the Webster Station at a price of \$11,549 contingent upon the contractor delaying the work until after the new fiscal year.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11500-

Motion by Mr. S. Young, supported by Mr. P. Ryan:

That the Authorities' Personnel Policies be revised to allow Medicare-eligible employees to be reimbursed for the standard monthly Part B Medicare premium and the incremental cost for the Authorities' health insurance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11501-

Motion by Mr. P. Ryan, supported by Mr. M. Greene:

That the report on the General Manager transition plan be received and filed.

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11502-

Motion by Mr. P. Ryan, supported by Mr. M. Greene:

That the Independent Contractor Agreement is approved.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**

-11503-

Motion by Mr. P. Ryan, supported by Ms. M. Coatta:

That the General Manager Eric Griffin is authorized to be the primary signer for all SOCWA and SOCRRA accounts with Jeff McKeen being designated as an authorized signer for all SOCWA and SOCRRA accounts.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carried.**



-11504-

Motion by Mr. P. Ryan, supported by Mr. K. Jones:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Young, Johnston, Jones, Coatta, McDonald, Fortura, Greene, Breuckman, Filipski,  
Ryan, Johnston (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

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Secretary