SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

March 25, 2026

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:
Robert Weisman, Chair
Karen Marcus, Vice Chair
Robert Cole, Member
Ron Ferris, Member
Richard Reade, Member

ALSO PRESENT:
Nat Nason, General Counsel
Rim Bishop, Executive Director
Jessica Moore, Authority Clerk

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

*****OPENED PUBLIC HEARING*****

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2026, AN ORDINANCE OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE AUTHORITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS OF PRIOR INVESTMENT POLICIES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Read by Authority Clerk Jessica Moore)

There were no comments from the board or the public.

MOTION

Board Members Marcus/Ferris moved to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1-2026 Providing for the Amendment of the Authority's Investment Policy, Providing for the Repeal of any Inconsistent Provisions of Prior Investment Policies, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

*****CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING*****

*****DETERMINED THE CONSENT AGENDA*****

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Considered a motion to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Considered motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 26, 2026.

BUDGET TRANSFER – AMR METERS (R2654)

Considered a motion to approve Budget Transfer – AMR Meters in the amount of $200,000.00 from R2477 Old Port Cove Forcemain Replacement, as recommended by staff.

WATER AND RECLAIMED WATER MAIN RELOCATION, FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT PARCEL – AGREEMENT FOR THE MODIFICATION OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT

Considered a motion to approve Water and Reclaimed Water Main Relocation, Florida Inland Navigation District Parcel – Agreement for the Modification of a Non-Exclusive Easement with Florida Inland Navigation District, as recommended by staff.

PIPELINE CONTINUING CONTRACTOR PROGRAM – CONTRACT RENEWAL

Considered a motion to approve one-year renewal of Pipeline Continuing Contractor Program contracts to Centerline, Inc., CK Contractors and Development, LLC, Johnson-Davis, Inc., Amici Engineering Contractors, LLC., D.S. Eakins Construction Corp., and Deevan, Inc. and to authorize staff to approve or deny future contract renewals, as recommended by staff.

PIPELINE CONTINUING CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZATION – SHOPCO 16-INCH FORCE MAIN CROSSING OF PROSPERITY FARMS ROAD (R2515)

Considered a motion to award bid for Pipeline Continuing Contractor Authorization – Shopco 16-Inch Force Main Crossing of Prosperity Farms Road (R2515) to Johnson-Davis, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder whose bid will best serve the public interest, in the amount of $1,048,000.00, as recommended by staff.

DESIGN-BUILD AUTHORIZATIONS

Considered a motion to approve the following Design Build Authorizations in the aggregate amount of $3,542,685.69, as recommended by staff.

Project	Firm	Amount
Supplemental Reclaimed Water Supply Well No. SR-1 Wellhead Replacement	Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc.	$299,315.59
PGA WWTP Reclaimed Water Storage Pond Improvements	Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc.	$3,243.370.10

MOTION

Board Members Reade/Ferris moved to approve the consent agenda, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

*****ENDED CONSENT AGENDA*****

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Board Member Ron Ferris indicated that this item was deferred to March so that all board members could provide input.

He believes the Authority has excellent customer service and believes Mr. Bishop deserves the same increase he has received in the past two years.

MOTION

Board Member Ferris moved to authorize a 7% base salary increase and 3% lump sum payment for Executive Director Rim Bishop.

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Vice Chair Karen Marcus stated that, when looking at the salary comparison, Mr. Bishop's longevity is more significant than other utility directors in the area, and that should be considered.

AMENDED MOTION

Board Members Weisman/Cole moved to authorize a 5% base salary increase and 3% lump sum payment for Executive Director Rim Bishop.

Mr. Ferris believes the recommendation is too low, as he does not see any decline in the Authority's service and even thinks it's better. Therefore, he does not see any reason to reward him less than last year, as he believes it can be afforded economically.

Chair Robert Weisman agrees that the Authority provides great service and does so due to Mr. Bishop's leadership. However, over the past few years, he has been awarded large increases and does not believe it is necessary or appropriate to do so now.

MOTION PASSES 41% TO 59% (Per Seacoast Utility Authority's adopted Board member voting procedure, with a full board present, the Majority Control Entity, the City of Palm Beach Gardens, must have at least one assenting vote to carry or defeat a motion)

Palm Beach Gardens, No, 59%
Palm Beach County, Yes, 21%
North Palm Beach, Yes, 12%
Lake Park, Yes, 6%

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Marcus complimented Authority staff on the fire hydrant replacement project conducted in the Village of North Palm Beach.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Bishop introduced the board to the Authority's new Chief Operating Officer, Keith Webber. Keith is a Professional Engineer who grew up in New Jersey and was the Assistant Utility Director at the City of Boynton Beach over the last two and a half years. Staff is excited to have him on board.

Mr. Bishop also informed the board that although Seacoast's finished water is in full compliance with regulatory PFAS limits, the Authority has begun receiving proceeds from the natiowide PFAS settlement and expects to receive additional distributions within the coming months and years, which should total approximately $22 million. Seacoast's participation as a class action plaintiff was implemented by its former Chief Operating Officer, Brandon Selle. Staff has begun discussions of how to best utilize these proceeds for the benefit of Seacoast's customers, beginning with the fiscal year 2026/27 budget.

Executive Director Rim Bishop stated the engineer's report and the financial report were in the packet. Chief Operating Officer Keith Webber was available to answer any engineer report questions. Chief Financial Officer Daniela Russell was available to address any financial report questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Robert Weisman adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:14 PM.

APPROVAL:

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ROBERT WEISMAN, CHAIR

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KAREN MARCUS, VICE-CHAIR

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RON FERRIS, MEMBER

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ROBERT COLE, MEMBER

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RICHARD READE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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JESSICA MOORE, AUTHORITY CLERK