



# Great Lakes Water Authority

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Board of Directors

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Thursday, June 2, 2022

9:00 AM

Water Board Building 5th Floor  
(Subject to Capacity)

and

Zoom:

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#### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Quadrozzi called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

#### 2. Quorum Call

**Present:** 6 - Chairperson Jaye Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Freman Hendrix, Secretary Brian Baker, Director Gary Brown, Director Beverly Walker-Griffea, and Director John J. Zech

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to Approve the Agenda.

**Motion By:** Freman Hendrix

**Support By:** John J. Zech

**Action:** Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, stated that there are issues related to Highland Park under Old Business, and if the Board wishes to go into Closed Session, we can Amend the Agenda to add a Closed Session.

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to Amend the Agenda to add a Closed Session.

**Motion By:** Beverly Walker-Griffea

**Support By:** John J. Zech

**Action:** Approved as Amended

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

None

### 5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

### 6. Communications

#### A. [2022-228](#) Receipt of Correspondence

No Action Taken

### 7. Closed Session

#### A. [2022-237](#) Closed Session Request - Trial and Settlement Strategy

**Sponsors:** Randal Brown

**Indexes:** General Counsel

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote to enter into Closed Session at 9:08 a.m.

**Motion By:** John J. Zech

**Support By:** Freman Hendrix

**Action:** Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Chairperson Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, Secretary Baker, Director Brown, Director Walker-Griffea, and Director Zech

Entered Closed Session at 9:10 a.m.

Returned from Closed Session at 9:54 a.m.

The only matter discussed was trial and settlement strategy.

## 8. Old Business

### A. [2022-231](#) Discussion Regarding Utilization of \$25 Million Toward a Refund for Past Highland Park Bad Debt Amounts Charged to Communities

**Indexes:** Board of Directors

**Attachments:** [HP \\$25 Million - Brian Baker](#)

A motion was made by Secretary Baker, supported by Director Walker-Griffea, to amend the FY 23 budget to use \$5.18 million of water and \$19.82 million of sewer I&E funds (which are freed up by the receipt of \$25 million in new State funds) as a partial prorated credit to our first tier member partner communities for amounts they had to pay for Highland Park unpaid bills for the past 10 years – the funds would be credited to entity’s charges by September 1, 2022 or when the State grant agreement is approved, whichever is sooner, and further, if the parties come to an agreement on a long-term solution and contract with Highland Park, that we would also use these funds to reduce the arrearages to Highland Park.

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Roll Call Vote regarding the motion made by Secretary Baker and supported by Director Walker-Griffea.

**Motion By: Brian Baker**

**Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffea**

**Action: Denied**

**The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Secretary Baker, and Director Walker-Griffea

**Nay:** 4 - Chairperson Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, Director Brown, and Director Zech

A.i. [2022-236](#) **Amendment to Fiscal Year 2022-23 Charge Allocation to Remove Highland Park Bad Debt Recovery Adjustment**

**Indexes:** Board of Directors

**Attachments:** [Reso 22 - 236FY 23 Budget HP Adj](#)

Director Zech made a motion, supported by Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, to eliminate the bad expense recovery allocation related to Highland Park in the FY 2023 water and sewer charges as reflected in the attached schedule, subject to final review and implementation by the Chief Financial Officer, the Financial Services Team, and that the Interim Chief Executive Officer is authorized to take whatever further action is necessary to further the intent of that resolution.

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Roll Call Vote regarding approval of the motion by Director Zech and supported by Vice-Chairperson Hendrix.

**Motion By:** John J. Zech

**Support By:** Freman Hendrix

**Action:** Approved

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairperson Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, Director Brown, Director Walker-Griffea, and Director Zech

**Nay:** 1 - Secretary Baker

Director Walker-Griffea made a motion, supported by Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, that the Authority works to get a quicker Highland Park resolution with bringing the right people to the table to work on that (resolution) as a priority. The motion carried unanimously.

B. [2022-198](#) **Discussion Regarding GLWA CEO Search**

**Sponsors:** William Wolfson and Randal Brown

**Indexes:** Administration & Compliance

Director Brown made a motion, supported by Director Zech, that the Board of Directors extends an offer to Mr. David Gadis from Washington D.C., with the stipulation that a contract is successfully negotiated with Mr. Gadis and that the Board Chairperson will be very involved in that negotiation.

**Motion By:** Gary Brown

**Support By:** John J. Zech

**Action:** Approved

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairperson Quadrozzi, Vice-Chairperson Hendrix, Director Brown, Director Walker-Griffea, and Director Zech

**Nay:** 1 - Secretary Baker

**9. New Business**

None

The Board will also discuss such other matters.

**10. Reports**

None

**11. Remarks**

A. Chairperson's Remarks

There were no Chairperson's remarks.

B. Board Members' Remarks

There were no Board Members' remarks.

**12. Other Matters**

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Board (Board of Directors Workshop Meeting) will be June 8, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

**13. Adjournment**

Chairperson Quadrozzi requested a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion By: Brian Baker

Support By: Freman Hendrix

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.