



**BELFLOWER-SOMERSET MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD DIRECTORS**

January 20, 2026

4:30 P.M.

Location: Company Office

ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Ikeda, President

Robert Wilson, Vice President

Leo Struiksma, Secretary – Treasurer

Rick Cook, Director

Ioana Gocan, Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Lenton, General Manager

Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager

Ian Berg, Starting Line Advisory

Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

1. Call to Order

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on January 20th at 4:25 p.m. at the company office of Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company located at 10016 Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ikeda led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

Director Gocan led the Invocation

4. Additions to the Agenda

- A. Director Cook requested to move the upcoming Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 Board Meeting to Tuesday, February 24th, 2026.

5. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held December 15, 2025

A motion was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Struiksma. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve the December 15, 2025 board meeting minutes.

6. Approve Ratification Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Gocan, to approve the ratification payment of the bills as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0.

7. Approve Financial Statement

Ian Berg of Starting Line Advisory presented the Financial Statement including balance sheet for November 2025. A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the Financial Statement as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0.

8. Public Comment

Wesley Whitehead mentioned Xpress Bill Pay has not been accepting his payment for the past year. Mrs. Zepeda let him know she would reach out to him tomorrow to discuss the details to help him out.

9. Discussion/Action Items:

- A. Director Cook requested to move the upcoming Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 Board Meeting to Tuesday, February 24th, 2026. A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve the new date of the February board meeting.

10. Project Updates:

- A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board he is waiting on attorney Ed Olivo for an update.
- B. Artesia Place: Mr. Lenton informed the board the committee is reviewing the bids. He proposed the board meet monthly at a special board meeting to discuss this project regularly. President Ikeda suggested the first Monday of the month for the year. The meeting would be cancelled if no updates were needed.

A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve monthly Special board meetings for 2026 to be held on the first Monday of the month. Should there be a holiday, the meeting would be held the following day.

C. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board several months ago manganese was discovered at Mapledale. The Health Department requires 4 quarters of clean samples to turn the well back on. The cost is approximately \$1 million to get the treatment needed. The alternative option is to forgo the approved PFOS plans at Mapledale and move forward with building the PFOS treatment at the Company Warehouse located at 10551 Artesia. The board discussed the options, they identified the most cost-effective option is to build the PFOS treatment at the Company Warehouse, seeing this is where the treatment would eventually be relocated. They directed Mr. Lenton to proceed with PFOS treatment at the Company Warehouse.

A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve monthly Special board meetings for 2026 to be held on the first Monday of the month. Should there be a holiday, the meeting would be held the following day.

11. Reports:

- A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton informed the board the quotes were submitted to Senator Archuleta's office in support of providing water utility employees to be permitted emergency response ID cards.

- B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda informed the board the office is still working to complete the transition with Banc of California.

- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all samples are good.

- D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): Mr. Lenton notified the board he participates in a monthly radio test.

- E. Maintenance/Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training courses are up to date.

12. Committee Reports:

- A. Personnel Committee: None

- B. Finance Committee: None

- C. Real Estate: None

- D. General Managers Comments: Mr. Lenton provided the water loss information to the Board. He stated in December there was a loss of 3.35-acre feet.

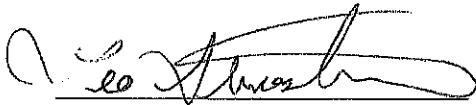
13. **Executive Session:** (Operations, Personnel, Real Estate, Legal Matters):

14. **Adjournment:** President Ikeda asked if there was any further business to discuss before the Board of Directors. Seeing there was none, a motion was made by Director Wilson and seconded by Director Struiksma to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.



Eric Ikeda
Board President

ATTEST:



Leo Struiksma, Secretary