



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

**May 19, 2026**

**4:00 P.M.**

**Location: Company Office**

**ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Eric Ikeda, President  
Robert Wilson, Vice President  
Leo Struiksmā, Secretary – Treasurer  
Rick Cook, Director  
Ioana Gocan, Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Lenton, General Manager  
Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager  
Ian Berg, Starting Line Advisory  
Adrian Gocan, GCN Solutions LLC  
Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

**1. Call to Order**

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:13 p.m. at the company office of Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company located at 10016 Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Gocan led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Invocation**

Director Struiksmā led the Invocation

**4. Additions to the Agenda**

A. Mr. Lenton Added item 10.D. to the agenda BSMWC (UMWP) Urban Management Water Plan

**5. A. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held April 20, 2026**

A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve the April 20, 2026 board meeting minutes.

**B. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held May 5, 2026**

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 4-0-1 abstention to approve the May 5, 2026 board meeting minutes.

**6. Approve Ratification Payment of Bills**

A motion was made by Director Wilson, 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 March 2026. 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 stated AI was discussed at the last board meeting. Will the Company offer the software identifying AI is being used. Mr. Lenton response the board has not made a final decision on this item.

**9. Discussion/Action Items**

**10. Project Updates**

A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board attorney Ed Olivo has made modifications to the agreement. Metro legal is reviewing these changes.

B. Artesia Place: The real estate committee proposed BCC Contracting Inc as the general contractor for the construction of the new offices located at 10145 Artesia Place. A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve BCC Contracting Inc. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0-1 abstention to approve BCC Contracting Inc.

C. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board the bids are due in two weeks.

D. BSMWC (UMWP) Urban Management Water Plan: Mr. Lenton informed the board the Company will host a public meeting which is open to the public at 3:00pm, prior to the regular monthly board meeting.

## 11. Reports

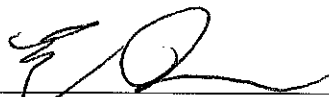
- A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton shared SB1001 the proposed Emergency Response bill is suspended until further notice.
- B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda notified the board staff the Franchise Fees were paid to the City of Bellflower.
- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all samples are good.
- D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): Annual picnic is tomorrow, two staff members will attend.
- 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 asked if any of the board wanted to be registered for the upcoming RCAC Board Roles & Responsibilities or Introduction to Mutual Water Companies online trainings.

## 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 Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

  
Eric Ikeda  
Board President

ATTEST:

  
Leo Struiksmma, Secretary – Treasurer