1	PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
2	JULY 18, 2012
3	(OPEN SESSION)
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5	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
6	ROBERT VANNOY, President
7	RIGO SANCHEZ, Vice-President
8	JEFFREY LEVINE, Treasurer
9	GLORIA KOLODZIEJ, Secretary
10	IDIDA RODRIGUEZ
11	THOMAS P. DeVITA
12	MENACHEM BAZIAN
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15	ALSO PRESENT:
16	JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director
17	GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel
18	JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering
19	JAMES J. GALLAGHER, Personnel Director
20	YITZ WEISS, Comptroller
21	LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary
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1 MR. AMODIO: On the roll. 2 3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner 5 Levine is not present yet. Commissioner Kolodziej 6 is absent) 7 8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you. 9 The time is 9:40 a.m. 10 We have a quorum. 11 All of the requirements of the Open Public 12 Meetings Act have been met. Commission meeting 13 notice have been furnished to all Commissioners, 14 City Clerks of Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; 15 North Jersey Herald News the Passaic County 16 edition, and the Commission's Executive Staff with 17 a copy posted on the main bulletin board of the 18 Clifton facility. 19 Would you please rise? 20 Commissioner Rodriguez, would you please 21 lead us? 22 I believe there's members of the public 23 out in the hall. Mr. Bella, would you please 24 bring them in.

Thank you very much.

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1 MR. AMODIO: Sir, if you would, your name 2 and address, please. MR. VIGH: Ray Vigh, 2 Cliff Road, 3 Woodland Park. 4 I didn't plan on speaking. I thought 5 6 someone else was going to be here. The only 7 reason, there were supposed to be other people from Great Notch. 8 9 If you know the area, as to why you 10 people, maybe I shouldn't say it like that, but 11 why there are trucks out there working at one, 12 two, three in the morning. We spent a lot of money to buy property 13 14 and move into that area and they tell us it's 15 always an emergency and everything else. But it's 16 really disturbing and you can't sleep. 17 My wife was just diagnosed with cancer two week ago. I took her out of the hospital and I 18 19 mean, granted, the air conditioning is on, but 20 even with the air conditioning on, it's 21 disturbing. 22 I understand that they -- the beep, beep, 23 beep, that's what drives us crazy. It is by law. 24 I'm sure OSHA makes you have to do that for safety 25 and I can understand it. But they get there, they dump their loads, and "boom" with the back of the truck. Okay. It's ridiculous.

The last holiday was Memorial Day. I mean, the guy that lives on the third floor doesn't use his air conditioning and he keeps records of this. He's not here, unfortunately. Of when the trucks are there, what hours they're there, what days they're there. There's a city ordinance which I have from City Hall which says you're not supposed to do stuff after 10:00 at night, not on the weekends. It's just driving us crazy.

And we'd like to know -- we found out from Keith Kazmark there is another place that you can do this. I believe it's in Totowa, that's business, not residential.

And, basically, I mean, I would ask you to move it. I understand there's a meeting with Keith. I don't know with who from here, with our property manager, John Quinn, to walk it, see it, see what goes on.

I mean, you guys made mountains of dirt back there and threw grass on it and we were told at the end of the summer it would be done, last summer. Now, they're working by Dujets. But they

come in there with all kinds of heavy construction 1 2 equipment. It's a residential area. It's really not right. 3 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Hey, Joe, maybe you can 5 put us all up to speed on it. MR. BELLA: This is where we move our 6 trench spoils in and out as we're fixing main 7 8 breaks and that kind of thing. 9 At night, the only time we're up there at night is when there's an actual main break and 10 11 work in the system that we have to do. 12 The issue of the backup beeper, we have to 13 do that. 14 The other issue of trying to, you know, 15 the banging of the tailgate, you know, I'll talk 16 to our people, see what we can do, try to do that 17 a little differently. Basically, what they're 18 trying to do is get all the dirt out of the truck. 19 So what we'll do is, you know, at night give them 20 orders not to do that and, you know, try to --MR. VIGH: I understand that. But when 21 22 they come in, why can't they do it at 9:00 in the 23 morning? Why do they have to start raising 24 backhoes at 4:00 in the morning? 25 MR. BELLA: Because the main breaks when

1	they break, not when we ask them to break.
2	Unfortunately
3	MR. VIGH: We went in there with the guy
4	and said why are you here.
5	Because my boss told me to come here.
6	And he's moving dirt from there to there.
7	And you know what we told them, we're going to
8	lock the gate and put our lock on it and you try
9	to get out. It's ridiculous.
10	MR. BELLA: Okay.
11	MR. VIGH: It's not fair to the residents
12	of Woodland Park.
13	MR. BELLA: At any rate, we will do what
14	we can do, but I will make this perfectly clear
15	they're not up there unless it's an emergency at
16	night.
17	MR. VIGH: I hope Keith has some influence
18	with this Board. If you have another place you
19	can move it, maybe you can move it.
20	MR. BELLA: I'll tell you what to do. Go
21	right in there, leave your name and phone number
22	and I'll call you up.
23	MR. VIGH: Okay. Fine. Thank you.
24	MR. BELLA: Because we are not insensitive
25	to that.

1	MR. VIGH: No, no. I mean, if it was your
2	backyard, you'd be standing there at the meeting
3	addressing these people.
4	Thank you.
5	MR. AMODIO: Anyone else outside?
6	We'll move onto committee reports.
7	Personnel.
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9	(Whereupon, Commissioner Levine is present
10	at 9:44)
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12	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I want to talk on
13	personnel when we go into closed session.
14	MR. AMODIO: Yes.
15	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: There was some new
16	changes. I guess some reason I end up, there has
17	been changes on the personnel committee.
18	MR. AMODIO: Is there any report for today
19	or just what's on the agenda?
20	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Just what's on the
21	agenda.
22	We have a new hire. Joe, is there
23	something you want to say on that now?
24	MR. BELLA: I'll wait.
25	MR. AMODIO: Okay. We can move on then,

1 if you'd like. 2 IT. COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We had an IT meeting 3 yesterday. We reviewed where the business process 5 review is going. That seems to be moving along. 6 Two suggestions that we're now being pushed a little bit on is the review as to whether 7 or not we can use social media, such as Facebook 8 9 and Twitter, as a means of getting information out faster and easier. 10 11 Our BPR is discussing this, but I don't 12 think that's necessarily -- it's something we can wait on. 13 14 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: The Twitter 15 piece, that's a good idea. Especially, if there 16 is, like, main breaks and emergencies. 17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's exactly 18 what -- that's exactly. Both Facebook and Twitter 19 are very, very popular. My personal preference is 20 Facebook; but other people prefer Twitter, but 21 that will work. 22 Eventually, I would like to see going 23 forward as we upgrade our computer systems an 24 ability to push alerts out via e-mail as well. I

think this will provide a much better service to

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our customers, because a lot of them don't have phones anymore or at least not listed phones. They have just cell phones. The more we can push information out, the faster we can push it out, I

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: How would we get

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We actually have a lot already. We have a lot of customers' e-mails. Jim said that they're going through and they're confirming the e-mail addresses. After we have an idea of how many we have, we can do things, like we can put an insert in the bill, let's say. We can put it on our web site. I mean, basically, it's a matter of pushing ahead. If we already have Facebook and Twitter, we can also use that as a means for pushing it out. There's a lot of strategies we can use. I don't see the e-mail push out until some time next year. Facebook and Twitter, it's free, so there's no reason we shouldn't do it.

The one concern we have is that, I did a little bit of research, there seemed to be two Facebook accounts on Passaic Valley Water Commission but the best of our knowledge, what

I've been told, they're not controlled by the 1 2 Commission. So Jim is actually working on trying to get control over those with Facebook and on 3 Twitter there is an @PVWC. It does exist. I'm 5 not sure if the person who holds it is an employee or not. I will look into that. If it's --6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Who controls the 7 Facebook? 8 9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We don't know. Passaic Valley Water Commission is mentioned 10 11 twice; once for Totowa and, I believe, once for 12 Wayne. 13 PRESIDENT VANNOY: When you say 14 "mentioned," what do you mean "mentioned"? 15 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: In Facebook, there's 16 a place where you can search for friends. So if I 17 want to look for Robert Vannoy, I could just type 18 in Robert Vannoy and it would give me a list of 19 all the Robert Vannoys. Let's say there's just 20 one Robert Vannoy --21 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Two. 22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: When I went looking 23 for Passaic Valley Water Commission, there were 24 two listings that showed up. Okay. How they got 2.5 there, who put them there, who is in control of

1	them, all of that stuff
2	COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Did you look into
3	the sites? It's also if they work there
4	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: No, no. You have
5	to create the page. You have to create it.
6	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: They're pretty
7	empty. I didn't really see anything on there.
8	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Did you see the
9	friends?
10	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: No, I don't think
11	there are any friends.
12	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You might save
13	it.
14	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I don't know.
15	The bottom line is that regardless of
16	whether or not it is being used for good or bad,
17	if it's not under our control, we don't know where
18	it's going. We don't know who has control of it.
19	Maybe the person who created it, forgot it. It's
20	just sitting around. We don't know.
21	So the idea is, Jim told me he was trying
22	to get in touch with Facebook. I suggested
23	perhaps that Jim interface with you, George.
24	Perhaps we should send a letter to Facebook. I'm
25	dead serious about this.

1 MR. HANLEY: I'm back to regular mail. 2 I'm advocating for regular mail. COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Maybe we send a 3 letter or an e-mail or whatever, unofficial, to 5 Facebook saying we are Passaic Valley Water 6 Commission and we have these two things that we 7 want to --8 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: And you know what 9 I will do, I will ask, what was his name, Bill Zurenetz is his name. He used to do our -- they 10 did a little bit of P.R. for a little bit and 11 12 maybe to see if he did the page. And if he did, 13 he can just --14 MR. BELLA: You know what, give him a 15 call. That's a good. I forgot about that. 16 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Because that's 17 part of what they were trying to do, being social 18 media. That way you won't have to go through the 19 whole. It's difficult. They don't give out 20 information. It could have very well been Bill. 21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I had no idea. 22 Thank you. That would be very helpful. 23 If there aren't any questions on IT, I want to move onto legal affairs. 24 25 Legal affairs; two things we're doing with

legal affairs right now is one, we're having a discussion about possibly restructuring the legal department to bring in more inhouse. We're working with George. George sent us some ideas on that and what kind of staffing we need, things like that. The idea being to lower our overall legal costs. So we're looking at that.

The Board at our last meeting tasked the legal affairs committee to look into the question of veterans' preference, preference for veterans in hiring, whether that applied only to competitive -- all of our employees here are Civil Service.

PRESIDENT VANNOY: No, laborers and clerk/typists are not.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: They are Civil Service. They're not competitive Civil Service. That's my understanding.

MR. HANLEY: Everybody is Civil Service.

It just depends on whether they're competitive.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So, George, if you want to say this, that's fine. But George reported at the meeting that his research indicated that the law was very clear, that regardless of whether an employee is being hired

1	through the competitive basis or noncompetitive
2	basis, the law does afford preferential treatment
3	to veterans.
4	That was the question that was posed to us
5	at the last meeting. So that's the legal ruling.
6	George, if you want to
7	MR. HANLEY: Yes. Just to supplement the
8	record. I want to reference NJSA 11:5-8.
9	In other words, if you have entry level
10	people applying for entry level jobs who don't
11	require a test, you still are required to give
12	them preference.
13	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Just a question.
14	PRESIDENT VANNOY: George, say that one
15	more time. You had your hand over your mouth. I
16	didn't really hear you.
17	MR. HANLEY: You know what, let me read
18	it. It's very short.
19	PRESIDENT VANNOY: Okay.
20	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: When you're done.
21	MR. HANLEY: I'll pass it out. I gave the
22	citation.
23	"Among those eligible for appointment in
24	the noncompetitive division, preference shall be
25	given to a qualified veteran. Before an

1	appointing authority shall select a nonveteran and
2	not appoint a qualified veteran, the appointing
3	authority shall show cause," very careful term in
4	the law, I'm sure you know, "show cause before the
5	Civil Service Commission why a veteran should not
6	be appointed. In all cases, a disabled veteran
7	shall have preference over all others."
8	Which reminds me, I don't know if Jim is
9	here, if we don't ask that question on our
10	application, we should. In other words, there
11	should be two questions; one, are you a veteran.
12	And two, are you a disabled veteran.
13	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We don't have that.
14	MR. HANLEY: My opinion those should be
15	added.
16	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Can I?
17	PRESIDENT VANNOY: Real quick, that was
18	for competitive?
19	MR. HANLEY: Noncompetitive.
20	MR. HANLEY: Competitive, there's no
21	question. It never has been. This was all about
22	noncompetitive.
23	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: One key thing is
24	qualified. Somebody has to be qualified.
25	MR. HANLEY: Yeah, sure.

1	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: My question is, I
2	looked at past applications that we have on file
3	and there are some veterans that have applied. We
4	don't know if they're all veterans or not. My
5	understanding is that question isn't asked. Do we
6	have to go back and I mean, there's stuff from
7	2011.
8	MR. HANLEY: I don't know.
9	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Can we check that?
10	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: For
11	noncompetitive? I'm sorry.
12	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It depends on what
13	the job is. I don't know.
14	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. President, the
15	only concern I have is that we have a hire on this
16	month's agenda. Now that we know that the law
17	gives preference to veterans, I don't know if this
18	individual is a veteran or not. But if this
19	individual is not a veteran, then it behooves us
20	to ask the question about whether or not we have
21	any resumes in our files that are veterans.
22	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: For an engineer,
23	are you saying?
24	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: For anything. The
25	engineer would be Civil Service as well. That's

1	the law.
2	MR. HANLEY: Excuse me, do they have to
3	take a test for engineering?
4	MR. DUPREY: No, they use their education.
5	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: This is special.
6	This is special.
7	MR. HANLEY: Wait a minute. That's
8	different. That's qualifications. So everybody
9	has to pass that no matter what the job is.
10	Obviously, to be an engineer here, you have to be
11	a licensed professional engineer. That's not the
12	issue. Would if you got two licensed professional
13	engineers, one of whom is a veteran and one of
14	whom is not. They don't take a test.
15	MR. GALLAGHER: Yes, they do. A
16	competitive test.
17	MR. HANLEY: Oh, well, then that answers
18	the question. But they still get preference.
19	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: The veterans get
20	preference?
21	MR. BELLA: Through Civil Service.
22	MR. HANLEY: Do they take a test after we
23	hire them or before?
24	MR. GALLAGHER: After.
25	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Doesn't Civil

1	Service produce a list. In other words
2	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: To take a test.
3	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Right. But
4	something like an engineer, do they have to call
5	for a special test?
6	MR. GALLAGHER: Once we hire an
7	individual, that promulgates Civil Service to
8	create a test. A test will then be called. When
9	you hire somebody, you hire someone provisionally
10	based on a Civil Service giving me a certification
11	of eligible individuals. When I get the
12	certification of eligibles, they will be listed by
13	disabled veterans first. Veterans second. County
14	residents first. Contiguous counties, third
15	fourth. State residents and then United States.
16	MR. HANLEY: So that process
17	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Question. So if we
18	hire an engineer, a provisional hire. We hire
19	somebody, John Jones gets hired. Then there's a
20	test.
21	MR. GALLAGHER: Correct.
22	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: If there's someone
23	else that is just high or higher that's a vet, we
24	can't keep John Jones?
25	MR. GALLAGHER: On open competitive

1 examination, veterans automatically migrate to the 2 top of the list. COMMISSIONER DeVITA: An engineer is an 3 open competitive? 5 MR. GALLAGHER: It is an open competitive. 6 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Let's say that we 7 have an engineer's position open and a test is 8 promulgated and there are seven names on the test. 9 We're obviously only going to hire one. happens to those other six names? Do they now 10 11 become a pool for somebody else to hire or is it 12 only for us? 13 MR. GALLAGHER: Well, in some cases, yes. 14 That's a Civil Service function. That has nothing 15 to do with us. If the Board so chose in the life 16 of that list, which is three years, in the life of 17 that list, the Board wanted to hire someone else 18 in that job title, they have to hire off the list. 19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: When was the last 20 time we had a list for engineer? 21 MR. GALLAGHER: For a senior engineer in 22 this case, we haven't had one in decades. 23 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Do we have anybody 24 in our resume file that is a veteran that would 25 qualify for a senior engineer?

1	MR. GALLAGHER: Not that I'm aware of.
2	PRESIDENT VANNOY: George, let me just try
3	to understand. So if we have veteran and
4	nonveteran, but the nonveteran is more qualified,
5	we still have to hire the veteran?
6	MR. GALLAGHER: That would be correct.
7	MR. HANLEY: It's not more or less
8	qualified. I mean, I understand, you're right,
9	there are some people who are more or less, but
10	it's the qualifications that apply to the job.
11	PRESIDENT VANNOY: Aren't we doing
12	ourselves a disservice, though
13	MR. HANLEY: You're either qualified or
14	you're not.
15	MR. GALLAGHER: Caveat to that, we don't
16	make the determination, Civil Service does. On an
17	open competitive examination, we will not make the
18	final determination of how the list is ranked.
19	Civil Service does that.
20	MR. HANLEY: I think he was referring to
21	noncompetitive.
22	MR. GALLAGHER: Okay. That's different.
23	I'm sorry.
24	MR. HANLEY: But still, I think it's
25	similar in that either, if you let me put it

1 the burden is on us. If we choose not to pick the 2 veteran for that entry level job, you better be able to demonstrate that they're not qualified 3 period. Not that they're not less qualified. 5 It's either they are or they aren't. 6 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Well, I'm saying, say 7 we have a guy that's got 25 years work experience 8 doing something and you got a veteran that's two 9 years, we have to --MR. HANLEY: If the veteran's qualified. 10 11 MR. GALLAGHER: Based on the Civil Service 12 quidelines, a laborer is a good example. Laborers 13 are noncompetitive job titles. If the Board 14 chooses one, then you will be obligated to hire 15 the veteran. 16 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Okay. 17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I have two 18 questions and then I'm going to say something. 19 When we have an opening, do we need to go 20 back on these obligations and consider those 21 obligations that are now a year old? Do we need 22 to go back? MR. GALLAGHER: You can determine how the 23 24 length of time you want to hold the resume or an 25 application, but I would arguably say -- let me

1	finish. I would arguably say you can't make it
2	just arbitrary and say you're going to hold it ten
3	days one month and then 15 days the next month.
4	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What's a fair time?
5	Can you come up with something?
6	MR. GALLAGHER: We hold resumes for one
7	year. After that, we purge.
8	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Mr. Hanley, you
9	know, I mean, I have a problem with consulting
10	with you on this matter. Because first, you're a
11	veteran yourself.
12	MR. HANLEY: You have a problem with that?
13	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I do.
14	MR. HANLEY: You want to go outside?
15	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second of all, you
16	advocate. So I kind of have a problem. Your
17	opinion might be a little more than mine. I'd
18	like to honestly get
19	MR. HANLEY: Here's the statute.
20	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We have an
21	attorney on personnel.
22	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So I'd like to see,
23	honestly, not kidding, from like another, a second
24	opinion from a nonveteran.
25	MR. HANLEY: That's fine.

1	PRESIDENT VANNOY: Tom, are you a veteran?
2	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I'm not your lawyer.
3	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: My concern is
4	that with the last ten years before, I mean, you
5	know, how many I don't want to make a statement
6	that's not fair.
7	MR. HANLEY: Some things are not curable.
8	I'll say that.
9	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, that's what
10	I'm saying. You got ten years of war. We got
11	tons of people coming back.
12	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I'd like to have
13	another attorney come back and explain this.
14	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: That's a valid
15	point, though, because
16	MR. AMODIO: Is that the consensus of the
17	Board?
18	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: He's passionate.
19	MR. AMODIO: Consensus of the Board, get a
20	second opinion?
21	MR. HANLEY: That's fine. I don't take it
22	personally.
23	Now, do you want to ask one of our labor
24	attorneys?
25	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes, please do

that.

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MR. AMODIO: If we can get Commissioner Levine in, we can do the finance.

Commissioner Levine, the finance committee report.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We went through the overtime vouchers. We didn't go through, we discussed it. Joe started the overtime. The only thing we're concerned in finances when the department heads put a request in for overtime, you know, maybe three hours on, you know, next Monday and Joe signs off on it, that we don't match it up. We want to match it up exactly how many hours they work. They could work five hours, request three and we don't notice it. We want to see a match and actually, what they work and how much was requested of each employee. And Joe said he'll take care of that to make sure.

As for matching up the lots and blocks, which was a big concern of mine personally. Joe says by next month he guarantees he'll have an answer. He said he's looking at a software and a software that might be able to to do it and if not then, you know, finance is going to look at something, you know. Joe says it's going to cost

1	200. I would like a breakdown, \$250,000 to match
2	up the lots and blocks for this procedure. And
3	you know, at that rate it almost seemed it would
4	make sense to put a temporary employee on for one
5	whole year for maybe 30,000, for one year contract
6	to match up the lots and blocks. We'll save, I
7	feel will be a lot higher than the employee
8	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You mean a
9	consultant to do that?
10	COMMISSIONER LEVINE: No, a full-time
11	employee. A contract employee.
12	MR. BELLA: We have to discuss it.
13	COMMISSIONER LEVINE: See if we can put a
14	contract employee for one year job. If that's
15	legal and that's the next step. We'll report.
16	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: After 90 days do
17	they not automatically become Civil Service?
18	COMMISSIONER LEVINE: That's what we have
19	to look into.
20	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: That's what
21	happens here.
22	COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I don't have all the
23	answers right now, Idida. I'm here giving ideas.
24	After I get a report from Joe, the finance
25	committee will look into it and we'll give an

explanation. I don't have all the answers you're 1 2 looking for. 3 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I'm not looking for answers. I'm telling you what happens in a 5 place like this. 6 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Menachem, first. 7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Let me finish my 8 report. You brought me in here. 9 PRESIDENT VANNOY: When you were on the 10 phone, sorry. 11 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Let me finish my 12 report. 13 The last thing was, you know, was we're 14 going over the amnesty program and we're trying to 15 figure out if we can. George doesn't advise. 16 Says he believes that we can't give rewards to 17 outsiders or people who report other people or 18 whatever bounties or whatever you call it, 19 finders. So we're actually looking, George is 20 going to talk to bond counsel see how we can 21 structure that as to amnesty to see what our 22 amnesty would be for people who would steal water, 23 what we would offer them during the two, 24 three-month period.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We should be

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making them pay is what we should be doing.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: If I may? A couple of things.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: The water they stole, what kind of amnesty is that?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Three things.

First of all, in terms of the software,

Joe will be coming back to our next IT committee

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Joe will be coming back to our next IT committee meeting. We asked him to bring in the vendor as well to explain what the software is, how it it would work. Quite frankly, in the context of the finance committee meeting, I didn't quite get all the details and didn't quite understand them and as a technologist, I would like to hear direct from the horse's mouth, so to speak, so I can get an idea and feel comfortable as to whether or not it's a viable solution. The technology to me is screaming at me that there's got to be a technological solution to properly match these blocks and lots or validate them, et cetera. Maybe not one hundred percent technological, at least to narrow down the list. So that's why it was referred to the IT committee.

Second thing is with regards to the amnesty program. The discussion was multi-fold.

The basic idea is that if there's anybody out
there who is not paying for water for some reason,
we want to provide them with some kind of a reason
to come back to us. The discussions have been
ranging from one suggestion was perhaps to give
them a break on what they owe us to we'll forgive
any interest in penalties or whatever it might be.
That is the nature of the discussion. Exactly
what it's going be and for how long a period of
time it will be is something that the finance
committee will come back to the Board with.

The third thing is not related to the finance committee per se because we didn't have time to discuss this at the finance committee, but I was looking at our budget and I noticed that we are approximately \$2.9 million below, under budget on expenses, which is good. There are a couple of budget items that we were over on and I made note of them and I will be discussing that in the next finance committee meeting, things like bond interest, some outside security, and a couple of other things that seem to be significantly higher, at least in my eye, than what we expected, maybe not a percentage basis but on a dollar basis. So we'll look into that.

1 PRESIDENT VANNOY: George, I know it was a 2 long time ago. MR. HANLEY: The suggestion I was going to 3 make is simply, you have difficulty with a 4 5 temporary. For whatever reason, that creates 6 complications. I think you can possibly do a, 7 either a professional services, depending on the qualification, or an extraordinary unspecified 8 9 services type of arrangement. I'm not a hundred percent, depending on how you structure it. It's 10 fact sensitive. It's something that should be 11 12 examined. You can't do it the way you're 13 suggesting. 14 MR. AMODIO: Okay. That's it for 15 committee reports. 16 Move on to the Executive Director's 17 report. 18 MR. BELLA: Okay. The main issue is the 19 plant is running pretty much flat outright. This 20 really warm, hot, and dry weather is really 21 moving. We're only averaging about 108 million 22 gallons a day, which is perfect and the plant's 23 running very well. Some electrical problems, 24 which we're looking into it. But other than that,

we're doing well.

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1	We had a spat of main breaks right around
2	the July 4th weekend. That's sort of what
3	precipitated this gentleman coming in. But that
4	was all taken care of.
5	Everything is running very well. I know
6	for a fact the plant's running well. People are
7	back to getting the jobs done, backlog. So we're
8	doing fine.
9	MR. AMODIO: Any questions?
10	PRESIDENT VANNOY: Joe, are you finished?
11	MR. BELLA: Yes.
12	PRESIDENT VANNOY: You were also going to
13	bring up I'll come back to that.
14	Go ahead. Tom, first.
15	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: With all this heat,
16	did Public Service cut down on the power,
17	obviously, that will affect us?
18	MR. BELLA: No.
19	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: The generator?
20	MR. BELLA: No. Because we have we're
21	in a different service and they can't cut us back.
22	They can ask us to curtail.
23	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: They can't cut us
24	down like
25	MR. BELLA: That's right.

1	PRESIDENT VANNOY: Menachem.
2	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yeah, just a quick
3	question.
4	I was reading your report. The ten
5	percent which I briefly mentioned to you earlier,
6	I was wondering, I haven't been taking a mental
7	note, is that unusual or is that about where we've
8	been at?
9	MR. BELLA: It's a little high.
10	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Do we have any idea
11	why? I mean, it just seems a little high. Ten
12	percent closer on Customer Service.
13	MR. GALLAGHER: A lot is based on people
14	are on vacation. So we're running pretty thin
15	right now.
16	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Is there anything in
17	the new phone system?
18	MR. GALLAGHER: Process them
19	automatically, categorize them and give us the
20	phone numbers so we can call back.
21	MR. BELLA: And the other thing, all that
22	interactive is much easier to use, so that will
23	MR. GALLAGHER: Once we get that in place,
24	because, again, part of the timetable is going
25	from computer screen to computer screen. It is

1 onerous. 2 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you. COMMISSIONER DeVITA: One more comment. 3 I assume you all read in the paper last 5 week about us losing water. We were pretty well 6 90 percent loss, 25 percent, 90 percent is high but it's a lot better than everybody else. 7 8 MR. BELLA: We've had an ongoing and that 9 number changes from year to year. We've had an 10 ongoing detection program and going on for years, 11 we found some major leaks. We also find little 12 small ones, you know. We fix them pretty rapidly. Our leak detection is so good that it can 13 14 actually hear toilets at night running in people's 15 houses. We actually found. So that is very... 16 The other thing is, you know, the increase 17 in sales detection and making sure that people are 18 getting the bills. 19 MR. GALLAGHER: If I can just add a caveat 20 to that, Chris Cumming is probably one of the 21 best. He is actually summoned by other water 22 utilities. 23 MR. BELLA: The other thing. What we're 24 doing now is we're buying a new valve turning

truck. So we'll have two crews out to concentrate

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1	more on leak detection, valve operation, routine
2	valve operation. And the other crew will focus on
3	more, you know, emergent type stuff. So that
4	should help us.
5	MR. AMODIO: That's it. No further
6	questions. We'll move along.
7	We have two requests for the Commission to
8	advertise.
9	First one is Contract #12-B-30 "Furnish
10	and Deliver Portable Diesel Generator Sets with
11	Trailers and Appurtenances."
12	12-B-31, "Furnish and Install Small Size
13	Line Stops and Insert Valves."
14	Any questions for that?
15	Do I have a motion?
16	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I'll move.
17	MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
18	DeVita.
19	Do I have a second?
20	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.
21	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.
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23	(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
24	present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
25	Kolodziej is absent)

1	MR. AMODIO: Thank you.
2	Next, we have, everyone was given, this
3	morning, a Resolution authorizing the
4	indemnification hold harmless agreement with the
5	City of Paterson for the use of the Point View
6	Reservoir.
7	Any questions on that?
8	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: This is the one they
9	already did?
10	MR. AMODIO: No, they cancelled that out.
11	I believe they're starting this afternoon.
12	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Okay.
13	MR. AMODIO: Originally, it was. They
14	changed it.
15	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: What are they going
16	to be using it for?
17	MR. AMODIO: They're going to be testing a
18	police vehicle.
19	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: This agreement
20	basically does what?
21	MR. AMODIO: It's a hold harmless.
22	MR. HANLEY: In other words, they agree
23	that if anything unfortunate that happens, they
24	are liable and they will indemnify us in the event
25	some good party sues us.

1	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: And also repaint the
2	lines in the parking lot.
3	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I have no objection.
4	I'm wondering why we need a Resolution.
5	MR. HANLEY: Because I have decided
6	arbitrarily and unilaterally that this was the
7	better way to do it.
8	And just so you understand, I become more
9	and more concerned over the time that, a lot of
10	people in the bar about insurance because
11	insurance companies typically become more and more
12	clever and avoid it. So that's one of the
13	reasons.
14	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Safe than sorry.
15	MR. HANLEY: I mean, it's not a big deal,
16	but I want to create a format not just for this
17	one. You'll be seeing many more of these.
18	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Move it.
19	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.
20	MR. AMODIO: Move by Commissioner DeVita.
21	Second by Commissioner Bazian.
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23	(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
24	present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
25	Kolodziej is absent)

1 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Kolodziej is 2 absent. Approved. 3 Next. 5 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. President, I'm 6 sorry, can I jump back for one second? There's 7 one question I forgot to ask on the Executive 8 Director's report. 9 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes. 10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Joe, last month I 11 had asked on the 20 largest to get a column, can 12 you please add that --13 MR. BELLA: Yes, no problem. 14 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you. 15 MR. AMODIO: Moving on. Also, you have in 16 front of you a Resolution authorizing a lease 17 agreement with the Borough of Prospect Park. 18 Commissioner DeVita. 19 MR. HANLEY: If I may, Mr. President. 20 reason this was a late starter is because I didn't 21 want to put it before you until I knew I had it 22 signed off by the borough attorney, which we do 23 now. And it's not a new issue for you, I don't 24 think. You already authorized the contractor to 2.5 do the work. It's not a new tank -- it's going to

1	be a new tank, but it's not going to be a new
2	operation. We had a tank there but it's on their
3	land. We had an old lease with them way back
4	which I wanted to update and the borough attorney
5	agreed. I just got a late start.
6	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: So we're going to
7	remove the tank and place a new tank in?
8	MR. DUPREY: That's correct.
9	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Is that going to
10	cost us?
11	MR. DUPREY: Yes. It's \$863,200.
12	MR. HANLEY: That contract has already
13	been awarded, correct?
14	MR. DUPREY: Yes, that was awarded
15	already.
16	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Remind me why we're
17	replacing the tank.
18	MR. DUPREY: The previous tank is on its
19	last legs.
20	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: This is just for
21	Prospect Park.
22	MR. BELLA: Our pumps pump it in.
23	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: One last question.
24	I see a lease agreement, but I don't see any
25	monetary amount. I assume this is a zero dollar

1	lease.
2	MR. HANLEY: They don't charge us
3	anything. It's discounted in our cost.
4	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Well, I guess out of
5	curiosity, if there's no, forgive me, I'm not a
6	lawyer, I'm going back to my Business 101
7	MR. HANLEY: Consideration.
8	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yeah, where's the
9	consideration?
10	MR. HANLEY: There is.
11	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: There is. Okay,
12	fine.
13	MR. HANLEY: They need this very badly.
14	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's fine.
15	MR. HANLEY: If they want water.
16	MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?
17	MR. HANLEY: And we actually do recycle.
18	MR. AMODIO: No further questions.
19	Do I have a motion?
20	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.
21	MR. AMODIO: Thank you, Commissioner
22	Bazian.
23	Second?
24	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.
25	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

On the roll. 1 2 3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner 5 Kolodziej is absent) 6 7 MR. AMODIO: Next, we have Controller's 8 Report. 9 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 14.7 million. 10 Accounts payable is at 4.9 million. 11 Our accounts receivable is at 12.6 million 12 and our 30 days less accounts receivable is at 13 12.3 million which is 97 percent. 14 Cash collections remain strong. 15 You've got a copy of the corrective action 16 plan in front of you. It was required after our audit. That was sent out individual local 17 18 government services. 19 The budget, we got started already with 20 our budget process for this upcoming year. The 21 department heads are currently putting their 22 figures. Most of them we'll have back by the end 23 of this week. And we expect that we'll have 24 preliminary numbers for the finance committee for

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next month.

1	MR. AMODIO: Any questions?
2	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Wasn't there
3	something else that you were going to bring up?
4	MR. WEISS: We were going to talk a little
5	bit more about the amnesty program but we
6	discussed that. That's something for closed
7	session.
8	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. President?
9	Cash on hand is 14.7. Am I correct in my
10	memory that's two million more than last month.
11	MR. WEISS: No, less. Last month was
12	high.
13	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: And our reserves?
14	MR. WEISS: Our reserves are included in
15	that. That includes our operating reserve.
16	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So the reserve is
17	fully funded?
18	MR. WEISS: Technically, no. But there's
19	enough cash to fully fund.
20	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: At what level do
21	we have to be fully funded?
22	MR. WEISS: Our operating reserve is a
23	little bit over \$7 million and our renewal
24	replacement reserve is \$2 million. It changes on
25	an annual basis depending on the

1	COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Right, right.
2	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Does it make sense
3	now that our revenues are strong that perhaps now
4	would be the time to try to fund this?
5	MR. WEISS: We do. We fund them
6	throughout the year. We fund them and pull them.
7	Our reserves operate for us as a it manages our
8	interim cash flow.
9	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Overtime is down?
10	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Overtime is down by
11	23.3 percent.
12	MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?
13	MR. WEISS: Any questions, I'll be happy
14	to try and answer.
15	MR. AMODIO: There will be no further
16	questions.
17	Motion for closed session.
18	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'll move it.
19	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.
20	MR. AMODIO: WHEREAS, Section 8 of the
21	Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of
22	the public from a meeting in certain
23	circumstances; and
24	WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
25	that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the 1 2 Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission: 1. The public shall be excluded from 3 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject 5 matters; the general nature of the subject matters being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel, 6 7 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Law; 8 Summary/Aging reports, North Arlington, Amnesty 9 Program, Prismatic/Leopold/fitters, Union Negotiations, New Hires, Promotions - Gerald 10 11 Janowski, Jeffrey Holmes, Grievance - Marisah 12 Potkalesky, DEP allocation, Borough of Woodland 13 Park Resolution, and any other as matter as may be 14 discussed in camera. 15 2. It is anticipated that the 16 above-stated subject matters will be ratified 17 during public meeting following or as soon 18 thereafter the as reason for discussion no longer 19 exists. 3. This Resolution shall take effect 20 21 immediately. 22 Second by Commissioner Sanchez. 23 On the roll. 24 2.5 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

1	present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
2	Kolodziej is absent)
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6	MR. AMODIO: On the roll.
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8	(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
9	present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
10	Kolodziej and Rodriguez are absent)
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12	MR. AMODIO: Commissioners Rodriguez and
13	Kolodziej are not with us at the moment.
14	11:18 is the time.
15	MR. AMODIO: Minutes of Passaic Valley
16	Water Commission <u>in</u> <u>camera</u> and Regular Public
17	Meeting session held June 19th, 2012.
18	Do I have a motion?
19	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.
20	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.
21	Do I have a second?
22	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.
23	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.
24	On the roll.
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1	(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
2	present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
3	DeVita abstains. Commissioners Kolodziej and
4	Rodriguez are absent)
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6	MR. AMODIO: Does the Chair accept,
7	receive, and file Miscellaneous Orders by
8	Purchasing Agent, Linda Beckering, for the period
9	June 11th to July 8th?
10	PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes, yes.
11	MR. AMODIO: Moving on.
12	We have Requests For Action.
13	Project 12-P-45 "Professional Engineering
14	Services for SCADA Upgrade, Remote System SCADA
15	and Implementation and Related Matters."
16	Recommendation to Award to DLB Associates of
17	Eatontown, New Jersey in the amount of \$259,520.
18	Question?
19	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Question.
20	Low bid?
21	MR. BELLA: Yes. Not a bid, low
22	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: This is significant.
23	MR. AMODIO: This is a professional
24	service.
25	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: But it was

1	significantly lower?
2	MR. BELLA: Yes.
3	MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?
4	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: So move.
5	MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
6	DeVita.
7	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.
8	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.
9	On the roll.
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11	(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
12	present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
13	Kolodziej and Rodriguez are absent)
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15	MR. AMODIO: Commissioners Kolodziej and
16	Rodriguez absent.
17	Thank you. Motion approved.
18	Next, Resolution authorizing disposition
19	of certain PVWC property. In this case it is a
20	backhoe going to the City of Paterson.
21	Question?
22	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Is this what we
23	offer to the owner cities if they want?
24	MR. AMODIO: Yes, I believe it is.
25	MR. BELLA: What?

1	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: The backhoe.
2	MR. BELLA: Yes.
3	MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?
4	Motion.
5	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.
6	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.
7	Second.
8	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.
9	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.
10	On the roll.
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12	(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
13	present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
14	Kolodziej and Rodriguez are absent)
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16	MR. AMODIO: Thank you.
17	Next we have New Business.
18	Summary of disbursements and payrolls from
19	July 18th, 2012, in the amount of \$6,549,836.56.
20	Does the Treasurer find them in order?
21	COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes.
22	MR. AMODIO: Make a motion.
23	COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Make a motion for
24	approval.
25	MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

1	Levine.
2	Do I have a second?
3	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.
4	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.
5	On the roll.
6	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes, I abstain on
7	Dell.
8	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Abstain on Montana.
9	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I vote yes. I
10	abstain on Rachles Michele and I want everybody to
11	know I looked at that, there was a payment to one
12	of our Commissioner's companies but it was a
13	reimbursement.
14	COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes, it was a
15	reimbursement. I made it very clear with Yitz,
16	too.
17	Glad you're looking into me, Tom.
18	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I look into
19	everybody.
20	COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It was to wait for
21	them to get the money.
22	PRESIDENT VANNOY: I abstain on Damico,
23	Del Sardo and American.
24	(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
25	present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners

1	Kolodziej and Rodriguez are absent)
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3	MR. AMODIO: Next, we have recommendations
4	from Executive Session. Would you like to do the
5	Personnel as one agenda?
6	PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes.
7	MR. AMODIO: I'll recite that.
8	Gerald Janowski, promotion to Water
9	Repairer 2.
10	Proposed salary of 57,000 with a proposed
11	range of \$17,465 - \$59,058.
12	Jeffrey Holmes, promotion to Water
13	Repairer 3.
14	Proposed salary: \$62,000.
15	Proposed range: \$18,357 - \$67,418.
16	Marisah Potkalesky - Settlement of
17	grievance, \$2500 top of the range as recommended
18	by Alan Genitempo, Esquire.
19	And new hire, Adam Rozsa, Senior Engineer,
20	with a proposed salary of \$70,000 and proposed
21	range \$25,363 to \$80,355.
22	Do I have a motion?
23	COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.
24	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.
25	Do I have a second?

1	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.
2	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.
3	On the roll.
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5	(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
6	present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
7	Kolodziej and Rodriguez absent)
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9	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Yes, as discussed.
10	MR. AMODIO: Thank you.
11	Motion approved.
12	I have nothing under Good and Welfare.
13	Motion to adjourn?
14	COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Motion to adjourn.
15	MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.
16	Second?
17	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.
18	MR. AMODIO: By Commissisoner DeVita.
19	On the roll.
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21	(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
22	present respond in the affirmative)
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24	MR. AMODIO: Thank you, gentlemen.
25	The time is 11:23.

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