

**Bangor Water District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 17, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Bangor Water District Board of Trustees was held at 3:45 p.m. in the Hughes Building, 614 State Street. Trustees and staff participated in person. Remote participation for the public was provided; however, no one joined the meeting.

I. Clerk Foss called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

II. **Roll Call:** Mr. Foss, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Morse, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Easterwood, Mrs. Silva, Mrs. Chute and Mr. Chick- remote

III. **Annual Meeting:**

Election of Trustee Positions:

Chair: Following nominations from the floor, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: To elect Trustee Hwalek as Chair.

Vice Chair: Following nominations from the floor, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: To elect Trustee Bragg as Vice Chair.

Clerk: Following nominations from the floor, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: to re-elect Trustee Foss as Clerk.

Appointment of Officers:

General Manager: Following nominations from the floor, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: To re-appoint Harrison as General Manager.

Treasurer: Following nominations from the floor, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: to re-appoint Finance Manager Silva as Treasurer.

Hearing no further business to come before the annual meeting, it was upon motion being made and duly seconded,

VOTED: To adjourn the sixty eighth annual meeting of Bangor Water's Board of Trustees and to convene the regular monthly meeting at 3:55 p.m.

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Old Business:

Approval of January Regular Minutes: It was upon motion being made and duly seconded, unanimously:

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the regular January meeting as presented by Clerk Foss.

Report of the Treasurer: Director of Finance Silva presented an overview of the January financials; first highlighting the month's disbursements and investments and then reviewing the year-to-date revenues and expenses compared to the budget. Silva noted that as of the end of January, total metered sales were under budget by 2%, total operating expenses were under budget by 10%. Silva ended by presenting the year-to-date cash flow summary. Auditors will be on site February 24 -26, 2026 to start the annual financial audit.

Project Manager's Report:

Current Construction Projects:

The construction crew has been repairing leaks scattered across the distribution system. The crew is also working on the Hawkes building remodel for the Engineering and Construction Departments.

Engineering Department Projects:

- **Other Projects:** Continued inspection of new private water mains and services including pressure testing and bacteria sampling as well as reviewing plans for other development projects throughout the distribution system.
- **Cumberland Street:** Waiting for the City to post the project.

VI. New Business:

Water Quality Report: Water Quality Manager Easterwood presented the Board of

Trustees with the District's monitoring of coliform, fluoride, bromate and turbidity, which all meet the EPA and State guidelines.

The District's disinfection byproducts monitored results for 2025:

Bromate- none.

Total Trihalomethanes- average for 2025 was 5.91 ppb, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) limit is 80 ppb.

Haloacetic Acids- average for 2025 was 22.68 ppb, EPA limit is 60 ppb.

Chloronitrimide Anion is a newly discovered contaminant emerging from the disinfection byproduct from the decomposition of mono and dichloramines. First observed in 1981, finally identified and its molecular structure mapped in 2024. Research is currently underway to determine any possible negative health effects. We expect the EPA to start having public water systems that chloramine to start testing for chloronitride anion within the next 4 years to establish baseline levels and formulate regulatory guidelines.

General Manager's Report: The January Progress Report was accepted as written.

Public Hearing on Thursday 2/19/26 at City Hall for the proposed rate increase.

Drinking Water Violation- From January 10, 2026, at 9:30 AM until January 12th at 1:30PM and again on January 12th at 7:30 PM until midnight, the chlorine analyzer documenting chlorine residuals at our treatment plant reported inaccurate data. During this period, the treatment plant continued to operate appropriately, but the actual disinfectant levels were not recorded. Without this data to corroborate plant operations, the system cannot provide adequate documentation to demonstrate that disinfection levels were acceptable during this time. This situation did not require any action from the customer. We have posted this on our website, and it will be included in the Consumer Confidence Report.

Workforce Committee- Construction Manager Webb and Project Manager Littlefield are looking into ways to recruit employees. Through some research they found York High School has an internship program for students that offers some high school credit and work experience. GM Harrison would like to move forward with an internship program.

Approval to pursue an internship with local high schools: It was upon motion being made and duly seconded:

VOTED: To pursue an internship program with local high schools.

Bangor International Airport Water Tower project update: Verizon still has antenna equipment on the old BIA tank; this needs to be moved over to the new tank. The countertop and faucet need to be replaced in the control room at the new tank.

Open positions- The district has three open positions that we will be posted internally

and externally. One in each of the following departments: Maintenance, Service and Engineering.

VII: Board Member Communication/ Request: Mrs. Hamilton will communicate with newly elected Chair Hwalek on election results.

VIII: Executive Session: None.

It was then upon motion being made and duly seconded:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

X: Next Meeting Dates:

March 17, 2026

Ralph Foss, Clerk

John Hwalek, Chair

Patty Hamilton

Frank Bragg, Vice Chair

Lee Chick

Samuel Morse

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