

Minutes of the 928th Meeting
AlexRenew Board of Directors
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025

On Tuesday, April 15, 2025, the AlexRenew Board of Directors held its regular meeting in the Edward Semonian Board Room at 1800 Limerick Street, and broadcast via Microsoft Teams, with the following present:

Members: Mr. John Hill, Chair
Mr. James Beall, Vice Chair
Mr. Mark Jinks, Member
Dr. Moussa Wone, Member

Absent: Ms. Becky Hammer, Secretary-Treasurer

Staff: Mr. Justin Carl, General Manager/CEO
Ms. Amanda Waters, General Counsel/Deputy GM
Ms. Caitlin Feehan, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Lake Akinkugbe, Director of Finance
Mr. Matt Robertson, Director of Communications
Mr. Kevin Pilon, Engineering Manager
Ms. Faith Oviawe, Engineer
Ms. Lorna Huff, Executive Assistant to the Board & CEO

Fairfax County
Representative: Mr. Shahram Mohsenin, Chief,
Wastewater Planning and Monitoring Division

City Representative: Mr. Lu Zhang, Project Manager,
T&ES/Sanitary Infrastructure Division

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair reported that Item 7D on the Agenda has been moved to Item 7A. All subsequent Agenda Items will move down accordingly. He requested a motion to approve the agenda as amended. There being no objections, Mr. Beall moved and Mr. Jinks seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

3. Public Comment Period

There being no members of the public in attendance; the Chair closed the public comment period.

4. Consent Agenda

Members reviewed the Consent Agenda that contained the minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting. There being no questions or comments, the Chair requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Beall moved and Dr. Wone seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

5. Board Administrative Items

a. Finance and Audit Committee - Mr. Jinks

The Finance and Audit Committee met twice and reviewed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating

and Capital Budget, which includes the 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and the FY2026 and FY2027 Rate Recommendation, which the CEO presented for Board approval to set the public hearing.

b. Governance Committee – Monday, April 7, 2025 - Mr. Beall

Mr. Beall reported that the Governance Committee discussed continuing education opportunities and the 2026 Board Retreat. He also reported that the Committee reviewed the revised Community Benefit and Rate Setting Policies, which the Committee recommended for approval by the full Board.

Mr. Beall made a motion to approve the revised Community Benefit Policy. Mr. Jinks seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Beall made a motion to approve the revised Rate Setting Policy. Dr. Wone seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

c. Board Calendar

Saturday, April 27, 2025, is Del Ray Garden Fest where Dr. Wone will announce the winner of the Ellen Pickering Environmental Excellence Award.

Saturday, June 7, 2025, is the Hooffs Run Dedication Ceremony. Save the Dates have been posted. Invitations and reminders will be sent closer to the event.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Consideration of Draft FY 2026 Operating and Capital Budget; Consideration of a Resolution of Intent to Adopt and Change Rates, Fees and Charges and Set Public Hearing for Saturday, May 17, 2025

The Chair noted that the Board has reviewed the budget and incorporated member feedback into the final document. The Chair asked for comments from the Board. Ms. Feehan reported that based on Board feedback, the Financial Policy now reflects that there are two metrics for number of days of cash on hand based on ratings agencies criteria and on operating and working capital. The Chair noted that the Board was authorizing the CEO to post notice of the public hearing on the budget and rate recommendations.

There were no additional questions or comments, the Chair requested a motion to set the public hearing. Mr. Jinks moved and Dr. Wone seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

Staff Introductions

Ms. Faith Oviawe, an engineer with AlexRenew, introduced herself, noting she is working on various engineering projects with Mr. Piong and the climate change study with Ms. Deines.

7. New Business

a. Presentation on Climate Study Update

Mr. Carl introduced the climate study and noted that the last comprehensive study was performed in 2009. A narrower climate change study was performed to support RiverRenew to ensure the resiliency of AlexRenew plant facilities, pump stations, and interceptors.

Ms. Deines reported on AlexRenew's climate study and background, the purpose and goals, noting greenhouse gas emissions, extreme precipitation events, and thermal stress as the

drivers for climate change. The study will assess vulnerabilities and risk to AlexRenew assets. Members discussed the methodology behind the study, risk assessments, outcomes for Alexandria, and partnering with other jurisdictions. Members commended Ms. Deines on her presentation and look forward to future updates.

b. Approval of Contract 25-012 for the Regional Biosolids Feasibility Study

Mr. Carl provided an overview of the Regional Biosolids Feasibility Study. AlexRenew, Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority, Loudoun Water, Prince William Water, and Upper Occoquan Service Authority (Authorities) determined the need to explore viable alternatives to land application of biosolids. In November 2024, the Authorities jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlined the Feasibility Study scope of work, core team, contract management, maximum contract value, and cost share between the Authorities based on annual biosolids tonnage. The MOU determined that AlexRenew would execute a contract on behalf of the Authorities to conduct the Study. Though not signatories to the MOU, Arlington and Fairfax counties will also participate in the Study, providing data and input throughout the process.

There being no additional discussion, the Chair requested a motion to approve. Mr. Jinks moved and Mr. Beall seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

Be It Resolved That: The Board authorizes the CEO to execute a contract with Brown and Caldwell to provide professional engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$1.375 million, which includes the CEO's delegated change order authority.

c. Approval of Amendment No. 02 to Contract 24-001 for the Biosolids Diversification Project

The Chair recognized Mr. Pilon who reported that the Biosolids Diversification Project was procured as a Construction Management At-Risk. This action item is for the procurement of large equipment including centrifuges, thickener mechanisms, and grinders and some minor installation work. The amount for Board approval is \$14,641,700 which includes the CEO delegated change order authority.

There being no additional questions, the Chair requested a motion to approve. Mr. Beall moved and Dr. Wone seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

Be It Resolved That: The Board authorizes the CEO to execute Amendment No. 02 to Contract 24-001 with PC Construction in an amount not to exceed \$14,641,700 for the Biosolids Diversification Project, which includes the CEO's delegated change order authority.

d. Presentation on Rate Structure Alternatives Analysis Customer Sample Size

The Chair recognized Ms. Feehan who provided an overview of the proposed customer sample to use in analyzing potential rate structure alternatives. The analysis is a follow-up to the rate structure discussion at the February 2025 Board retreat. The customer sample will be refined and an update will be provided at the May Board meeting with a presentation on bill impacts from potential rate structures at the July Board meeting.

8. Monthly Outcomes Update

Mr. Carl reviewed highlights of the Monthly Report for March, including an active procurement for new job order contracts to support ongoing construction and maintenance needs.

Ms. Waters provided highlights from the 2025 Legislative Session, including updates on bills being tracked by staff. She reported that the Governor vetoed SB 962/HB2482 (required registered apprentices account for a minimum of eight (8) percent of total labor hours on all capital projects) and SB 1319 (required industrial wastewater sources to self-report the use of PFAS). Staff expects both bills to be re-introduced in a future session.

Mr. Carl reported that wastewater treatment charges revenues are projected to be higher than budgeted due to higher than projected late fees from large customer delinquencies. Staff will consider these in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

LEAP Dashboard

Mr. Robertson reported that there are 932 delinquencies as of March 31. The amount owed month over month increased by \$21,000. AlexRenew has 417 accounts on payment plans representing 52% of total debt.

There were 8 disconnections and 6 LEAP enrollments for March. Ms. Waters explained the legal requirements and process for placing liens on properties of severely delinquent customers.

PhaseForward Dashboard

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued for the Nutrient Reduction project which is one of the PhaseForward projects.

RiverRenew Dashboard

Mr. Carl gave a progress report on the various sites and superstructure at the WRRF. Mr. Carl reported that the schedule has not included the 2026 extension. This will be reflected in next month's report.

The Chair and members congratulated Mr. Beall on his recent retirement from Fairfax County.

Closed Session

The Chair, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, moved the Board to enter into a closed meeting for the sole purpose of consultation with legal counsel on a service agreement. Beall seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

At 8:55 p.m. the Board returned to open meeting, and the following certification was unanimously adopted by the members: "Pursuant to 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, it is hereby certified that to the best of each Member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (2) only public business matters identified in the motion by which this closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the AlexRenew Board."

All Members present voted via roll call:

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Beall	Aye
Mr. Jinks	Aye
Dr. Wone	Aye

Absent: Ms. Rebecca Hammer

There being no additional business, the Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jinks moved and Mr. Beall seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

APPROVED:


Secretary-Treasurer