

OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION

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Chair David Flannery, Presiding

Call to Order

Chair Flannery called the Special Commission Meeting of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission to order at 11:32 A.M., Thursday, September 30, 2024.

Quorum Call

Commissioner Joe Harrison, Jr. certified that a quorum was present (see Roster of Attendance, page 2).

Hiring of the New ORSANCO Executive Director

Chair Flannery announced the purpose of the meeting was to announce the selection of the new Executive Director for ORSANCO. We have been blessed for several years by having Richard Harrison as our Executive Director. Richard's last day as ORSANCO's Executive Director will be October 31, 2024, as he moves on for another important career opportunity for himself. As ORSANCO looks to the future, and the opportunities we have before us, we have been actively engaged in a process to select Richard's replacement. We had an incredible number of people who expressed interest in this position and have gone through the interview process. He then called on Commissioner Joe Harrison, Jr. to make a motion reflecting the recommendation of the ORSANCO Selection Committee and the ORSANCO Executive Committee.

Commissioner Joe Harrison, Jr. made a motion to hire Sam Dinkins as the next Executive Director commencing November 1, 2024, under the terms and conditions approved by the Commission in today's earlier Executive Session.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Harrison, second by Commissioner Wallace and unanimously carried, to hire Sam Dinkins as the next Executive Director.

Comments:

Chair Flannery opened the discussion with a few words about Sam. Sam is the Technical Program Manager and has held that position since 2016 and been employed by ORSANCO since 1995. He has a Master's Degree in Environmental Science and Policy from Johns Hopkins University, extraordinary background running ORSANCO's technical programs and its Organics Detection System, fully engaged in matters related to congressional involvement, a leader in ORSANCO's response to the East Palestine spill, and we are blessed with having him as an employee and as the new Executive Director to ORSANCO.

Commissioner FitzGerald heartily endorsed the selection. He understood there were some great candidates and appreciates so much the heavy lifting that the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee has done on this. He thinks that having someone who has familiarity with the organization and its proud history is a very important thing and looks forward to working with everyone and Sam moving forward. He thanks everyone for their hard work in getting us to this point.

Proxy Scott Mandirola commented that he has had the pleasure of working with Sam for many years and thinks he is a great choice and just wanted to express the gratitude of the State of West Virginia for the Selection Committee going through this process knowing how time consuming and difficult it was. He thanked them very much and heartily endorsed Sam.

Chair Flannery offers his congratulations to Sam and will continue to offer our thanks to Richard for his service to ORSANCO for a number of years.

Adjournment

The Special Commission Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 A.M.

Minutes approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas E. Conroe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a distinct "E." before the last name.

Douglas Conroe, Secretary/Treasurer

Prepared by Tracey Edmonds

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE
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Commissioners

Illinois	James Jennings
Indiana	Brian Rockensuess John Kupke Joseph Harrison, Jr.
Kentucky	Spencer Bruce John Lyons (PROXY for Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman) Sarah Gaddis (PROXY for Secretary Rebecca Goodman)
New York	
Ohio	
Pennsylvania	Sue Weaver (PROXY for Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley) Bruce Herschlag
West Virginia	Scott Mandirola (PROXY for Secretary Harold Ward) Ronald Potesta David Flannery
Virginia	Jeffrey Hurst (PROXY for Director Michael Rolband) Lou Wallace
Federal	David Miracle George Elmaraghy Tom FitzGerald
Legal Counsel	Aaron Herzig

Executive Director

Richard Harrison

Staff

Nick Callahan, Stacey Cochran, Jennifer Coldiron, Tracey Edmonds, Jason Heath, Riley Lanfear, Adam Scott, Annette Shumard, Greg Youngstrom, Lila Ziolkowski

Guests

Chris Bobay, Forest Clevenger, Erich Emery, Melinda Harris, Heather Mayfield, Chris Lorentz, Scott Twait, Michael Washburn