



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

International Tower | 229 Peachtree St., NE | Suite 100 | Atlanta, GA 30303

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

December 11, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

In-Person: Harry West Board Room

International Tower Suite 100, 229 Peachtree Street, NE Atlanta, Georgia

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- I. Welcome**
- II. Public Comment Period****
- III. Approve Meeting Minutes (*Action Item*)**
- IV. Chairman's Report**
 - *Recognitions*
 - *Legislative Policy Committee Membership*
 - *Future Meeting Dates*
- V. Executive Report**
 - *2025 Finance Committee Membership (*Action Item*)*
 - *2024 Year End Budget Revision (*Action Item*)*
 - *2025 Budget Revision (*Action Item*)*
 - *BAC New Member Approval*
- VI. Staff Updates**
 - *Education and Outreach*
 - *Sanitary Sewer Overflow Trends / WIPPES Act*
 - *Data Centers Update*
 - *2028 Plan Update*
- VII. Water Supply / Litigation Update**
- VIII. State Climatologist Report – Bill Murphey, Georgia DNR**
- IX. Adjourn**

**A 10-minute period for public comments is designated as needed at each Governing Board meeting during a time deemed appropriate by the Chairman. Each speaker must sign-up at least two (2) days prior to the meeting start time by emailing Chairman@northgeorgiawater.com. The 10 minute period will be divided by the number of people wishing to address the Board. No single speaker shall have more than five (5) minutes to address the Board. Comments should also be provided in writing, with supporting material. The Chairman reserves the right to limit or extend the speaking time or total number of speakers at any meeting.



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes
September 11, 2024**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Harry West Board Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission office in Atlanta, Georgia and via Microsoft Teams.

Members Present

Hon. Nicole Love Hendrickson, Vice Chair
Dr. Mark Berry, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Pamela Burnett
Mr. Albert Edwards
Dr. Ben Jordan
Ms. Sara Ray
Mr. Gerald Pouncey
Mr. Darrell Rochester
Mr. Tim Thoms
Mr. Dave Williams

City of Atlanta Designee: Mr. Al Wiggins
Cherokee County Designee: Ms. Jennifer Arp
Clayton County Designee: Mr. Bernard Franks
Cobb County Designee: Ms. Judy Jones
Coweta County Designee: Mr. Jay Boren
DeKalb County Designee: Mr. David Hayes
Douglas County Designee: Mr. Gil Shearouse
Fayette County Designee: Ms. Vanessa Tigert
Forsyth County Designee: Mr. Barry Lucas
Hall County Designee: Mr. Bill Nash
Henry County Designee: Mr. Tony Carnell
Rockdale County Designee: Mr. Kimbry Peek

Members Not Present

Mr. Glenn Page, Chairman
Hon. Steve Taylor
Hon. Rob Pitts
Hon. James Kelly

Vice Chair Nicole Love Hendrickson called the meeting to order.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were provided.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Hendrickson presented the June 6, 2024, meeting minutes for approval. No revisions were offered. Mr. Gil Shearouse made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sara Ray and passed without opposition.

Chairman's Update

Recognitions

Vice Chair Hendrickson welcomed Bartow Commissioner Steve Taylor and Fayette Chairman Lee Hearn on their return to the District Board and Coweta County Chairman John Reidelbach to the Board for the first time. Vice Chair Hendrickson also recognized former board member Mr. Birdel Jackson for his 19 years of service on the District Board and his term as Treasurer/Secretary. Mr. Robert Sherrod was introduced as the newest District staff member who will lead the District's wastewater planning efforts.

Takeaways from the Retreat

Vice Chair Hendrickson reflected on the 2024 Board retreat held in Clayton County on June 6 and thanked Mr. Bernard Franks for hosting the event. The retreat included in depth discussions on emerging topics and concluded with a tour of the Clayton County wetlands treatment system.

Future Meeting Dates

Vice Chair Hendrickson presented the meeting schedule for BACs, TCC, and the Board for the remainder of 2024 and the Board meeting schedule for 2025.

Staff Updates

Education and Outreach

Ms. Justine Schwartz provided an overview of ongoing education activities and events including the announcement of the 2025 Water Drop Dash being held on March 22 at the Chattahoochee Nature Center and the 2024 Middle School Essay Contest. Ms. Schwartz also gave an update of the My Drop Counts Business Pledge.

2027 Plan Update

Mr. Danny Johnson provided highlights of the District's planning activities related to the next 5-year update to the Water Resources Management Plan due in 2027.

Water Supply Status – Litigation Update

Mr. Johnson presented an overview of rainfall and lake levels across the District. Mr. Johnson also presented an update on litigation within the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River basin and the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River basin.

Nutrients – Bringing Together Water Utilities and Agricultural to Benefit Lake Lanier

Mr. Mark Masters, Ms. Katherine Zitsch, and Ms. Katherine Atteberry presented opportunities for District communities to partner with the agriculture community on nutrient management strategies above Lake Lanier.

Updates from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division

The Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Mr. Jeff Cown, provided an overview on EPD's latest initiatives.

There being no further business, Vice Chair Hendrickson adjourned the meeting.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 11, 2024

To: Governing Board

From: Chairman Glenn Page

RE: Recommended Legislative Committee Members for 2025

I recommend the following Governing Board members to serve on the Legislative Committee for 2025:

Board Chair – Glenn Page
Vice Chair – Chairwoman Hon. Nicole Love Hendrickson
Treasurer/Secretary – Dr. Mark Berry
City of Atlanta – Mayor Hon. Andre Dickens
Cobb County – Chairwoman Hon. Lisa Cupid
Douglas County – Chairwoman Hon. Ramona Jackson Jones
Pam Burnett – Citizen Member
Dave Williams – Citizen Member
Gerald Pouncey – Citizen Member
Tim Thoms – Citizen Member



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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 11, 2024
To: Executive Committee
From: Chairman Glenn Page
RE: Recommended Finance Committee Members for 2025

I recommend the following Governing Board members to serve on the Finance Committee for 2025:

Board Chair – Glenn Page
Vice Chair – Chairwoman Hon. Nicole Love Hendrickson
Treasurer/Secretary – Dr. Mark Berry (Committee Chair)
Cherokee County – Chairman Hon. Harry Johnston
Cobb County – Chairwoman Hon. Lisa Cupid
DeKalb County – CEO Hon. Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Douglas County – Chairwoman Hon. Ramona Jackson Jones
Henry County – Chairwoman Hon. Carlotta Harrell
Gerald Pouncey – Citizen Member



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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 11, 2024
To: Executive Committee
From: Dr. Mark Berry, Finance Committee Chair
RE: Proposed 2024 Year End and 2025 Budget Revisions

The District operates on a fiscal calendar year.

The 2024 Year End Budget Revision incorporates adjustments for interest income, miscellaneous income and projected expenditures for the remainder of the year.

The 2025 Budget Revision reflects the revised estimated Beginning Fund Balance, along with adjustments for new grant revenue, revised fringe/overhead rates, and contract expenses.

2024 Budget Revision – The District proposes a revision to the 2024 budget to incorporate adjustments for projected revenues and expenditures for the remainder of the year.

Revenues – Miscellaneous Fees were reduced to reflect the anticipated number of submittals to the Post Construction Stormwater Technical Assistance Program through the end of the year.

Expenses – The Chairman’s Allowance has been reduced based on anticipated expenditures for the remainder of the year. The Salaries/Fringe Benefits/Overhead line items have been reduced to reflect savings in fulltime staff hours due to staff turnover. The Contracts/Miscellaneous Operating/Public Awareness line items have been adjusted to reflect anticipated expenses by the end of the year.

Following these revisions, the projected 2024 Ending Fund Balance is expected to increase from \$985,153 to \$1,161,204.

2025 Budget Revision - In response to the 2024 Year End Budget Revision, we have also proposed the attached revision to the 2025 budget to update the estimated Beginning Fund Balance and reflect changes to the anticipated revenues and expenditures.

Beginning Fund Balance - The estimated Beginning Fund Balance has been modified to reflect the 2024 Projected Ending Fund Balance which increased from \$985,153 to \$1,161,204.

Revenues – The 2024 budget revision reflects a new State Funding line item to include a grant received from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division 319 non-point source grant program for a District-wide Stormwater Management Infrastructure Mapping Strategy project. The total grant will be \$250,000 between 2025 and 2026. This line item reflects 80 percent of the total grant funding anticipated to be received in 2025.

Expenses – The 2025 budget revision reflects a decrease in the Atlanta Regional Commission's Fringe Benefits rate from 50% to 48% and a slight increase in the Overhead rate from 33.2% to 33.5% since the board approved the budget on June 6, 2024. The Contracts line item has been increased to reflect the anticipated expenditures from the Georgia EPD 319 grant within 2025.

Following these revisions, the projected 2025 Ending Fund Balance would increase from \$816,282 to \$1,008,626.

Note that in June 2011 the Board adopted the following financial policy: the District will establish and strive to maintain a minimum fund balance of \$300,000 for operating contingencies.

The District's Finance Committee held a conference call meeting on November 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. to review the proposed budget revisions for 2024 and 2025 and recommended the revisions be moved to the Executive Committee for consideration.

2024 Budget

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

December 11, 2024 Executive Committee

	<u>2024</u> Adopted May 12, 2023	<u>2024</u> Adopted June 6, 2024	<u>2024</u> DRAFT Year End Revision December 11, 2024
Per Capita Dues Rate	\$ 0.250	\$ 0.250	\$ 0.250
Revenues			
State Funding (Appropriations)	250,000	250,000	250,000
Local Dues (2020 Census at per capita rate)	1,398,593	1,398,593	1,398,593
Interest Income	250	45,000	60,000
Misc. Fees	17,000	17,000	11,000
Total Revenues	1,665,843	1,710,593	1,719,593
Expenses by Type			
Chairman's Allowance	3,000	3,000	1,000
District Planning Function			
Salaries	647,325	712,588	650,000
Fringe Benefits	336,609	356,294	325,000
Overhead	439,818	354,869	323,700
Contracts	115,000	115,000	80,000
Septic Study - Wet Weather	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Operating	65,000	65,000	75,000
Public Awareness / Education	100,000	110,000	95,000
Total Expenses	1,706,752	1,716,751	1,549,700
Projected increase/(-) reduction in Fund Balance	(40,910)	(6,158)	169,893
2027 Plan Update Reserve	458,194	685,153	861,204
Projected Reserve Fund Balance	300,000	300,000	300,000
Beginning Fund Balance	799,104	991,311	991,311
Projected Ending Fund Balance	758,194	985,153	1,161,204

NOTES

1. The District received \$250,000 for District Administration for State FY2024.
2. The District will strive to maintain a minimum fund balance of \$300,000 for operating
3. Contracts: Drought management technical assistance, governmental affairs and other contracts
4. Misc. Operating: This category includes operating supplies, publications, printing and photocopying, meeting expenses, postage, contractual photocopying, meeting expenses, postage, contractual, operating services such as audit, seminar trainers and other misc.

2025 Budget

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December 11, 2024 Executive Committee

	<u>2025</u> ADOPTED June 6, 2024	<u>2025</u> DRAFT Revision December 11, 2024
Per Capita Dues Rate	\$ 0.250	\$ 0.250
Revenues		
State Funding (Appropriations)	250,000	250,000
State Funding (GAEPD 319 Grant)		200,000
Local Dues (2020 Census at per capita rate)	1,398,593	1,398,593
Interest Income	55,000	55,000
Misc. Fees	17,000	17,000
Total Revenues	1,720,593	1,920,593
Expenses by Type		
Chairman's Allowance	3,000	3,000
District Planning Function		
Salaries*	733,966	733,966
Fringe Benefits	366,983	352,304
Overhead	365,515	363,900
Contracts	235,000	435,000
Miscellaneous Operating	85,000	85,000
Public Awareness / Education	100,000	100,000
Total Expenses	1,889,463	2,073,170
Projected increase/(-) reduction in Fund Balance	(168,871)	(152,577)
2028 Plan Update Reserve	516,282	708,626
Projected Reserve Fund Balance	300,000	300,000
Beginning Fund Balance (Estimated)	985,153	1,161,204
Projected Ending Fund Balance	816,282	1,008,626

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3. Contracts: 2028 Plan Update, Stormwater Management Infrastructure Mapping Strategy project, Drought management technical assistance, governmental affairs and other contracts
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* Includes 12,000 of match funds for the Stormwater Management Infrastructure Mapping Strategy project.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 11, 2024
TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Metro Water District Staff
RE: Basin Advisory Council New Membership

According to the Basin Advisory Council Operating Procedures, BAC membership selection will occur once per year, though the District staff will accept applications for new members throughout the year.

Attached is a list including new applicants (highlighted in green), renewing memberships (highlighted in blue), and existing memberships (no highlights) for Executive Committee consideration. Membership Category/Interests are indicated as primary (1) and secondary (2). According to the BAC Operating Procedures, the Executive Committee will review and approve new BAC members.

Nineteen applications were received between the Executive Committee's June 2024 approval of BAC Members and December 1, 2024. Of these, 18 are new applicants and one is renewing an existing membership. District staff recommends the Executive Committee approve these applicants for BAC membership.

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Krolikowski	John "Jack"		2												1	
Krishna	Harish	Sages Networks Inc	1													
Chris	Kumnick	Infiltrator Water Technologies	1											2		
Miller	Jennifer		1											2		
Moss	Benjamin	Garver				1								2		
Moss	Regina	Bartown County Water Department	2											1		
Ogles	William		1											2		
Orellana	Rolando	University of Georgia							1					2		
Reed	Angus		1											2		
Rekuc	Walter	Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District	1											2		
Riegels II	Donald								2						1	
Rosenthal	Kristen	Fruitful Community Foundation														
Sheppard	Louis	City of Atlanta Dept. of Watershed Management	1										2			
Simms	Lisa West	Oldcastle Infrastructure	2											1		
Skinner	Sarah	Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center											2	1		
Smith	Leland		2											1		
Stanacev	Branco Steven				2										1	
Su	Tai Yi	Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources												1	2	
Takhar-Fenyoe	Kiran		1												2	
Taylor Jr	George											1			2	
Touchette	Barbara S.		1												2	
Tyner	Jodi		1											2		
VandenHeuvel	Kristan	The Water Tower (Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources)	2											1		
Valenzano	Carl	Greater Atlanta HBA				1								2		
Waldron	Abby		1					2								
Watson	Brian	City of Roswell	1											2		
Total Primary			19	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	12	10	0
Total Secondary			11	3	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	13	5	0
												7 New Applicants 0 Renewals 41 Existing Members				

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Swift	Camm	Emeritus, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County	1													
Won	Grey	City of Kennesaw	1													
Wood	Laine Kirby	Upper Etowah River Alliance	1			2										
Woodie	Samuel				2										1	
Total Primary			11	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	4	0
Total Secondary			6	2	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
												1 New Applicants				
												0 Renewal				
												26 Existing Members				

Last Name	First Name	Organization	Environmental Interests	Business Interests	Development Community	Recreation Interests	Professional Organization	Neighborhood / Homeowner Organization	Civic Groups	Urban Agriculture	Media Representatives	Power / Natural Gas	Academic Community	Water Resource Industry	Citizen	Other
Benz	Laura	Benz Law Group, LLC.	1												2	
Bethune	Todd	Fayette County	1													
Boullion	Devon	Town of Tyrone	1		2											
Dial	Carey Robert	ISE	2											1		
Greuel	Roger	Fayette Farm Bureau					2			1						
Holland	Clinton	Peachtree City Council Member	2											1		
Martin	Benjamin	Fayette County Water System	2											1		
Nealy	Shayla		2											1		
Parmer	Beth		1												2	
Poff	Jim	GAWP	2											1		
Riner	Lanie	Georgia Green Industry Association	2							1						
Stanley	Chris	Management	1		2											
Thoms	Tim		2							1						
		Total Primary	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0
		Total Secondary	7	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
												0 New Applicants 1 Renewals 12 Existing Members				

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Check	Richard		2			1										
Horne	Robert	CCC Inc.	1		2											
Impellitteri	Christopher	The Water Tower	2											1		
Powell	Julian		1					2								
Risser	Becca	Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	1													
Whitmire	John		2												1	
Whitley	David		1			2										
		Total Primary	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
		Total Secondary	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
												0 New Applicant 0 Renewal 7 Existing Members				

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Oke	Elizabeth	PivotPath LLC			2		1									
Palacios	Ricardo	Georgia Power Company										1			2	
Parker	Lara	20 East Development LLC														
Patterson	George	Henry County SWCD														
Patton	Edward	Georgia Association of Realtors		2	1											
Rhinehart	Ted	Perimeter CIDs		2			1									
Roesel	Cindy		1													
Sanders	Lindsey	Henry County Water Authority	2											1		
Staples	Charles	Lee Staples Realty Inc														
Smith	Caroline	Georgia Association of Water Professional	1				2									
Sudduth	Elizabeth		2										1			
Ware	Steve	Centennial Olympic Park	1			2				1						
Williams	Steve	Pluvial Solutions	1											2		
Wilson	Mark	Georgia River Network	1			2										
Total Primary			10	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	6	0	0
Total Secondary			7	2	1	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
												9 New Applicants				
												0 Renewals				
												25 Existing Members				

Last Name	First Name	Organization	Environmental Interests	Business Interests	Development Community	Recreation Interests	Professional Organization	Neighborhood / Homeowner Organization	Civic Groups	Urban Agriculture	Media Representatives	Power / Natural Gas	Academic Community	Water Resource Industry	Citizen	Other
Armentrout	Ethan				2									1		
Lamme	Ellis R.	Gwinnett SWCD														
Lee	Hae		1											2		
O'Keefe	Caitlan	Gwinnett County DWR	2											1		
Stachura	Jill	Brown and Caldwell	1			2										
Vivelo	Thomas		2							1						
Wilson	Jack	Robert Jackson Wilson, PC		2										2		
Total Primary			2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total Secondary			2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
														1 New Applicants 0 Renewals 6 Existing Members		