



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
GOVERNING BOARD  
Minutes  
December 14, 2022**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 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**

Mr. Glenn Page, Chairman	City of Atlanta Designee: Ms. Mikita Browning
Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair	Bartow County Designee: Mr. Sidney Forsyth
Dr. Mark Berry, Secretary/Treasurer	Clayton County Designee: Mr. Bernard Franks
Hon. Harry Johnston	Douglas County Designee: Mr. Gil Shearouse
Hon. Lisa Cupid	Forsyth County Designee: Mr. Barry Lucas
Hon. Dub Pearman	Gwinnett County Designee: Mr. Kevin Farrell
Ms. Pamela Burnett	Hall County Designee: Mr. Srikanth Yamala
Mr. Gerald Pouncey	Henry County Designee: Mr. Tony Carnell
Mr. Tim Thoms	Rockdale County Designee: Mr. Kimbry Peek

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Mike Thurmond	Hon. James Kelly
Hon. Edward Johnson	Mr. Birdel Jackson
Hon. Robb Pitts	Ms. Kit Dunlap

Chairman Glenn Page called the meeting to order.

**Public Comment Period**

Mr. Chris Manganiello provided public comment regarding the Water Resources Management Plan Update.

**Approve Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Page presented the September 14, 2022, meeting minutes for approval. No revisions were offered. Mr. Gil Shearouse made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bernard Franks and passed without opposition.

**Chairman's Update**

**Legislative Policy Committee**

Chairman Page provided a list of the named members of the 2023 Legislative Policy Committee. The Legislative Policy Committee members include Chairman Page, Vice Chair Katie

Kirkpatrick, Treasurer/Secretary Dr. Mark Berry, Hon. Andre Dickens, Hon. Lisa Cupid, Hon. Ramona Jackson Jones, Hon. Nicole Love Hendrickson, Ms. Pam Burnett, Ms. Kit Dunlap, Mr. Gerald Pouncey, and Mr. Tim Thoms.

### **Bradley N. Currey Jr. Award Committee Update**

Chairman Page provided an update from the Bradley N. Currey Jr. Award committee. The committee has unanimously agreed on the winner and will coordinate on a date in 2023 to recognize them.

### **Schedule for 2023**

Chairman Page noted the next Board meeting will be March 8, 2023, and provided details on the planned Board retreat to be held May 11-12 in Camilla, GA. Other Board meeting dates were announced as September 13, 2023, and December 13, 2023.

Chairman Page also presented the scheduled dates for a series of six Intergovernmental Coordination Meetings to be held across the District to educate government officials on their responsibilities for implementation of the District's Water Resources Management Plan.

## **Executive Report**

### **2023 Finance Committee Membership**

Chairman Page presented the slate of 2023 Finance Committee Members for board consideration which included Chairman Page, Vice Chair Kirkpatrick, Treasurer/Secretary Dr. Berry (Committee Chair), Hon. Cupid, Hon. Mike Thurmond, Hon. Jackson Jones, Hon. Carlotta Harrell, Hon. Love Hendrickson, and Mr. Pouncey. Mr. Kevin Farrell made a motion to approve the 2023 Finance Committee Membership. The motion was seconded by Mr. Srikanth Yamala and passed without opposition.

### **2022 Year End Budget Revision**

Treasurer Dr. Berry presented the 2022 Year End Budget Revision for approval. Vice Chair Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the 2022 Year End Budget Revision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Carnell and passed without opposition.

### **2023 Budget Revision**

Treasurer Dr. Berry presented the 2023 Budget Revision for approval. Vice Chair Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget Revision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shearouse and passed without opposition.

### **BAC New Member Approval**

Chairman Page announced that 10 applicants for Basin Advisory Council (BAC) membership were approved during the Executive Committee meeting.

## **Staff Updates**

### **Adoption of the Water Resource Management Plan Update**

Mr. Danny Johnson provided an overview of recent steps to finalize the 2022 Water Resource Management Plan Update and highlighted the Georgia Environmental Protection Division Director's certification of the Plan on December 5, 2022. Chairman Page read the proposed resolution adopting the updated Water Resource Management Plan and called for a motion to adopt the resolution adopting the Plan. A motion to approve the updated Water Resource Management Plan was made by Mr. Carnell, seconded by Vice Chair Kirkpatrick, and passed without opposition.

Mr. Brian Skeens, the project manager from Jacobs Engineering who assisted with the development of the Plan, thanked the Board and the District's utilities for their efforts in data collection and coordination during the forecasting process.

### **Education Update**

Ms. Sarah Skinner provided an overview of ongoing education activities and contests including the announcement of the District's 2022 WaterSense Partner of the Year Award, 2023 Calendar Photo Contest, the 2022 Middle School Essay Contest, and the 2023 Water Drop Dash. Ms. Skinner also announced that the partnership with Georgia Public Broadcasting has achieved over 102,000 interactions with the Metro Water District's content since May 2021.

### **Smart Leak Detector Rebate Program**

Ms. Celine Benoit provided an overview of District's proposed Smart Leak Detector Program and highlighted the next steps for TCC and stakeholder outreach.

### **Stormwater Management – Joint Statement with Council for Quality Growth**

Ms. Katherine Zitsch presented a draft joint statement between the Metro Water District and the Council for Quality Growth related to the regional approach to stormwater management. Board members discussed the statement and offered recommended edits. Mr. Pouncey offered to assist the District in updating the statement based on comments received.

### **Where We are with Climate Change in Metro Atlanta and Georgia & Why We Should Care**

Dr. Marshall Shepherd, Director of the Atmospheric Sciences Program at the University of Georgia, shared an overview of Georgia's climate trends including changes in extreme weather events, why a changing climate matters, and the importance of climate resilience.

### **Water Supply Status / Litigation Update**

Ms. Zitsch presented an overview of water supply conditions and litigation status.

There being no further business, Chairman Page adjourned the meeting.