



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
GOVERNING BOARD  
Minutes  
March 21, 2024**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Thursday, March 21, 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**

Mr. Glenn Page, Chairman  
Hon. Nicole Love Hendrickson, Vice Chair  
Mr. Albert Edwards  
Mr. Ben Jordan  
Ms. Sara Ray  
Mr. Darrell Rochester  
Mr. Tim Thoms  
Mr. Dave Williams

Bartow County Designee: Mr. Sidney Forsyth  
Cherokee County Designee: Mr. David Kubala  
Clayton County Designee: Mr. Bernard Franks  
Cobb County Designee: Ms. Judy Jones  
DeKalb County Designee: Mr. David Hayes  
Douglas County Designee: Mr. Gil Shearouse  
Forsyth County Designee: Mr. Scott Adams  
Fulton County Designee: Mr. Nick Ammons  
Hall County Designee: Ms. Linda MacGregor  
Henry County Designee: Mr. Tony Carnell  
Rockdale County Designee: Mr. Kimbry Peek

**Members Not Present**

Dr. Mark Berry, Secretary/Treasurer  
Hon. Andre Dickens  
Mayor Dub Pearman  
Hon. Edward Johnson

Hon. James Kelly  
Ms. Pamela Burnett  
Mr. Gerald Pouncey

Chairman Glenn Page called the meeting to order.

**Public Comment Period**

No public comments were provided.

## **Approve Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Page presented the December 13, 2023, 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. Scott Adams and passed without opposition.

## **Chairman's Update**

### **Recognition of New Board Members and Designees**

Chairman Page announced that with the recent appointments by Governor Kemp of four open board seats, our Governing Board membership is complete with 26 voting members. Mr. Al Edwards, Dr. Ben Jordan, Ms. Sara Ray, and Mr. Darrell Rochester were each appointed for a three-year term on the Board. These individuals replace Ms. Kit Dunlap, Mr. Birdel Jackson, Mr. Brad Currey, and Mr. Tim Lee.

### **Legislative Policy Committee Update**

Chairman Page announced that he and District staff have been following the session and discussing legislation relevant to the District. The District has also followed GAWP's Legislative Policy Committee for legislation relevant to the water industry. The District did not take a position on any bills in the 2024 legislative session.

The District's government affairs consultant, Cornerstone, continued to seek legislative support of our request for \$100,000 in additional funding allocation earmarked for the District to assist with water planning efforts statewide. The House passed the request, and it now sits with Senate Appropriations.

Mr. Tim Thoms commended Cornerstone for their efforts on a successful Legislative Breakfast during the legislative session.

### **Emerging Issues Committee**

Chairman Page asked for volunteers to serve on an Emerging Issues Committee to address important, emerging issues for our region. Committee meetings will be scheduled as topics arise.

## **Water Supply / Litigation Update**

Ms. Shellby Miller provided an update on rainfall and lake levels across the District. Ms. Katherine Zitsch presented an update on litigation within the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River basin and the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River basin, as well as a legislative update.

## **Staff Updates**

### **Education and Outreach – GPB Virtual Learning Journey**

Ms. Sarah Skinner presented an update on the District's education and outreach activities. Staff recently completed a Virtual Learning Journey in partnership with Georgia Public Broadcasting. The project celebrates water and takes students on an interactive experience of Georgia's water resources. The project addresses where our water comes from, how wastewater is treated, the impact of weather events, how to conserve and protect water resources, and explores a number of career opportunities in the water industry.

### **Untapped Potential: An Assessment of Urban Stormwater Runoff Potential in the United States**

Ms. Katherine Atteberry provided awareness to the Board of national conversation about stormwater capture and use and discussed the role the District might play in helping member utilities and authorities take advantage of the benefits stormwater capture and use.

## **Updates from Georgia Environmental Finance Authority**

Mr. Shane Hix, Director of Public Affairs and IT for Georgia Environmental Finance Authority provided an update from the agency, including GEFA's investment strategy in Georgia's energy, land, and water resources. He also provided an update to GEFA's financing programs.

## **Adjourn**

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