



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 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*
 - *Takeaways from Board Retreat*
 - *Future Meeting Dates*
- V. Staff Updates**
 - *Education and Outreach*
 - *2027 Plan Update*
- VI. Water Supply / Litigation Update**
- VII. Nutrients – Bringing Together Water Utilities and Agricultural to Benefit Lake Lanier, *Mark Masters and Katherine Zitsch, Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center***
- VIII. Updates from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, *Jeff Cown, Director***
- 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
June 6, 2024**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 10:04 a.m. at the Clayton County Water Authority Shamrock Community Use Building in Jonesboro, Georgia.

Members Present

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

City of Atlanta Designee: Mr. Al Wiggins
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
Hall County Designee: Mr. Bill Nash
Henry County Designee: Mr. Tony Carnell
Rockdale County Designee: Mr. Vaughn Jamison

Members Not Present

Dr. Mark Berry, Secretary/Treasurer
Mayor Matt Santini
Hon. Harry Johnston
Mayor Dub Pearman
Hon. Edward Johnson

Hon. Rob Pitts
Hon. James Kelly
Mr. Gerald Pouncey
Mr. Tim Thoms

Chairman Glenn Page called the meeting to order.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were provided.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Chairman Page presented the March 21, 2024, meeting minutes for approval. No revisions were offered. Mr. Darrell Rochester made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sara Ray and passed without opposition.

Executive Committee Report

Basin Advisory Council Membership Drive and New Member Approval

Chairman Page announced that 16 applicants for Basin Advisory Council (BAC) membership were approved during the Executive Committee meeting.

2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Mr. Danny Johnson provided an overview of the 2023 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

2024 Budget Revision

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Sarah Skinner presented an overview of the 2024 Budget Revision for approval. Ms. Judy Jones made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget Revision. The motion was seconded by Hon. Nicole Love Hendrickson and passed without opposition.

2025 Budget and Work Program

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Skinner presented the 2025 Budget and Work Program for approval. During the conversation, Ms. Katherine Atteberry presented an explanation of the next phase of the partnership with the Council for Quality Growth. Mr. Tony Carnell made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget and Work Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Darrell Rochester and passed without opposition.

Creation of High Interest-Bearing Account

Chairman Page and Mr. Johnson provided background on the Finance Committee's recommendation to the Executive Committee regarding the creation of a high interest-bearing account. Mr. Bernard Franks made a motion to approve the creation of a high interest-bearing account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gil Shearouse and passed without opposition.

Chairman's Update

Recognition of New Board Members and Designees

Chairman Page reported that Dr. Mark Berry and Mr. Gerald Pouncey have been reappointed by Lt. Governor Burt Jones to the Governing Board. Additionally, Mr. Bill Nash, Hall County Public Works & Utilities Director, has been appointed by Chairman Richard Higgins to serve as his primary voting designee to the board. Ms. Linda MacGregor will continue to serve as a designee for Hall County.

Emerging Issues Committee Update

Chairman Page and Mr. Johnson presented an update from the Emerging Issues Committee that met on May 13, 2024, to discuss economic development trends in the metro Atlanta region.

State Legislature Funding Strategy

Chairman Page presented background for a discussion on a strategy for increasing District funding from the state legislature in 2025.

Remaining Schedule for 2024

Chairman Page noted that the next Board meeting will be held on September 11, 2024, and presented the remaining schedule of Board, BAC, and TCC meeting dates for 2024.

Staffing Changes

Chairman Page announced that Ms. Katherine Zitsch, Deputy COO of Atlanta Regional Commission, will be leaving ARC to work on statewide water planning efforts with the Metro Atlanta Chamber and the Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center.

Water Supply Status / Litigation Update

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

Staff Updates

Education and Outreach

Ms. Skinner announced the winners of the 2024 High School Video Contest and provided an update of the Virtual Learning Journey developed in partnership with Georgia Public Broadcasting.

Next Phase of Council for Quality Growth Partnership

Ms. Atteberry provided an update on this partnership during the discussion of the 2025 Budget and Work Program.

GA EPD Funding Opportunity

Ms. Atteberry presented an update on a funding opportunity from GA EPD. The Board agreed that the District could provide matching funds to support this opportunity. No formal vote was required.

2027 Plan Update

Ms. Skinner provided an update on the early stages of planning for the 2027 Plan Update process.

Clayton County Water Authority System Overview

Mr. Bernard Franks, CEO of Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) and District Board Designee for Clayton County, provided an update of the CCWA system and introduced the post-meeting tour.

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