

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY**

March 2, 2026

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") met in public session, at 6:45 p.m. at the Authority's office located at 3648 Cypress Creek Parkway, Suite 110, Houston, Texas, a public meeting place within the boundaries of the Authority; whereupon, the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

Mark Ramsey	President
Melissa Rowell	Vice President
Kelly P. Fessler	Secretary
David Barker	Treasurer
Ron Graham	Assistant Secretary

All members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending the meeting were: Mr. Jun Chang, P.E., BC.WRE, General Manager for the Authority; Mr. Mark Evans, Director of Planning and Governmental Affairs for the Authority; Ms. Cynthia Plunkett, Finance Director for the Authority; Ms. Amber Batson, P.E., and Ms. Kitt Crabb, P.E. of Carollo Engineers, Inc., Program Manager for the Authority; Ms. Cassandra Medina, Administrative Assistant for the Authority; Mr. Andrew P. Johnson, III, Attorney and Mrs. Teresa Menacho, Paralegal, of Johnson Petrov LLP, General Counsel for the Authority; and other members of the public and consultants to the Authority. Copies of the public sign-in sheets are attached hereto.

WHEREUPON, the meeting was called to order and evidence was presented that public notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the law.

PRAYER

Director Barker led the Board in prayer.

CALL TO ORDER

Director Ramsey, Board President, called the meeting to order, and led the attendees in the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jerry Homan with the Water Users Coalition presented comments to the Board regarding conversion of the City of Tomball, proposed rate order amendment, and community outreach by the Authority.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

Director Barker commented about the demographics shift within City of Houston and Harris County. He reported that Mr. Bill King, former mayor of Kemah, has talked extensively about population growth and has stated that he believes it is over exaggerated. Director Barker was concerned that Authority infrastructure is being built faster than needed. He also mentioned that his concern about water drainage under highways was validated by the unfortunate incident on I-10 a few weeks ago.

Director Graham reminded all present to vote on election day and hopefully we will all be free of the endless political advertising.

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Director Fessler moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 Board meeting, and with all Directors present voting in favor, the motion passed.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, INCLUDING MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mrs. Plunkett reviewed the Authority's Financial Report, including the checks being presented for payment.

Director Ramsey asked why there was a slight downward movement in the interest earned. Mrs. Plunkett responded that the reason was two-fold declining interest rates and expenditure of funds.

Director Rowell moved to approve the Financial Report, including the checks being presented for payment, and with all Directors voting in favor, the motion passed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Status of Water Supply and Conversion. Ms. Batson presented an update on surface water conversion progress during the current permit year, including charts illustrating conversion trends over time, she reported a current conversion averaging approximately 35%. She stated that 24 municipal utility district water plants are in the process of being connected in the next couple of months and will be fully connected by the summer. Ms. Batson also reported that the next series of water plants to be put in-line for construction is the 37 Series which will begin bidding later this year. Discussion ensued regarding the process and timing for participants to convert from ground water to the Authority's surface water.

B. NEWPP Expansion Project. Mr. Chang reported that City of Houston's contractor continued to complete items before a Certificate of Substantial Completion for Phase 2B could be issued. Mr. Chang also reported on the possible settlement between the City of Houston and the contractor. Further discussion was had in executive session later in the meeting.

C. Status of Assistant General Manager Search. Mr. Chang reported that he has received only one resume for the position of assistant general manager. Discussion ensued regarding advertising of the position and benefits of a local candidate.

POTENTIAL LIABILITY OF THE AUTHORITY DUE TO FAILURES OF GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Director Ramsey wanted to discuss the liability of the Authority if a pipeline belonging to the Authority failed. Mr. Johnson discussed the Authority's liability with the Board.

CONSTRUCTION/ENGINEERING UPDATES:

A. Ms. Batson circulated a packet to all the Board members which includes an overview map showing all the routes of the various waterlines to be included in Projects 39 and 40. She requested the Board adopt and sign the Resolution making findings as required by Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26 and Declaring the Existence of a Public Necessity for the Construction of Facilities for the Transportation, Distribution, and Delivery of Water, Including Reasonable and Necessary Appurtenances Thereto, and Authorizing the Acquisition, by Donation, Purchase, or Exercise of the Power of Eminent Domain, of Property and Property Interests Necessary for Such Facilities in Connection with Projects 39 and 40 (the "Resolution"). This would allow the Authority to initiate the engineering design process, which includes preparing surveys to identify the exact limits needed for parcel acquisition for waterline easements. After the Board issues the Declaration of Public Necessity, the Authority will send letters to all impacted property owners and host a community forum to discuss the process to follow.

Director Graham moved to approve the Resolution, and with all Directors voting in favor, the motion passed.

Director Rowell requested that once construction is initiated, routine reports are submitted to the Board about activities within the public parks. Additionally, she requested that safety precautions and parking instructions be established and strictly followed. Director Ramsey asked how long until the construction starts; Ms. Batson responded that bidding for Projects 39 and 40 will not start until 2028.

POPULATION TRENDS

Director Ramsey noted that there were at least 4 populations projections he was aware of which were each different, and he believed some discussions need to be had regarding which one is the most accurate. Ms. Batson discussed that the Authority has used a mid-range type of projection process for its master planning effort. She explained that they had contracted a consultant to perform the projection study, which utilized various databases of projected housing stats that hospitals and school districts also use. The study broke down the Authority into planning units each with a projected demand based on growth potential. She also welcomes the close communication with the water districts to study the changes within the districts and their needs because it is important to understand the projected growth of each municipal utility district. She believes that we need to be looking not only at population growth numbers, but also at water usage numbers and potential annexations.

Ms. Batson continued that Region H Planning, of which the Authority is part, is projecting a higher increase in population compared to what the Authority's 2014 Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP) Update projected.

Director Barker asked if there was any value in revisiting the 2014 GRP. Mr. Chang stated that he believes the GRP should not be revisited because it would trigger a number of requirements which may not be accepted by the Authority.

It was suggested that it may be a good idea to review the projections of other entities and have a comparison to the Authority's projections. Ms. Batson stated that the company which had done the population projection for the Authority was very reputable and thought a comparison would not change the results. Director Ramsey requested a comparison between the projections done by the different entities.

POLICY AND PROCEDURAL RULES REGARDING AGENDA DISTRIBUTION

Director Ramsey expressed concern that the Board was not getting enough time to review proposed agendas before they are posted. Director Ramsey suggested the General Counsel could draft an amendment to the Policy and Procedural Rules on the timeline.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There are no additional future items.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Board will hold its next regular Board meeting on April 6, 2026.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Graham made a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel regarding pending litigation and settlement offers on the NEWPP Expansion Project, and with all Directors voting in favor, the motion passed at 7:55 p.m.

RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION

Director Fessler made a motion to reconvene to regular session, and with all the Directors voting in favor, the motion passed at 8:24 p.m.

Director Fessler made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a settlement agreement with the City of Houston regarding the NEWPP Expansion Project, and with all the Directors voting in favor, the motion passed.

Before adjourning the regular meeting, Mr. Evans reported that in the February board meeting of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District their board called for a public hearing on April 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to hear testimony regarding the determination of the effects of ground water withdrawal on land subsidence for the 2025 calendar year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

[EXECUTION PAGE FOLLOWS]

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 6th day of April, 2026.


Secretary, Board of Directors

