

WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2026

The Board of the Western Virginia Water Authority (WVWA) met on Thursday, January 15, 2026 in the Board Room at 601 S. Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Virginia. Board Chair Mike Loveman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Michael Loveman, Harvey Brookins, Richard Caywood, Don Halliwill, Randall Hancock, Shirley Holland, Valmarie Turner (Remote) and Hunter Young ----- 8

ABSENT: ----- 0

Ms. Turner joined the meeting remotely from South Carolina while attending training.

Mr. Halliwill moved to approve the remote attendance of Ms. Turner. Mr. Brookins seconded the motion and it was passed with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brookins, Caywood, Halliwill, Hancock, Holland, Young, Loveman ----- 7.

ABSTAIN: Turner ----- 1.

NAYS: ----- 0.

STAFF PRESENT IN PERSON:

Mike McEvoy, Executive Director; Scott Shirley, Chief Operating Officer Water Quality; Leana Stoltz, Chief Operating Officer Customer Operations; Tammy Lawfield, Director of Finance; Gayle Shrewsbury, Board Secretary; Bryan Thompson, Spec Conservator of Peace ; Sarah Baumgardner, Director of Public Relations; and Will Bulloss, Chief Strategy Officer.

STAFF PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE:

Trent Cox, Deputy Chief Operating Officer Customer Operations; Scott Kroll, Director of Infrastructure Development; Stephen McGloughlin, Director of Information Technology; Jeff McInnis, Assistant Director of Field Operations; Michelle Caruthers, Director of Plant Operations; Jennifer Meeks, Assistant Director of Finance; Rachel Ramsey, Assistant Director of CS/Billing; David Barnhart, Assistant Director of Engineering; John Frashure, Utility Construction Manager;

Joyce Zhu, Prog Manager-Planning & Asset Management; Erika Hoffman, GIS Manager; Jamie Morris, Capital Projects Manager; Randall Fulton, Engineer II; Kathleen Johnson, Program Manager CS/Billing Ops; Stephen Estes, Engineer II; Adam Day, Utility Planner; Scot Southerland, Planning Engineer; Theresa Bell, Customer Relation Call Center Manager; and Eric Powers, Water Production Manager.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeremy Carroll, Counsel for the Authority.

Guests in person: Carson Kelly and guest; Belva Walser, WSL10; Rachael Hager; Misty Vickers; Whinnie Vickers; Alexia Partouche, Roanoke Times; Sean Koppel; Rayna Christman; Kathryn J Hatam; Leigh Martell; Debbie Freeman; Lynn Barlow; Rev. David Denham; Gerry Mikalauskas; Linda Mikalauskas; Laura Newton; Dan Crawford; Antonio Stovall; Tristin Morlenez; Ginger Danz; Matthew Newton; Alyssa Nelson; Deanna Zivelonghi; Julie Bivens; John Bugbee; Bridget Kelley-Dearing; and Freeda Cathcart.

Guests via video conference: Corbin Stone, CPA Robinson, Farmer, Cox; Brandon Flora, Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP; Nick Robertson, Kimley-Horn; Greg Taylor; "Angel"; "Charlie"; "Citizen"; "Freeda"; "Justin"; "Laurie"; Michelle Savo; "T"; "T. Hall"; and "dw".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Hancock moved approval of the November 20, 2025 Board meeting minutes and the December 4, 2025 Audit Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Halliwill seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

RECOGNIZING FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE FOR CARSON KELLEY: Mr. Shirley read Resolution No. 516 commending fifty years of service for Carson Kelley. A copy of this report in its entirety is attached to the approved minutes.

Mr. Brookins moved to approve Resolution No. 516, Mr. Halliwill seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brookins, Caywood, Halliwill, Hancock, Holland, Turner, Young, Loveman ----- 8.

NAYS: ----- 0.

A copy of the approved resolution was presented to Mr. Kelley and the Board extended their congratulations.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Julie Bivins, Whinnie Vickers, John Bugbee, Kathryn J. Hatam, Bridget Kelley-Dearing, Freeda Cathcart, Sean Koppel, Rachael Hager, Dan Crawford, Rayna Christman, Leigh Martell.

REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE: Mr. Stone presented a summary of the draft Audit report which explained points of interest regarding the Audit for Fiscal Year 2025. A copy of Mr. Stone’s draft Audit Presentation is filed in its entirety with the approved minutes

Discussions included:

~ Improved cash metrics are driven by disciplined capital spending, use of current cash instead of new debt, and declining debt levels, while confirming capacity remains to fund upcoming major projects like the Water Pollution Control Plant over the next 2 - 3 years.

~ Whether federal grant uniform guidance (2 CFR Part 200) impacts internal teams or DEI-related initiatives and was advised that compliance primarily relates to procurement and conflict-of-interest policies.

Mr. Halliwill, Audit Committee Chair, acknowledged the finance team for their year-round work and recommended approval of the 2025 Audit report. The 2025 Audit report was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brookins, Caywood, Halliwill, Hancock, Holland, Turner, Young, Loveman ----- 8.

NAYS: None -----0.

COMMUNICATION FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2025: Mr. McEvoy gave a summary of the August Executive Director’s report which included: Customer Operations, Water Quality Operations, Administration/Engineering, and Regional Efforts/Outreach. A copy of this report in its entirety is filed with the approved minutes.

Mr. McEvoy recognized Shirley Holland for fifteen years of service with the Board of Directors.

The Board was briefed on a proposal for WWA to take over operation of the Idlewood Shores water system at the request of the HOA, involving upfront capital improvements (estimated \$200k–\$300k, with limited health department funding), to be recovered through a special monthly assessment on approximately 48 connections, with potential system interconnection benefits and a formal agreement to be brought back for Board approval if the HOA proceeds.

Timekeeping Software RFP: Neither of the two proposals met criteria, so the RFP will be restarted. The current vendor is moving to a cloud-based system with a new timekeeping module, and implementation is in early stages.

The Economic Development Partnership reported that despite national manufacturing declines, the Roanoke region added over 700 manufacturing jobs in 2025, ranked among the top metros nationally, and continues to attract and target advanced manufacturing, automotive, food, biotechnology, and data-center support industries, driven by strategic location, existing industry presence, and coordinated regional efforts.

Redacted contracts for the Google Project water supply study and Google agreement have been posted on the website, and the initial water supply planning study is underway with engineering work continuing.

Mr. Carroll provided an update on a current FOIA matter, advising that the court ruled disclosure should await review by the Court of Appeals via an expedited motion; the Authority will proceed as directed, and counsel clarified that the agreements are comprehensive and do not subsidize Google beyond what is lawfully required. As to the term "Emergency motion", Mr. Carroll indicated the term is not uncommon in legal proceedings and does not connote a sense of urgency, but rather indicates a matter is being expedited or an issue is being taken up outside the ordinary course of proceedings.

Mr. McEvoy reported reaching out to the Southwest Data Center Transparency Alliance and ongoing coordination to schedule a jointly hosted public Q&A session, including identifying a suitable, accessible venue for a large audience.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025: Ms. Lawfield noted that year-to-date December 2025 represented 50% of the fiscal year. A copy of this report in its entirety is attached to the approved minutes. Here follows a summary of the report:

Operating revenues for the Water and WPC funds were 55% and 49%, respectively, of budget. Retail revenues for the Water fund were 50% and WPC fund were 50%. Non-operating revenues for Water were 128% and WPC were 74% of budget. Some of these revenues (Investment Income, Office Building Lease Income) lag a month in reporting. Operation & Maintenance expenses for the year-to-date for the Water system were 44% and WPC were 46%. The Operating Margins for Water and WPC were 75% and 55%. Combined Operating Margin was 64%. The Water system has paid 52% of budgeted interest expense and 90% of principal payments. WPC has paid 52% of interest expense and 59% of principal payments.

REPORT FROM AUTHORITY COUNSEL: Mr. Carroll reported on the following:

1. Acquisition of Ferrum Water and Sewage Authority ("FWSA") System;
2. Acquisition of Bridgewater Pointe Wastewater System;
3. FOIA Matter;
4. Meeting Procedures; and
5. Miscellaneous Issues.

Mr. Carroll reported on an upcoming call next week with the SCC/SEC and other parties regarding the Bridgewater Pointe system acquisition, noting a shared desire to close as quickly as possible; while the matter appears straightforward and in the Authority's best interest, several items (easements, deeds, title insurance) remain outstanding, with more clarity expected after the call.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS: None.

BUDGET SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027: Ms. Lawfield provided a presentation on FY2027 Budget Schedule discussion. A copy of this presentation is attached to the approved minutes.

Mr. McEvoy pointed out that the March Board meeting is set aside specifically for budget and will not include action items.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Ms. Lawfield provided a presentation regarding Financial Performance Measures. A copy of this report is attached to the approved minutes.

Discussion included:

- ~ Staff confirmed that the slides assume no future borrowing and are therefore limited and illustrative only and stated that a more complete long-term borrowing and capital picture will be presented at the April meeting when capital planning is discussed.
- ~ A new water crew is needed and staff was requested to begin that process and brief the board at a future meeting regarding establishment of the new crew and expected equipment procurement.
- ~ The Compensation Committee will need to meet to discuss the possibility of budgeting for a Caregiver Leave option.
- ~ Staff noted that recent rate changes effective October 1 may have over-shifted costs toward commercial and industrial customers, and further adjustments will be considered to rebalance the rates.

~ Staff reported that two PFOS-related bills are being monitored. One bill would require DEQ to establish rules mandating quarterly PFOS sampling for larger industrial pretreatment permit holders, providing the Authority with additional data though generating minimal operational impact. A second bill would require quarterly PFOS testing for biosolids, and depending on results, could limit land application, with landfill disposal and added dewatering identified as the most feasible alternative.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Caywood commended Chair Loveman's management of citizen comments and noted that the new first-floor meeting room should be beneficial, while emphasizing the need to reduce hallway noise outside the boardroom to improve the ability to hear meeting speakers.

Mr. Hancock asked whether limits could be placed on repeat speakers to allow for new participants to speak.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

Mr. Loveman adjourned the Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

December 6, 2025

To the Board of Western VA Water Authority:

We are deeply concerned about the impacts of the Google AI data center planned for Botetourt County on our water quality and supply, and we are very disappointed in how Western Virginia Water Authority has handled this project so far. The public has been kept in the dark and are to assume that Google will act in good faith, through a deal devoid of transparency and integrity. **This is unacceptable. The water authority needs to hold a town hall to address the public's concerns, and provide detailed information about how the authority will mitigate damage, provide oversight, and protect not only our water supply, but our wallets too.** The negative impacts of AI data centers are now well documented to be causing water crises throughout the country as well as multiple water issues right within the state of Virginia. **The Roanoke region needs to know why the water authority is giving Google unprecedented access to our water supply.** We demand answers and dialogue with experts who are knowledgeable about the impacts of hyper scale data centers on water and land issues, as well as answers from the water authority board on the oversight and mitigation strategies that will be executed for Google's water use. **We urge you to protect our water, our communities, and our environment.** Google has no responsibility to our natural resources or community, and is only focused on profits. **As the governing agency for our water supply, it is your responsibility to protect our drinking water and to address the public's concerns about current and future risks.**

Sincerely,

Bruce W. & Deirdre B. Noble

Lifelong residents of Botetourt County

Bruce W. Noble
Deirdre B. Noble

From: Jordan Peters <jordandavidpeters@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 8:56 AM
To: Mike McEvoy <Michael.McEvoy@WesternVaWater.org>
Subject: Say NO to data center

Good morning,

The data center will have many negative impacts to our area. Do the moral thing and work for the people and not the billionaires.

From: Jordan Peters <jordandavidpeters@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 1:30 PM
To: Sarah Baumgardner <Sarah.Baumgardner@WesternVaWater.org>
Subject: Comment for Public Meeting 1/15

Ms Baumgardner- I can not attend the 3PM meeting due to work. However, I'd like the message below to be on record from a concerned citizen of the Roanoke Valley.

To whom it may concern,

The Google data center idea is terrible for the Roanoke valley. We are currently in our "wet season" and Carvins Cove is 10.6 feet under full pond as of 1/14/2026. Based upon the Western VA Water Authority propaganda video Carvins Cove should be filling up with water this time of year and potentially reach full pond. Our last rain event produced about 1.5 inches of rain and with my conversation with Mike McEvoy that picked up 2 tenths of a foot in Carvins Cove. If that pattern continues, we will need 53 inches of rain with no water usage to reach full pond.

When Google taps into Carvins Cove and draws out millions of gallons per day, imagine where we will be? I'm worried for the wildlife and humans of the Roanoke Valley. What is the contingency plan for fresh water when Google ruins and/ or runs out the water supply? This project only benefits the people who

are getting rich. Save the water for the humans and animals and let the billion-dollar tech company figure it out on their own.

APPROVED: February 19, 2026



Gayle Shrewsbury

Gayle Shrewsbury, Secretary

WVWA Board of Directors