

WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2026

The Board of the Western Virginia Water Authority (WVWA) met on Thursday, February 19, 2026 in the Board Room at 601 S. Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Virginia. Board Chair Mike Loveman called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

BOARD ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: ----- 0

Mr. Halliwill participated remotely while traveling for work on Interstate 81.
Mr. Hancock moved to approve the remote attendance of Mr. Halliwill. Mr. Brookins seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote.

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 Smriti Sinha, Program Manager IT.

STAFF PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE:

Scott Kroll, Director of Infrastructure Development; Michelle Caruthers, Director of Plant Operations; Jennifer Meeks, Assistant Director of Finance; Jamie Morris, Capital Projects Manager; Laura Schirmer, Public Relations Specialist; Eric Powers, Water Production Manager; Mackenzie Wilcox, Recruitment, Retention and DEI Coordinator; Robyn Tuck, Assistant Director of Risk Management and HR; Chris Carey, Utility Construction Manager; Rachel Ramsey, Assistant Director of CS/Billing; David Barnhart, Assistant Director of Engineering; Joyce Zhu, Prog Manager-Planning & Asset Management; Joel Bostic, Water Quality Asset Management Strategist; Joseph Arthur, Project Manager Engineering; Kathleen Johnson, Program Manager CS/Billing Ops; Neil Norris, Director of Human Resources; Theresa Bell, Customer Relation Call Center Manager; Wesley Palmer, Capital Improvement Project Lead; Tom Powers, Capital Improvement Project Lead; and Trent Cox, Deputy Chief Operating Officer Customer Operations.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeremy Carroll, Counsel for the Authority.

Guests in person: Courtney Foxe.

Guests via video conference: Brandon Flora, Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP; "Brianna"; "WAJF"; and "TC".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Hancock moved approval of the January 15, 2026 Board meeting minutes and Ms. Holland seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Ms. Turner joined the meeting at 3:07 PM.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

COMMUNICATION FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026:

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.

- ~ Authority Staff are providing an Open House on March 10 at Green Ridge Recreation Center focusing on water supply, data center interest, and recruitment.
- ~ A biosolids legislation compromise bill advancing in General Assembly; potential restrictions could significantly increase costs if land application is limited.
- ~ High number of water main breaks due to extreme cold; crews responded effectively. Reservoir levels improving with recent rain.
- ~ Spring Hollow filter failure under repair; Beaver Dam upgrades nearly complete; new meeting room ready by early summer.
- ~ Staff plans to add a new water crew next fiscal year; \$500K in unpaid bills submitted through state debt setoff program.
- ~ Strong apprenticeship interest; communications team received industry award.
- ~ Wastewater capacity expanding at Summit View and Westlake to support ongoing growth.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026: Ms. Lawfield noted that year-to-date January 2026 represented 58% 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 63% and 57%, respectively, of budget. Retail revenues for both the Water fund and WPC fund were 58%. Non-operating revenues for Water were 148% and WPC were 88% 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 52% and WPC were 55%. The Operating Margins for Water and WPC were 83% and 62%. Combined Operating Margin was 72%. The Water system has paid 52% of budgeted interest expense and 93% of principal payments. WPC has paid 56% of interest expense and 67% 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. New Hope Church;
5. Wallace Avenue; and
6. Miscellaneous Issues;

Reviewing potential caregiver leave benefit

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Mr. Young, Compensation Committee Chair, shared that proposed employee caregiver leave benefit is on hold until outcome of pending VA legislation on paid family/medical and sick leave. The Compensation committee will revisit the issue next month.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Mr. Shirley presented a report reviewing Operational Performance Measures for water and wastewater operations. Ms. Stoltz presented a report reviewing Operational Performance Measures for customer operations. A copy of this report is attached to the approved minutes.

A break-down of customer disconnections by zip code will be provided in the March packet.

Mr. McEvoy informed the board that the March meeting will focus on revenues, rates, and expenses, and regular reports will be omitted.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS: Ms. Holland inquired whether the RAFTELIS report would be discussed, and Mr. McEvoy confirmed it is scheduled for the March meeting agenda.

Mr. Loveman commended staff for the thoroughness of the packet.

Mr. Hancock thanked Mr. McEvoy for his attendance at the recent community meeting regarding the data center. Mr. McEvoy shared that an open house is planned for March which will include information for those with questions about the data center.

Mr. McEvoy responded to the question regarding whether studies or design efforts are underway for the data center project. He explained that preliminary results from consultants related to water supply planning are beginning to be received, and by summer the Authority may be able to share findings. Mr. McEvoy also noted that design work for water delivery from Carvins Cove is ongoing and is nearing a client decision point concerning construction management.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Authority is getting an increase in FOIA requests.

Mr. Loveman adjourned the Board meeting at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED: March 19, 2026

ATTEST:



Gayle Shrewsbury

Gayle Shrewsbury, Secretary

WVWA Board of Directors