

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY  
Special Board of Directors Meeting  
November 17, 2022  
Minutes

Board Members Present:

Brandon Barrera  
Jose Graveley  
Imelda Garza  
Rudy Galvan, Jr.  
Joe Morales  
Patsy Rodgers

Board Members Absent:

Kathleen Lowman  
Frances Garcia  
Angela Pena

Staff Present:

John Marez  
Jo Ella Wagner  
Nigel Gomez  
Frances De Leon

Guests Present:

None

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Brandon Barrera, Board President, called the Special Meeting of the STWA Board of Directors to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Citizen Comments.

Mr. Barrera opened the floor to citizen's comments. No comments were made.

3. ERCOT Membership.

Mr. Marez presented a memorandum from ERCOT including their 2023 Membership Application and Agreement for Membership. He requested that the Board approve membership renewal with ERCOT and direct staff to designate a proxy vote if the Board cannot convene prior to the voting deadline. Mr. Morales made a motion to approve the membership renewal and designate a proxy vote if needed. Mr. Graveley seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Nomination for Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP) Board of Directors.

Mr. Marez presented an email from Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP) seeking nominations for the TCAP Board of Directors. He stated that a vacancy exists for small utilities and Ms. Wagner has expressed interest in the position. Mr. Graveley made a motion to nominate Ms. Jo Ella Wagner for the position on the TCAP board. Mr. Galvan seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Discussion and action on proposed Legislative Agenda.

Mr. Marez presented a proposed Legislative Agenda to serve as the framework to follow and advocate during January's start of the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. He stated that it matches what

other utility and water organizations are currently doing. He requested the Board's feedback so that he can present a final legislative agenda at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Mr. Barrera said that he would like to change STWA's enabling legislation on the part that prevents public officials from being appoint to the board. Mr. Galvan made a motion to amend the legislative agenda to include striking the line in STWA's Enabling Legislation which prevents elected officials from serving on the STWA Board. Ms. Rodgers seconded. All voted in favor.

6. Administration Report.

Mr. Marez stated that since Mr. Barrera will no longer be serving on the Board in January, election of officers will be included on the December agenda. He also reported that TRWA GIS representatives completed mapping of the 42" waterline. The project was completed in three days at a lower cost than expected. The Ricardo Water Supply Corporation Board also approved the GIS mapping services. Additionally, Field Technician interviews are being scheduled in order to fill the two current vacancies. There were no other updates to report.

7. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Graveley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Ms. Garza seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Frances De Leon  
Assistant Secretary