



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Robert Deegan, Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond, and Brian Smith

**Board Members Absent:**

James Schissler

**Staff in Attendance:**

Chuck Lesniak  
Jessica Coronado  
Pharr Andrews  
Cari Buetow  
Jerry Rusthoven

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.

**3. 10 MINUTES OF EDUCATION**

a. How environmental superiority is determined in Planned Unit Developments – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer

**This item was conducted as posted. No action taken**

**David King signed up to speak on item 3a.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of February 18, 2015.

**The February 18, 2015 meeting minutes were approved on Board Member Mary Ann Neely's motion and Board Member Ruthie Redmond's second. Vote 6-0-0-1. Board Member James Schissler was absent.**

b. Environmental Officer's report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer

i. Process for final adoption of board recommendations – Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer

**This item was conducted as posted. In the future Board members will note agenda items that they would like the Environmental Officer to track and report back on final action by other Boards or City Council. No action taken.**

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. None

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Review the Clean Air Coalition's comments on the EPA's proposal to revise the ozone standards – Fred Blood, Capital Area Council of Governments  
**Recommendation to approve was made on Board Member Mary Ann Neely's motion and Board Member Ruthie Redmond's second. Vote 4-2-0-1. Board Members Marisa Perales and Robert Deegan opposed. Board Member James Schissler was absent.**

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely and James Schissler, P.E. **No report this week.**
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., Marisa Perales, and Ruthie Redmond. **No report this week.**
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- d. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- e. Development Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Robert Deegan, and James Schissler, P.E. **No report this week.**
- f. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely and Brian Smith. **No report this week.**
- g. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, and Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- h. Air Quality Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Ruthie Redmond, and Mary Gay Maxwell. Mary Ann Neely will report on this item. **No report this week.**
- i. Other reports from Board members. **No report this week.**

8. **NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items**

- 1. Presentation to the Board from Professor Michael Barrett regarding the Barton Springs water testing results.**
- 2. Update for the Board on the Green Infrastructure stakeholder workshop series from Matt Hollon.**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting to order at 8:27 p.m.**

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