



## **AUSTIN WATER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
October 28, 2020**

**The Austin Water Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 via videoconference.**

### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

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| Chair Paige Ellis      | Council Member Ann Kitchen  |
| Vice Chair Leslie Pool | Council Member Alison Alter |

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Paige Ellis called the committee meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Bobby Levinski of Save Our Springs Alliance spoke in support of the proposed on-site water reuse requirement being a voluntary program at first and then being fully implemented in 2023. He recommended several amendments for Water Forward Plan implementation.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **1. Approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 Austin Water Oversight Committee**

The minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting were approved on **Council Member Alter's motion, and Council Member Pool's second, on a 4-0 vote.**

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### **2. Discussion and approval of the 2021 Austin Water Oversight Committee meeting schedule**

The following schedule for 2021 meetings was approved on **Council Member Pool's motion, and Council Member Alter's second, on a 4-0 vote:**

**March 3, 2021 – 1:30pm  
May 13, 2021 – 1:30pm  
October 27, 2021 – 1:30pm**

**BRIEFING****3. Director's Report: Upcoming recommendations for Council action, innovations, events and awards**

Austin Water Director Greg Meszaros reported on Austin Water's recognition as a Utility of the Future. He discussed innovations being implemented to address zebra mussels and new technology for high turbidity events. Upcoming council items will include expansion of Austin Water's low-income customer assistance program to include multi-family customers.

**4. Water Forward Implementation Status**

Kevin Critendon, Austin Water Assistant Director, Environmental, Planning and Development Services gave a presentation on proposed Austin City Code amendments for water conservation and a new chapter regarding on-site water reuse. Public input on the on-site water reuse framework can be provided at: <https://www.speakupaustin.org/proposed-regulatory-framework-onsite-water-reuse>

**5. 2030 Water Savings Goal and related strategies included in the proposed 2020 Climate Equity Plan**

Kevin Critendon, Austin Water Assistant Director, Environmental, Planning and Development Services gave a presentation. Public input on the Austin Climate Equity Plan can be provided at: <https://www.speakupaustin.org/community-climate-plan>

**6. Toxic Algae in Lady Bird Lake**

Brent Bellinger, Research Ecologist with the Watershed Protection Department, gave a presentation.

**FUTURE ITEMS****7. Identify items to be discussed at future meetings**

Council members discussed the portions of the Land Development Code rewrite related to Water Forward implementation as a potential future agenda item.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Ellis adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m. without objection.

Link to meeting video and presentations: [October 28, 2020 Austin Water Oversight Committee Regular Meeting | AustinTexas.gov](#)

*The minutes were approved on the 19th day of April 2021 on Council Member Ellis' motion and Council Member Pool's second on a 3-0 vote. Vice Chair Fuentes and Council Member Alter were off the dais.*