WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 17, 2025

The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular called meeting on July 16, 2025 at Waller Creek Center, 625 E 10th Street, Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance: Amanda Marzullo, William Moriarty (remote), Shwetha Pandurangi (remote), Jesse Penn (remote), Mike Reyes, Shannon Trilli, Vice Chair Marcela Tuñón, and Evan Wolstencroft (remote)

Commission Members Absent: Chair Chris Maxwell-Gaines, Alex Navarro, and Alex Ortiz

Vice Chair Tuñón filled in as Chair and called the Water and Wastewater Commission to order at 4:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No speakers were registered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the August 20, 2025 regular meeting of the Water and Wastewater Commission.
   The minutes were approved on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Trilli's second on an 8-0 vote with three absences.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2. Recommend approval of an ordinance regarding water rates proposed by Aqua Texas, Inc., an investor-owned utility, for its Travis County customers located in the City's corporate limits in Council Districts 5, 8, and 10. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.
   Recommended on Commissioner Marzullo's motion and Commissioner Trilli's second on an 8-0 vote with three absences.

3. Recommend approval to authorize two contracts for lab supplies and lab chemicals for Austin Water with Midland Scientific Inc. and VWR International LLC d/b/a VWR International, each for an initial term of three years with up to two one-year extension options in amounts not to exceed $5,000,000, divided between the contractors. Funding: $1,000,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Water, funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
   Recommended on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Marzullo's second on an 8-0 vote with three absences.

4. Recommend approval to authorize a contract for Wastewater Line Renewal and Spot Rehab Service Contract Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (2026 to 2028) for Austin Water with Santa Clara Construction, LTD., in the amount of $3,200,000 for a term up to three years for a total not to exceed $9,600,000. Funding: $3,200,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
   Recommended on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Marzullo's second on an 8-0 vote with three absences.

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5. Recommend approval of a resolution authorizing Austin Water to continue the GoPurple pilot incentive program and issue incentives on a pilot basis during Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for alternative onsite water reuse systems and reclaimed water connections for new commercial, mixed use and multi-family developments in the total aggregate amount of $4,000,000, not to exceed $1,500,000 per project for affordable housing projects exempt from the GoPurple reuse requirements and not to exceed $500,000 per project for all other projects. Funding: $4,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Water.
   Recommended on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Marzullo's second on an 8-0 vote with three absences.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

6. GoPurple FY2025-2026 Pilot Incentives (related to Item 5) – **Austin Water Supervising Engineer Katherine Jashinski presented and answered questions along with Austin Water Assistant Director of Finance Joseph Gonzales.**

7. Briefing on 89th Texas Legislative Session Outcomes Related to Austin Water – **Chief Administrative Officer Heather Cooke presented and answered questions along with Director Shay Ralls Roalson.**

COMMITTEE UPDATES

8. Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee August 27, 2025 meeting regarding conservation and sustainability initiatives. – **Commissioner Amanda Marzullo provided an update.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of future agenda items. **Heather Cooke notified commissioners that October's meeting agenda would include an item for 2026 Water and Wastewater Commission meeting dates. Commissioner Pandurangi inquired about a previous request for an update on Austin Water's Strategic Planning. Heather Cooke stated there is an update planned for November Commission.**

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Tuñón adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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