WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a Regular meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 625 E 10th Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Chris Maxwell-Gaines called the Water and Wastewater Commission Meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: Chair Chris Maxwell-Gaines, Vice Chair Marcela Tuñón, Amanda Marzullo, Alex Ortiz, Shwetha Pandurangi, Jesse Penn, Michael Reyes, and Shannon Trilli

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Evan Wolstencroft

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Water and Wastewater Commission Regular Meeting on March 11, 2026.
   The minutes from the Water and Wastewater Commission Regular meeting on March 11, 2026 were approved on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion, Vice Chair Tuñón's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Ortiz off the dais and Commissioner Navarro absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file an application with the Texas Water Development Board for a low-interest loan in the amount not to exceed $5,000,000 from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas loan program for Austin Water's West Riverside Reclaimed Water Main project. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact. The additional funding needed for this project is contingent upon available funding in future budgets of Austin Water.
   This item was withdrawn by Austin Water staff without objection.

6. Recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file an application with the Texas Water Development Board for a low-interest loan in an amount not to exceed

$11,000,000 from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas loan program for Austin Water's South 1st Street Reclaimed Water Main project. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact. The additional funding needed for this project is contingent upon available funding in future budgets of Austin Water.
This item was withdrawn by Austin Water staff without objection.

Items 4, 8, 11, 12, and 13 were acted on with one motion.

4. Recommend approval to authorize a contract for center pivot irrigation units service for Austin Water with Leonard Water Services in an amount not to exceed $247,758. Funding: $247,758 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Water.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion, Commissioner Trilli's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Navarro absent.

8. Recommend approval to authorize a contract for construction services for the Krieg Fields Reclaimed Water Line Permanent Restoration Project for Austin Water with Arguijo Corporation in the amount of $1,298,197, plus a $129,820 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed $1,428,017. Funding: $1,428,017 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion, Commissioner Trilli's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Navarro absent.

11. Recommend approval to authorize a contract for construction services for the Elmhurst Drive Wastewater Pipe Renewal project with HEI Civil Texas, LLC, in the amount of $4,784,754 plus a $478,475 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed $5,263,299. Funding $5,263,299 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion, Commissioner Trilli's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Navarro absent.

12. Recommend approval to authorize a contract for production meter evaluation and pilot testing for Austin Water with M.E. Simpson Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $150,000. Funding: $150,000 is available in the FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Water.
Chair Maxwell-Gaines read a correction into the record that the word "pilot" should be "pitot" in front of the word "testing" in the first line of the posting. Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion, Commissioner Trilli's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Navarro absent.

13. Recommend approval to authorize a revenue contract for the cutting, baling and sale of hay for Austin Water with Allen Lee Click d/b/a Allen Click, for an initial term of 12-months, with up to four 12-month extension options for an estimated revenue of $1,000,000. Estimated net revenue will be allocated to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Net revenue for the remaining contract terms will be available in future budgets.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion, Commissioner Trilli's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Navarro absent.

2. Recommend approval to authorize a contract for construction services for the West Riverside Reclaimed Water Main project for Austin Water with Austin Underground, Inc., in the amount of $3,699,813 plus a $369,982 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed $4,069,795. Funding: $4,069,795 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion, Commissioner Trilli's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Pandurangi recusing and Commissioner Navarro absent.

3. Recommend approval to authorize a contract for construction services for the Northwest A & B Zone Waterline Extensions and Pressure Reducing Valves project for Austin Water with DeNucci Constructors, LLC, in the amount of $6,897,348 plus a $689,735 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed $7,587,083. Funding: $7,587,083 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Tuñón's motion, Commissioner Marzullo's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Navarro absent.

7. Recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file an application with the Texas Water Development Board for a low-interest loan in the amount not to exceed $6,000,000 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program for Austin Water's Galvanized Water Service Line Replacement Program. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact. The additional funding needed for this program is contingent upon available funding in future Austin Water budgets.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Ortiz's motion, Commissioner Trilli's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Navarro absent.

9. Recommend approval to authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CapMetro) for the City to reimburse CapMetro for an amount not to exceed $747,500 for costs associated with the design and construction of an oversized water main and appurtenances related to Service Extension Request No. 5781R2 that will provide water service to a proposed office warehouse and fleet facility development located at 10805 Cameron Road. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Budget of Austin Water.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Marzullo's motion, Vice Chair Tuñón's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Pandurangi recusing and Commissioner Navarro absent.

10. Recommend approval to authorize execution of a contract for the Oltorf at Travis Heights Pressure Zone Conversion project with Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc., for a total contract amount not to exceed $5,073,625 plus a $507,363 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed $5,580,988. Funding: Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion, Commissioner Reyes' second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Penn recusing and Commissioner Navarro absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

17. Staff briefing regarding Austin Light Rail project updates, including water, wastewater, and reclaimed water infrastructure improvements.
The presentation was made by Liane Conte, Interim Mobility Officer with Austin Project Connect and Sean Berry with Austin Transit Partnership. Charles Celauro, Austin Water Assistant Director of Engineering Services and Joseph Gonzales, Austin Water Deputy Director of Business Services answered questions, along with the presenters.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

14. Recommend approval to authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Transit Partnership to define responsibilities and commitments for the design of light rail, related improvements, and utility betterments. Funding: $88,484 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy; $36,035,455 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water; and $665,706 is available in the FY27 Capital Budget of Austin Watershed Protection.
Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Tuñón's motion, Commissioner Marzullo's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Penn recusing and Commissioner Navarro absent.

15. Approve appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for next 12-month term for the Water and Wastewater Commission.
Commissioner Pandurangi nominated Chair Maxwell-Gaines as Chair. Chair Maxwell-Gaines accepted the nomination. Commissioner Pandurangi nominated Vice Chair Tuñón as Vice Chair. Vice Chair Tuñón accepted the nomination.

Chair Maxwell-Gaines was elected as Chair and Vice Chair Tuñón was elected as Vice Chair on a 9-0 vote on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion, Commissioner Wolstencroft's second with Commissioner Navarro absent.

16. Discussion and possible action: Changing meeting start time from 4:00pm to another time for remaining 2026 Water and Wastewater Commission meetings.
The motion to change the start time to 5:30pm for the remaining scheduled 2026 Water and Wastewater Commission regular meetings was approved on a 9-0 vote on Commissioner Marzullo's motion, Commissioner Penn's second with Commissioner Navarro absent.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

18. Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee March 25, 2026 meeting regarding conservation and sustainability initiatives.
Chair Maxwell-Gaines gave an update from the March 25 meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Updates on activities of the Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force (also known as Water Forward Task Force)

Steps for responding to a large number of emails sent from members of the public to multiple Commissioners, regarding the Handcox Water Treatment Plant and water conservation measures

Chair Maxwell-Gains adjourned the meeting at 5:26pm without objection.

The minutes were approved at the May 20, 2026 regular meeting on Commissioner Marzullo's motion, Commissioner Wolstencroft's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Maxwell-Gaines, Ortiz, and Tuñón absent.