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Board of Water Commissioners

Denver Water Administration Building
1600 West 12th Avenue
Denver, CO
Board Room, First Floor

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Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, February 11, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: Join Zoom Meeting Here, Meeting ID: 870 7406 7947, Passcode: 213041 or via Dial-in: (719) 359-4580, Meeting ID: 870 7406 7947, Passcode: 213041. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

Tyrone Gant, President
Gary M. Reiff, First Vice President
Stephanie Donner, President
Dominique Gómez, Vice President
Craig Jones, Vice President

Board employees and others present during portions of the meeting were:

A. Salazar, CEO/Manager
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer
J. Brody, General Counsel
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer
A. Guire, Business Operations Sr. Support
J. Harclerode, Communication Sr. Specialist
A. Hill, Government Liaison
E. Hunt, Financial Report Sr. Analyst
G. Johnson, Planning Manager
A. Joseph, Attorney Sr.
J. Martin, Strategic Project Leader
K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure

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J. Alexander, Scientist Sr.
S. Authery, Division Analyst
J. Bandy, Planning Manager
T. Birt, Planner Associate
L. Bissey, Paralegal
H. Carroll, IT Manager
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal Sr.
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs
M. Crosswright, Executive Assistant
S. Dozier, IT Application Developer
C. Fikan, Finance Analyst
P. Freeman, Business Operations Manager
D. Geon, Customer Relations Manager
A. Gotte, Paralegal Sr.
L. Grube, Board Coordinator
V. Ontiveros-Salas, Paralegal
K. Petrik, Director Engineering - Construction
C. Proctor, Communication Sr. Specialist
J. Ross, Director Engineering - Projects
L. Schulz, Customer Relations Manager
R. Slade, Planner Sr.
K. Strecker, Community Relations Specialist
J. Taussig, Director EMSS
J. Walter, Finance Sr. Analyst
J. Wittler, Attorney Sr.
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water & Sanitation District
H. Metzger, Denver Westword
G. Ponder
C. Ryan

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Gant called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Gant issued an invitation to members of the public to comment to the Board on any matters not included in the meeting Agenda. There was no public comment.

Legislative Update

Mr. Hill provided an update on HB26-1030 Data Center & Utility Modernization, which would create tax incentives for qualifying data centers. After reviewing the bill and related discussions, staff found that it would have minimal impacts on water use. This bill is scheduled for a committee hearing tomorrow. Staff have no significant concerns at this time and noted that any broader issues would be better addressed outside of statewide legislation. Commissioner Donner requested research on similar bills in other states, particularly regarding utility cost-sharing approaches that could prevent negative impacts on ratepayers.

Mr. Hill briefly discussed bills HB26-1145 Mobile Home Park Water Quality, which builds on prior legislation establishing water quality standards for mobile home parks, and

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HB26-1034 Modifications to Standards for Irrigation Equipment, which seeks to modify certain requirements under HB23-1161, which have proven unworkable. Staff will continue to monitor these bills and provide updates to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Upon motion regularly made, seconded, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners then present, unless otherwise noted, the Board acted upon the following agenda items:

1. **ITEM II-A-1: MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2026**

   Approved the Minutes from the January 14, 2026 Board Meeting.

2. **ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM JANUARY 28, 2026**

   Approved the Minutes from the January 28, 2026 Board Meeting.

3. **ITEM II-A-3: THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE TEMPORARY AMENDMENT OF THE WOLFORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR BUDGET AGREEMENT – CONTRACT 504884**

   Approved the Third Amendment to Contract 504884 with the Colorado River Water Conservation District for an extension of the contract period through December 31, 2026 and approved the 2026 calendar year budget not to exceed $644,742.

   Authorized the CEO/Manager to execute the 2026 Budget Agreement with the Colorado River Water Conservation District, attached as Exhibit A to the amendment.

POLICY MATTERS

4. **ITEM III-A: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ON CALL**

   Mr. Petrik presented the Board with the On-Call Contractors Procurement Method Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He explained that Denver Water has used the on-call contractor model over the past two years to support both low-dollar planned projects and unplanned or emergency events. When the on-call program began in 2023, staff anticipated completing about 10 projects annually. However, 20 projects totaling

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$1.2 million were completed in 2024, and 12 projects totaling $1.9 million were completed in 2025, with 18 additional projects still in progress.

The on-call structure enables staff to issue task orders and mobilize contractors quickly while maintaining quality and achieving cost efficiencies. By using pre-qualified contractors, this approach reduces engineering and critical staff time and strengthens quality assurance. Over the past decade, Denver Water has completed 300 capital projects totaling approximately $900 million, including 32 through the on-call program. With a historical average of 20–30 construction claims per year and the industry's average change order rate of 10%, Denver Water's 2% rate reflects an estimated $70 million in savings over 10 years.

Commissioner Grant congratulated the entire team for creating efficiencies.

5. ITEM III-B: WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Mr. Slade presented the Board with the Water Supply Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. He reported that Denver Water's Colorado River Collection System is now at 53% of normal for this time of year, a new record low. The South Platte River Collection System remains 3.9 inches of snow-water equivalent behind average for this time of year, at 41% of normal. He noted that reservoir storage projections show wide variability, though the likelihood of filling remains low. Current snow conditions in the Colorado River Basin above Lake Powell are at 62% of normal, with the reservoir 27% full and an inflow forecast at 38% of average. It is possible that Lake Powell could drop below minimum hydropower levels by late 2026.

Mr. Slade added that shifting weather patterns over the next couple of weeks may bring 5–20 inches of high-country snow, which, while unlikely to reverse conditions, could provide modest improvement. Staff continue to closely monitor conditions and maintain clear, consistent drought-response messaging to the public.

BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

6. ITEM V-A-1: BRIEFING PAPER FOR LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

The Board received a Briefing Paper for Legislative Strategy, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit C.

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ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 9:25 a.m.

Signed by:
Tyrone Gant
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President

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Alan Salazar
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Secretary