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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, May 13, 2026

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, May 13, 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:

Gary M. Reiff, First Vice President
Stephanie Donner, Vice 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
J. Brody, General Counsel
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Kleats, Acting Chief Financial Officer
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer
S. Abram, Director Financial Planning & Performance
M. Iverson, Engineering Operations Manager
A. Joseph, Attorney Sr.
H. Judd, Organization Improvement Facilitator
A. Kessens, Talent Sr. Specialist
L. Kleats, Treasurer
A. Lainis, Engineer
J. Martin, Strategic Project Leader
D. Martinelli, Finance Sr. Analyst
M. McDonald, Interagency Project Manager

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B. Akins, Finance Sr. Analyst
J. Alexander, Scientist Sr.
M. Aragon, Strategic Project Leader
J. Archer, Engineering Manager
A. Aslamy, Finance Supervisor
S. Authery, Division Analyst
R. Badger, Planning Manager
L. Bissey, Paralegal
R. Bowman, Capital Project Commissioning Manager
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal Sr.
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs
C. Clark, Engineering Manager
E. Crain, Procurement Specialist
M. Crosswright, Executive Assistant
F. Davis, Rates Manager
H. Ego, Organization Improvement Sr. Facilitator
N. Elder, Planning Manager
B. Ellis, Capital Contracts Supervisor
P. Fassio, Water Distribution Supervisor
G. Fisher, Planning Manager
D. Geon, Customer Relations Manager
L. Grube, Board Coordinator
D. Herrera, IT Solution Lead
A. Hill, Government Liaison
D. Hughes, Engineer Sr.
A. Ingram, Procurement Supervisor
J. Mitchell, Financial Planning & Performance Manager
K. Nash, Business Operations Support
K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
K. Petrik, Director Engineering
C. Proctor, Communication Sr. Specialist
D. Randall, Engineer Sr.
K. Riegle, Attorney Sr.
J. Ross, Director Engineering – Projects
K. Ross, Engineering Manager
L. Schulz, Customer Relations Manager
R. Shepler, Planner Sr.
L. Southard, Business Operations Sr. Support
S. Tafoya, Treasury Analyst
J. Walter, Finance Sr. Analyst
C. Anstaett, Black & Veatch
L. Blanck
B. Butterfield
J. Dempsey, Kiewit Foundations
C. Gray, City of Arvada
M. Hilton
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water & Sanitation District
B. McGuire, Brown & Brown Risk Solutions
M. Mirek, Brown & Brown Risk Solutions
S. Schatsiek, Black & Veatch
G. Zamensky, Black & Veatch

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Reiff called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Upon motion regularly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, Commissioner Gant was found to be absent for good cause and was excused.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Reiff 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.

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Legislative Update

Mr. Hill provided an update on notable bills that Denver Water staff are tracking. He reported that data center bills HB26-103 and SB26-102 have been postponed indefinitely, though he expects the issue to return in future legislative sessions. He also noted that SB26-070, which would ban government access to historical location information, has been laid over until July. Mr. Hill explained that the proposal raised concerns about unintended surveillance consequences, but the broader issue is expected to remain under consideration. He also discussed proposed legislation that would establish legal rights for the public to float, wade, and portage on rivers that flow through private lands, noting that stakeholder concerns underscore the need for continued engagement and development of a balanced solution. He added that Denver Water supports SB26-165, which provides funding for the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program.

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 APRIL 8, 2026**

   Approved the Minutes from the April 8, 2026 Board Meeting.

2. **ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM APRIL 22, 2026**

   Approved the Minutes from the April 22, 2026 Board Meeting.

POLICY MATTERS

3. **ITEM III-A: DROUGHT UPDATE**

   Mr. Elder, Mr. Fisher, and Ms. Chesney presented the Board with the Drought Update and Communications, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. Mr. Elder reported that the current year has been record-setting, with both historically low snowpack and the warmest start to the year on record, causing significant water supply challenges. Denver Water's Colorado River Collection System experienced its second-lowest peak on record at 58% of normal, along with an unusually early melt. Conditions in the South Platte River Collection System have been more severe, with the peak at 42% of

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normal, the second earliest peak on record, followed by the fastest and earliest melt observed. Late season storms have not meaningfully improved conditions and forecasted heat this week is expected to further accelerate snowpack loss. As of this morning, the Colorado River Collection System has moved to 2% percent of normal and the South Platte River Collection System is 0% of normal. The combined data from snowcourse measurements at nine locations within Denver Water's collection system show a downward trend in snowpack from 1936 through 2026. Reservoir projections indicate only a 10% chance of being at 71% capacity on April 1, 2027, and the organization is preparing for a multi-year event.

Mr. Fisher highlighted that Denver Water is working to achieve a 20% reduction in overall water use while supporting customers in meeting its 2026 water efficiency goals. He emphasized that this is a multi-year approach that includes encouraging drought-tolerant landscape conversions, offering rebates to promote residential water savings, and enhancing communication, outreach, and educational programs to increase awareness and participation.

Ms. Chesney reported that the "Use Only What You Need" campaign will be relaunched to emphasize the importance of water conservation during a critical period. The 12-week campaign is intended to encourage customers to reduce water usage through the end of the year by promoting water as a resource requiring mindful stewardship. She noted that outreach efforts will include multiple communication channels, including Denver Water's website, printed materials, yard signs, restaurant placements, billboards, newsletters, social media, and community events.

In response to questions from the Board, Ms. Chesney stated that while drought conditions continue to be communicated through various outlets, customers are taking the drought restrictions seriously and turning watering off during snow and water events.

4. ITEM III-B: GRE UPDATE

Mr. Martin presented the Board with the Gross Reservoir Expansion (GRE) update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. He provided a progress update covering program highlights, accomplishments, and financials. As of April 2026, roller-compacted concrete (RCC) has been placed to elevation 7420, representing 96% of the planned RCC placement, with overall RCC placement for the main dam ahead of schedule, the budget remaining on track for program billings, and substantial completion

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currently anticipated in October 2027. He also recapped the team's leadership summit in January, which focused on leadership in day-to-day operations and safety matters, and noted that the team continues to address community topics and concerns. In addition, he shared progress photos of on-site construction activities, highlighting key accomplishments, including that the saddle dam was completed nearly two weeks ahead of schedule.

5. ITEM III-D: FIRST QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

Mr. Mitchell presented the Board with the Q1 2026 update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit C. He provided a brief overview of the 2026 Denver Water Business Plan and highlighted portions of the organizational scorecard metrics. He explained that the Q1 forecast includes initial drought-related operating expense reductions and also reflects higher costs for repairs, maintenance, utilities, and claims. He stated that the organization did a phenomenal job of getting the initial reductions in place, noting that additional operating expense reductions and anticipated drought-related revenue impacts will be incorporated into the Q2 forecast.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

6. ITEM IV-C: OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Randall presented the Board with the 2026 Rollout of Denver Water Standards update, a copy of which is attached and incorporated in the Minutes as Exhibit D. He provided historical background on the evolution of the Engineering Standards (ES) and the Capital Projects Construction Standards (CPCS), discussing their purpose, specific updates and guidelines employed, and the importance of establishing standards. The ES 17th Edition, and the CPCS 5th Edition, are a result of Denver Water's efforts over the last 18 months to expand the technical specifications and standard details in the CPCS and update the ES as a procedural document for service lines and distribution mains.

He explained that the concurrent publications continue to build on Denver Water's rich history while keeping up with code revisions, industry standards, and approved manufacturers. These Standards are used across multiple divisions within Denver Water and by professionals working for Distributors (contractors, developers, and consultants) within the Denver Water Combined Service Area. In addition, these Standards are adopted by peer utilities, code authorities, cities

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and counties of the State, the U.S., and the World. He added that the improved Standards Webpage will be rolled out in concurrence with the CPCS and ES at the end of May.

Ms. Ross remarked that these guides reflect both the quality of Denver Water staff and the excellence of our deliverables. This distinction positions the organization as a leader on a national level.

BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

7. 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 E.

8. ITEM V-B-1: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board received the Monthly Financial Report for March 2026, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit F.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into a Trustee Meeting at approximately 9:59 a.m.

DocuSigned by:
Alan Salazar
Secretary

Signed by:
Gary M. Reiff
President