

Final Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
March 3, 2022
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

WEBEX VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Alex Chen, Chair	Mike Amburgey	Keri Burchard-Juarez	Charlotte Haines
Matt Everett, V. Chair	Dave Barnes	Regina Carpenter	Patty Hale
Diane Pottinger	Boyd Benson	Julie Crittenden	Roxanne Heller
Shane Young	Tony DePiano	Kathy Curry	Pam Maloney
Paula Laschober	Pete Eberle	Elizabeth Garcia	Katie Nolan
Andrew Lee	Abdoul Gafour	Amy LaBarge	Ron Ricker
Ron Little, 7 th Member	Steve Leniszewski	Jonelle Mogi	Robert Russell
	Michael Martin	Martha Neuman	Logan Wallace
	Al Nelson	Maura Patterson	Max Woody
	Terry Olson		
	Patrick Sorenson		
	Ron Speer		

1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements:

Alex Chen, Operating Board Chair and Deputy Director of Seattle Public Utilities' (SPU's) Water Line of Business and Shared Services Branch, welcomed attendees to the meeting. Kathy Curry, SPU Wholesale Water Contracts Manager, confirmed Board Member attendance.

2. Agenda/Minutes

- a) The **February 3, 2022**, minutes were **approved 6-0**.
- b) The **March 3, 2022**, agenda was **approved 6-0**.

3. New Business

a) **2023-2028 Capital Improvement plan**

Maura Patterson, SPU Drinking Water Planning and Policy Advisor, gave a presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan and upcoming Workshops. A discussion ensued about how SPU and the various Operating Board member organizations measure success when implementing projects and how they plan for staff resources to best match projected spending.

b) **Almost Spring Water Supply Update**

Elizabeth Garcia, SPU Water Resources Hydrologist, provided an overview of Seattle's water supply system, sharing information about the protected forested watersheds, hydrology monitoring, river and reservoir management seasons, and how SPU manages the water supply for multiple objectives. Elizabeth also presented information on how things are looking for Water Year 2022 describing the stormy start and monitoring and management activities so far.

c) **North Fork Tolt Opportunities**

Alex Chen shared information and considerations related to future North Fork Tolt water supply options. A robust discussion ensued about current firm yield and long-range demand projections.

4. Executive Summaries & Other Business

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies** – Alex Chen went over Att. 4a.
- **Draft Annual Accounting of Retail Service Connections** – Regina Carpenter, SPU Principal Economist, went over Att. 4c and asked for input on the draft report before it is finalized mid-March.

5. Future Meetings & Workshops

Kathy Curry provided reminders for the following upcoming meetings:

- March 31, 2022 - monthly Operating Board meeting, instead of April 7, 2022, to avoid a WASWD Spring Conference conflict
- May 5, 2022 – planning in-person, all-day Operating Board meeting and field trip starting at the Cedar River Watershed Education Center, noting there will be an opportunity to celebrate long-time regional partners, Ron Speer’s and Matt Everett’s, planned retirements.
- June 2, 2022 - regular monthly Operating Board meeting.

Upcoming CIP Workshop Dates: March 29, 2022, 10-11:30am; April 27, 2022, 2-3:30pm; and May 26, 2022, 2-3:30pm

6. Good of the Order

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Approved by:



[Alex Chen \(Apr 1, 2022 11:41 PDT\)](#)

Chair, Alex Chen
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

Date