

Minutes February 6, 2025 - Final

Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

1. Welcome, Roll Call & Announcements

a. Attendance as follows:

#	First Name	Last Name	Utility	Official Operating Board Role
1	Hilary	Allison	SPU	
2	Will	Appleton	Soos Creek	Utility Rep
3	Sean	Bauer	Cedar River	Utility Rep
4	Julie	Belt	Woodinville	
5	Boyd	Benson	Bothell	Utility Rep
6	Chad	Buechler	SPU	
7	Amanda	Campbell	Northshore	Utility Rep
8	Alex	Chen	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member + Vice Chair
9	Julie	Crittenden	SPU	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
10	Jamie	Crookston	Coal Creek	
11	Kathy	Curry	Woodinville	Utility Rep
12	Bob	Danson	Olympic View	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
13	Jeremy	DelMar	Highline	Utility Rep + Board Member
14	Pete	Eberle	WD 90	Utility Rep
15	Abdoul	Gafour	Renton	Utility Rep
16	Elizabeth	Garcia	SPU	
17	Michael	Godfried	SPU	
18	Terri	Gregg	SPU	
19	Charlotte	Haines	North City	
20	Patricia	Hale	North City	
21	Roxanne	Heller	WD 119	
22	Ulysses	Hillard	SPU	
23	Paige	Igoe	SPU	
24	Jason	Kintner	Mercer Island	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
25	Paula	Laschober	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member
26	Andrew	Lee	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member
27	Steve	Leniszewski	Duvall	Utility Rep
28	Ky	Lewis	SPU	
29	Wayne	Liou	SPU	
30	Ron	Little	n/a	Independent Member
31	Pam	Maloney	Woodinville	
32	Michael	Martin	WD 20	Utility Rep
33	Patrick	Martin	Coal Creek	
34	Suzi	O'Byrne	Coal Creek	Utility Rep
35	Kelly	O'Rourke	SPU	
36	Jorgan	Peadon	WD 49	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
37	Darcey	Peterson	WD 90	
38	Matthew	Porter	SPU	
39	Diane	Pottinger	North City	Utility Rep + Board Member
40	Kathleen	Quong-Vermeire	Highline	
41	Ron	Ricker	North City	
42	Robert	Russell	Coal Creek	
43	Susan	Saffery	SPU	
44	Carla	Snyder	Coal Creek	
45	Ron	Straka	Renton	

46	Tom	Walker	SPU	
47	Logan	Wallace	Soos Creek	
48	Max	Woody	North City	
49	Shane	Young	WD 125	Utility Rep + Board Member + Chair

b. Announcements:

- Shane Young welcomed Will Appleton, Soos Creek's new GM, to the Operating Board. Will previously was the City of Seatac's Public Works Director and replaced Jane Vandenberg upon her retirement.

2. **Agenda/Minutes**

- a. December 5, 2024 minutes were approved 6-0.
- b. February 6, 2025 agenda was approved 6-0.

3. **Old Business – none**

4. **New Business**

- a. **Future Water Supply Alternatives Project:** Elizabeth Garcia shared an early look at this project evaluating a broad range of options for how SPU might expand our water supply, in preparation for if/when additional water is needed. The project includes six primary supply options, with seven secondary options. The approach is a multi-objective decision analysis and will include scenario planning. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-2026.
- b. **Lake Youngs Sinkholes:** Paige Igoe and Ulysses Hillard provided updates on two large sinkholes at Lake Youngs. Sinkhole #1 is located on the perimeter dike road and exposed a duct bank including the lines that provide chlorine to the treatment plant. It was initially observed on Nov 6, 2024 and is being addressed in several phases including stabilizing the pipes/conduit, grout injections, re-bedding the utilities, and rebuilding the road surface. Sinkhole #2 is located near the old Lake Youngs pump station and the void extends to under the building foundation. It was initially observed on Nov 22, 2024 and is being addressed by grout injections and monitoring via piezometers and survey points.
- c. **SPU's Hazard Identification & Vulnerability Analysis:** Chad Buechler and Michael Godfried gave an overview of SPU's Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Analysis (HIVA), which is the foundation of SPU's emergency management work, including SPU's AWIA's Emergency Response Plan which is currently being updated. The HIVA addresses all three of SPU's Lines of Business (Water, Drainage/Wastewater, Solid Waste) and includes 21 potential hazards.

5. **Executive Summaries & Other Business**

- a. **Water Consumption – Actual Compared to Rate Study:** Julie Crittenden shared that actual annual consumption to date is the same as the 2020 Rate Study projection and 4% lower than this time last year.

b. **Water Supply Update:** Julie Crittenden reported that cumulative precipitation, storage, and consumption are close to long-term averages. Snowpack is less than the long-term average, but similar to last year. Due to the lower snowpack, SPU is keeping an eye on supply management tools to maximize supply through the year.

c. **Next Meeting:** March 6, 2025. In person only at Mercer Island.

6. Good of the Order

a. **Hobo Creek:** Jorgan Peadon shared his experience attending SPU's internal Stage Gate process meeting for the Hobo Creek Cedar Falls Road project.

b. **Flouride:** Alex Chen reminded the group that there continues to be movement and news stories related to opposition to water utilities adding fluoride to drinking water.

c. **Cascade Blending Study:** Alex Chen shared that Cascade is conducting a water blending study (Seattle and Tacoma water). They have asked SPU for data and we are providing it. The study is independent of the issue of wheeling Tacoma water thru SPU infrastructure.

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm and the group was encouraged to enjoy the provided holiday snacks.

Shane Young
Shane Young (Mar 10, 2025 09:55 PDT)

Chair, Shane Young
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

03/10/2025

Date