

Minutes June 5, 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	Regina	Carpenter	SPU	
6	Alex	Chen	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member + Vice Chair
7	Julie	Crittenden	SPU	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
8	Jamie	Crookston	Coal Creek	
9	Kathy	Curry	Woodinville	Utility Rep
10	Bob	Danson	Olympic View	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
11	Katie	Dahlberg	SPU	
12	Jeremy	DelMar	Highline	Utility Rep + Board Member
13	Anna	Dyer	SPU	
14	Pete	Eberle	WD 90	Utility Rep
15	Will	Erickson	SPU	
16	Abdoul	Gafour	Renton	Utility Rep
17	Elizabeth	Garcia	SPU	
18	Terri	Gregg	SPU	
19	Charlotte	Haines	North City	
20	Patricia	Hale	North City	
21	Cedric	Joaquin	SPU	
22	Jason	Kintner	Mercer Island	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
23	Amy	LaBarge	SPU	
24	Paula	Laschober	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member
25	Steve	Leniszewski	Duval	Utility Rep
26	Ron	Little	n/a	Independent Member
27	Ethan	Maiefski	Northshore	
28	Pam	Maloney	Woodinville	
29	Patrick	Martin	Coal Creek	
30	Katie	Medina	Renton	
31	Frana	Milan	SPU	
32	Kelly	O'Rourke	SPU	
33	Charles	Oppelt	SPU	
34	Julie	Padilla	SPU	
35	Jorgan	Peardon	WD 49	Utility Rep + Board Member
36	Matthew	Porter	SPU	
37	Diane	Pottinger	North City	Utility Rep + Board Member
38	Kesley	Quinn	SPU	
39	Kathleen	Quong-Vermeire	Highline	
40	Ron	Ricker	North City	
41	Robert	Russell	Coal Creek	
42	Carla	Snyder	Coal Creek	
43	Logan	Wallace	Soos Creek	
44	Max	Woody	North City	
45	Shane	Young	WD 125	Utility Rep + Board Member + Chair

- b. Announcements:
 - There were no announcements.

2. Agenda/Minutes

- a. April 3, 2025 minutes were approved 5-0 (1 Operating Board member was absent).
- b. June 5, 2025 agenda was approved 5-0 (1 Operating Board member was absent).

3. Old Business

6-Yr Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Part 3 Final Table & Vote: Julie Crittenden gave a short presentation to wrap up the Operating Board's annual review of the regional CIP. She reminded the group of the process this year including the new CIP Book and the optional CIP workshop held on April 24. There were no additional questions on the CIP. The Operating Board chair called for a vote to acknowledge that the 2025 CIP review process was completed. The vote was approved 4-0 (1 Operating Board member from SPU was absent and the wholesale Medium Category representative abstained from voting because the Medium Category did not caucus.)

4. New Business

- a. **Climate Change Hydrology Analysis:** Julie Padilla provided a detailed briefing about this project which examines climate change impacts to hydrology. The major takeaway are: 1) the shape of the hydrograph is changing from "rain-snow transition zone" dominated watersheds to "rain" dominated watersheds, 2) warming summer temperatures may increase the rate of drawdown, 3) the climate change hydrology update can help us answer climate-related questions across a variety of other planning projects.
- b. **Spring Water Supply Update:** Elizabeth Garcia provided the annual spring water supply briefing to share what our water supply looks like heading into the spring and summer months. We have had a drier than average winter and spring. We have also had a lower than average snowpack and thus SPU made several operational adjustments (e.g., refilling earlier and higher). Based on current conditions and forecasts, Seattle anticipates the regional water system will have sufficient water supply for people and fish for this summer. Elizabeth shared that Ecology will be announcing an expansion of their drought emergency declaration to include additional areas including King County, however it will specifically exempt the Seattle (and Everett and Tacoma) regional system.
- c. **Trenton Facilities Improvement Project (CIP# C600594; CIP Table Row 12a):** Cedric Joaquin provided a "Pre-Stage Gate 2" presentation of this project which addresses deficiencies at the Trenton standpipes and turbines/pumps. The cost of this project is in the SW Subregional Cost Pool. The presentation covered the need for the project, the options analysis that was conducted, and the

preferred option of demolishing both standpipes and building a new pump station. The preferred option will be presented to SPU's governance group for approval in the near future.

5. Executive Summaries & Other Business

- a. **Water Consumption – Actual Compared to Rate Study:** Julie Crittenden shared that actual annual consumption to date is 2% higher than the 2020 Rate Study projection and 2% lower than this time last year.
- b. **Water Supply Update:** This item did not warrant discussion due to the detailed Spring Water Supply Update given by Elizabeth Garcia in Agenda Item #3b.
- c. **Next Meeting:**
 - July 10, 2025; 1-3pm; in person only at Mercer Island Community Center

6. Good of the Order

- a. **Lake Youngs Sinkholes:** Alex Chen gave updates on the two sinkholes at Lake Youngs (more details have been provided at previous Operating Board meetings). The work on Sinkhole #1 (on the perimeter dike) is essentially complete. The work on Sinkhole #2 (near the old Lake Youngs Pump Station) is still underway.
- b. **Fluoride:** At the request of a wholesale customer, Alex Chen gave a brief update related to the national developments regarding fluoride. He said SPU is following those developments closely and if the federal (or WA state) government at some point says we could no longer fluoridate our water, that of course we would comply. However, currently fluoridation is allowed in Washington and we continue to follow long-standing guidance on the benefits of fluoridation.
- c. **Facility Tour Spots:** Kelly O'Rourke mentioned there are 13 spots on the June 24th wholesale customer tour of the Cedar River Watershed and people should contact her if interested in attending. The other four tours are essentially.

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:52.

Shane Young

Shane Young (Jul 15, 2025 13:41 PDT)

Chair, Shane Young
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

Date