

**GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**April 15, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a regular meeting on April 15, 2026, at the GBRA Annex Building Board Room, 905 Nolan St., Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Dennis Patillo, Patrick Cohoon, Robert Blaschke, Stephen B. Ehrig, Sheila Old, William Carbonara, John Cyrier, Emanuel Valdez, and Jennifer Storm. Present in the Annex Building in Seguin, Texas, were Darrell Nichols, General Manager/CEO; Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager; Vanessa Guerrero, Executive Manager of Administration; Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO; Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering; Nathan Pence, Executive Manager of Environmental Science; David Harris, Executive Manager of Operations; John Curtis, Executive Manager of Information Technology; and Joe Cole, General Counsel.

Chairman Patillo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and took note of the certifications presented that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the office of the Secretary of State and at the GBRA office in New Braunfels, Texas, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. A quorum being present, the following proceedings were had:

Director Storm led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.

The Chairman called for **Chairman Item 1 - Welcome re-appointed Director and administer the Oath of Office to William R. Carbonara.** Chairman Patillo administered the Oath of Office to GBRA Director William Carbonara.

The Chairman then called for **Public Comments**. There were no comments from the public.

The Chairman called for **Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the March 18, 2026, Board Meeting; Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for March 2026; Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for March 2026; and Consent Item 6 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers for March 2026**. Upon Motion by Director Blaschke, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The Chairman then called for **General Manager/CEO Item 7 - The General Manager/CEO and staff may report on, and the Board may discuss, executive reports and/or issues relating to GBRA activities, including, without limitation, the following: Safety Update, GBRA water and sewer utility operations, hydroelectric operations, GBRA facilities management, including plants and dams, water resources planning and operation, construction management, economic and community development, project development, accounting and finance, records management, grants and financial assistance, human resources, information technology, communications, social media, education programs, resource protection, weather and climate, river flows and other scientific issues, public and private entities partnering with GBRA, water quality services, community affairs, environmental programs, legislative updates, strategic planning, and stewardship**. Darrell Nichols, General Manager/CEO, introduced Allen Spelce, President of Texas Water Safari, and Bob Spain, Texas Water Safari organizer, who spoke to the Board and expressed their gratitude for the support GBRA has provided to the Texas Water Safari over the years, and provided a summary

and description of the race course. The next race will take place on June 12-16, 2026. James Semler, Safety and Risk Manager, stated that there were no lost-time incidents during this period or the last 704 days. During March, staff training focused on trenching and shoring safety, HAZCOM awareness, and slips, trips, and falls. Safety tasks completed this past month included thirteen (13) safety audits/inspection reports; annual fire drills, the installation of the OSHA/NIOSH heat safety application on all GBRA devices, a water utility safety course, an annual heat illness prevention plan review, and the creation of fit testing authorization procedures for new hires. The safety infographic campaign for March was Distracted Driving. Next, Vanessa Guerrero, Executive Manager of Administration, briefed the Board on the Administration department's activities and provided updates on education, safety, facilities, and human resources. Retiree Roland "Happy" Henry was recognized for his 39 years of dedicated service with GBRA.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement for the performance of the financial audit for fiscal year 2026.** Oscar Ramirez, Controller, is seeking authorization to execute an agreement with the firm ABIP to conduct the GBRA Fiscal Year 2026 financial audit. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 8, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement for the performance of the financial audit for fiscal year 2026.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action adopting a resolution requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the WaterSECURE Project; authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith.** Randy Staats, Executive

Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking the adoption of a resolution requesting financial assistance of up to \$950,000,000 from the Texas Water Development Board for the Water SECURE Project, and authorizing the filing of an application and making certain findings in connection therewith. Upon Motion by Director Blaschke, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously adopted the proposed resolution. A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action adopting a Resolution requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the expansion and replacement of certain components of the Western Canyon Water Treatment Plant and related facilities; authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith.** Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking approval of a resolution requesting financial assistance of up to \$103,215,000 for the expansion and replacement of certain components of the Western Canyon Water Treatment Plant and related facilities, and authorizing the filing of an application and making certain findings in connection therewith. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 10, adopting the proposed resolution. A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 11 - Consideration of and possible action adopting a resolution requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Expansion Project; authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith.** Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking the adoption of a resolution requesting financial assistance of up to \$35,000,000 from the Texas Water Development Board for

the expansion to the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Expansion Project. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 11, adopting the proposed resolution. A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 12 - Consideration and possible authorization for the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department related to GBRA's Habitat Conservation Plan.** Daniel Large, HCP Director, is seeking authorization to execute a Memorandum of Agreement related to GBRA's Habitat Conservation Plan between GBRA and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("TPWD") to establish a framework for long-term coordination between GBRA and TPWD to enhance and maintain habitat for whooping cranes in the Guadalupe Delta Wildlife Management Area. Upon Motion by Director Blaschke, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 12, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department related to GBRA's Habitat Conservation Plan.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 13 - Consideration and possible authorization for the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service related to GBRA's Habitat Conservation Plan.** Daniel Large, HCP Director, is seeking authorization to execute a Memorandum of Agreement related to GBRA's Habitat Conservation Plan between GBRA and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") to establish a framework for long-term coordination between GBRA and USFWS to enhance and maintain habitat for whooping cranes

on the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. Upon Motion by Director Carbonara, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 13, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service related to GBRA's Habitat Conservation Plan.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 14 - Consideration of and possible action to amend GBRA Board Policy 106 - Board of Directors Committees, to add a provision relating to the responsibilities of the Performance Review Committee.** Joe Cole, General Counsel, is seeking an amendment to GBRA Board Policy 106 - Board of Directors Committees, to memorialize the formation of a Performance Review Committee relating to the performance, evaluation, and compensation of the General Manager/CEO contained in GBRA's enabling statute as amended, the GBRA By-Laws, and the existing GBRA Board Policy. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 14, amending GBRA Board Policy 106 - Board of Directors Committees, to add a provision relating to the responsibilities of the Performance Review Committee. A copy of the amendment to GBRA Board Policy 106 is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 15 - Mid-Year presentation and update on GBRA's Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan and Budget.** Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, briefed the Board on the FY 2026 Work Plan and Budget status from September 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, including the following: summary comparisons of revenues and expenses to include water sales, wastewater services, hydroelectric sales, interest income, personnel costs and new positions, operating supplies, economic environment, interest expenses, debt service,

and financial reserves. The preparation of the FY 27 Budget has begun, and an initial presentation to the Board is scheduled for June, followed by workshops in July and August, and final budget adoption in August.

The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 16 - Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, long-term weather pattern, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.**

Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering, briefed the Board on the Guadalupe River basin hydrologic conditions, including rainfall percentages, events, and totals; the Base Flow Report; the U.S. Drought Monitor Seasonal Outlook; Edwards Aquifer level; Comal Springs level; Guadalupe River stream flows; neutral conditional modeled forecast; and elevation of Canyon Reservoir. Canyon Reservoir elevation was at 886.48 as of April 13, 2026. The J-17 well level was 627.72 as of April 13, 2026. Comal Springs was flowing around 65 cfs as of April 13, 2026.

The open meeting was recessed at 11:04 a.m., subject to call by the Chairman, and the meeting was held in executive session at 11:15 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

The open meeting reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m., subject to a call by the Chairman.



Chairman



Secretary/Treasurer