

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Board of Directors
August 19, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a regular meeting on August 19, 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, William Carbonara, Sheila Old, 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 then called for **Public Comments**. There were no comments from the public.

The Chairman called for **Consent Item 2 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the July 15, 2026, Board Meeting; Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the July 28, 2026, Board Workshop Meeting;**

Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Board Workshop Meeting; Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for July 2026; Consent Item 6 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for July 2026; and Consent Item 7- Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers for July 2026. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Blaschke, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

The Chairman then called for **General Manager/CEO Item 8 - 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.** The Board was briefed on safety, education, human resources, and facilities by Vanessa Guerrero, Executive Manager of Administration. Ms. Guerrero stated that there have been no lost-time incidents during the last 830 days. During July, staff safety training focused on workplace stress, back injury prevention, stormwater best management practices, and heat illness prevention. Safety tasks completed this past month included fourteen (14) safety inspections; notification alerts

to all personnel regarding heavy rain and heat advisories; and completion of the annual respiratory fit and audiogram testing. Over the past year, the Safety and Risk program has increased safety communication and oversight, improved training engagement, and expanded field presence. The Board was also briefed engagement with 4,190 students through the Outdoor Classroom and a total engagement of 19,043 students throughout the Basin in all education programs, facilities projects and human resources initiatives. David Harris, Executive Manager of Operations, briefed the Board on new operator licenses, compliance, training, and ongoing projects. Operator training for the quarter included radar programming, utility calculations, activated sludge, water utility safety, basic water operations, and customer service inspections. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies Peak Performance Awards for 2025 were presented to GBRA for all thirteen (13) wastewater plants meeting 100% compliance with all laboratory testing for a time period of one year. The Singing Hills wastewater treatment plant received the Platinum eight-year award, Larremore plant received the Platinum six-year award, and the Cordillera, Park Village, and 4S Ranch plants each received the Platinum five-year award. Projects completed this quarter included the Calhoun Hydro Plant relift pump station pump replacement.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action approving the Fiscal Year 2027 Work Plan and Budget including rates, compensation tables, and asset management program, for the following divisions and giving authority to the General Manager/CEO to expend funds pursuant to the budget as well as execute contracts consistent with those expenditures within limitations allowed under policy:**

- a. Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division
- b. Shadow Creek Wastewater Reclamation System
- c. Canyon Park Estates Wastewater Reclamation System
- d. Stein Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant
- e. Sunfield Wastewater Treatment Plant
- f. Water Sales System

- g. Calhoun Canal System
- h. San Marcos Water Treatment Plant System
- i. Buda Wastewater Treatment Plant System
- j. Carrizo Groundwater System
- k. Carrizo Water Treatment Plant
- l. Western Canyon Treated Water System
- m. 4S Ranch Wastewater Reclamation System
- n. Cordillera Water Distribution System
- o. Cordillera Wastewater Treatment Plant
- p. Comal Trace Water Delivery System
- q. Johnson Ranch Water Distribution System
- r. Johnson Ranch Wastewater Treatment System
- s. Bulverde Singing Hills Wastewater Treatment System
- t. Park Village Wastewater Reclamation System
- u. Boerne Independent School District Wastewater System
- v. Coletto Creek Reservoir System
- w. Coletto Creek Recreation System
- x. Luling Water Treatment Plant Division
- y. Canyon Hydroelectric Division
- z. Lockhart Wastewater Reclamation System
- aa. Lockhart Water Treatment Plant System
- bb. Dietz Wastewater System
- cc. General Division

Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking approval of the Fiscal Year 27 Work Plan and Budget, including rates, compensation tables, and the asset management program for the divisions listed above. Mr. Staats is also seeking the authority to expend funds pursuant to the budget, including execution of contracts consistent with those expenditures within limitations allowed under policy. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Valdez, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 11, approving the Fiscal Year 2027 Work Plan and Budget, including rates, compensation tables, and asset management program, for certain named divisions and giving authority to the General Manager/CEO to expend funds pursuant to the budget as well as execute contracts consistent with those expenditures within limitations allowed under policy.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action adopting two resolutions approving and authorizing the execution of financing agreements**

with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) relating to financial assistance being provided by the TWDB for the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Expansion Project, Series 2026A and 2026B Bonds. Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking adoption of two (2) resolutions approving and executing financing agreements requesting financial assistance from the TWDB for the expansion of the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Expansion Project, Series 2026A and 2026B Bonds. An expansion of the treatment capacity of the plant is needed to meet full contracted amounts based on GBRA's wholesale customers' increasing demands. The TWDB requires financing agreements with GBRA to demonstrate a commitment to the sale of bonds. A Bond Resolution action item will be included on the October GBRA Board agenda, with a bond closing planned for November 2026. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Valdez, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 10, adopting two resolutions approving and authorizing the execution of financing agreements with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) relating to financial assistance being provided by the TWDB for the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Expansion Project, Series 2026A and 2026B Bonds. A copy of each resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 11 - Consideration of and possible action approving the use of financial reserves for improvements in the lower basin of the Guadalupe River Basin, necessary improvements at GBRA's support facilities, and improvements in GBRA information technology infrastructure.** Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking approval for use of financial reserves for one-time projects for improvements in the lower portion of the Guadalupe River Basin, to include the Hog Bayou control structure, Seguin office generator replacement, office upgrades and improvements, control room upgrades, and IT infrastructure upgrades. Upon Motion by Director Cyrier, seconded by Director

Valdez, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 11, approving the use of financial reserves for improvements in the lower portion of the Guadalupe River Basin, necessary improvements at GBRA's support facilities, and improvements in GBRA information technology infrastructure.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 12 - Consideration of and possible action approving an amendment to the GBRA Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan and Budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 for increased legal fees and other costs.** Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking approval of an amendment to supplement the GBRA Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan and Budget for the Water Sales division legal fees budget with an additional \$1,000,000 to cover current and anticipated legal fees. Upon Motion by Director Blaschke, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 12, approving an amendment to the GBRA Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan and Budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 for increased legal fees and other costs.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 13 - Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of certain water pipeline and drainage easements for the Bunton Lane Relocation Project in connection therewith, over, across, upon and under certain privately owned real properties; authorizing all appropriate action by the General Manager/CEO, staff, retained attorneys and engineering and technical consultants in the institution and prosecution of condemnation proceedings to acquire any such needed certain permanent pipeline and drainage easements that cannot be acquired through negotiation; declaring further negotiations futile; ratifying and affirming all acts and proceedings heretofore done or initiated by employees, agents, and attorneys of GBRA to acquire such property interests; authorizing all other lawful action necessary and incidental to such**

acquisitions or eminent domain proceedings to survey, specify, define, and secure the necessary interests in real property; declaring the sections of the Resolution to be severable one from the other in the event any section of the Resolution is determined to be invalid; said properties to be identified to wit:

Parcel 1 – Casetta Ranch Residential Community Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation,

Permanent Water Pipeline Easement: being a 0.5108 acre (22,250 square foot) permanent easement situated in the Milton B. Atkinson Survey, Abstract 21, Hays County, Texas; and being a portion of Lot 1, Block A, Casetta Ranch Section One, a Legal Subdivision, as shown on plat recorded in Document No. 20032056 of the Official Public Records of Hays County, Texas (O.P.R.H.C.T.); more particularly described by metes and bounds and survey as follows in Exhibit “A” attached hereto; and

Permanent Drainage Easement: being a 0.2855 acre (12,436 square foot) permanent drainage easement situated in the Milton B. Atkinson Survey, Abstract 21, Hays County, Texas; and being a portion of Lot 1, Block A, Casetta Ranch Section One, a Legal Subdivision, as shown on plat recorded in Document No. 20032056 of the Official Public Records of Hays County, Texas (O.P.R.H.C.T.); more particularly described by metes and bounds and survey as follows in Exhibit “B” attached hereto.

Larry Gee, Deputy General Counsel, is seeking a resolution declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of certain water pipeline, drainage easements and temporary construction easements for the Bunton Lane Relocation Project. Due to the City of Kyle's Road Bond Program expansion of Bunton Lane/Bunton Creek Road, GBRA is having to relocate existing infrastructure. Efforts to negotiate for the acquisition of these properties have been unsuccessful, making proceedings in eminent domain necessary to acquire the needed permanent easement and temporary construction easement. Upon Motion by Chairman Patillo, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved, via roll call, Action Item 13, approving the proposed resolution. A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chairmen then called for **Action Item 14 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute one or more contracts with**

the highest-ranked bidder based on a Request for Proposal process, which provides the best value for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), for selection of a professional cleaning services contractor for cleaning services at facilities located in Seguin and New Braunfels. Kenneth Clinton, Facilities Manager, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute one or more contracts for professional cleaning services at facilities located in Seguin and New Braunfels. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 14, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute one or more contracts with the highest-ranked bidder based on a Request for Proposal process, which provides the best value for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), for selection of a professional cleaning services contractor for cleaning services at facilities located in Seguin and New Braunfels.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 15 - Consideration of and possible action to approve a change order with Garney Construction for the CGSP TX-130 Eastern Pipeline Project in the amount of \$168,813.55 for the additional work requested of the contractor outside of the original contract.** Daniel Worley, Senior Project Engineer, is seeking approval of a change order for the CGSP TX-130 Eastern Pipeline Project to provide separate cathodic protection test stations and tracer wire terminals for future ease of operations. The change proposal request costs will increase the contract value by \$168,813.55 and construction days by four (4). Upon Motion by Director Blaschke, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 15, approving a change order with Garney Construction for the CGSP TX-130 Eastern Pipeline Project in the amount of \$168,813.55 for the additional work requested of the contractor outside of the original contract.

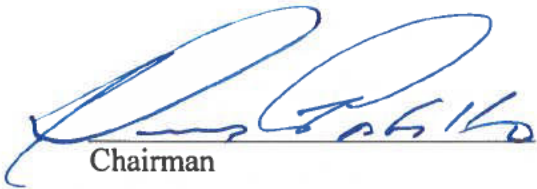
The Chairman called for **Action Item 16 - Consideration of and possible action adopting an Order setting forth regulations relating to the creation of a “no wake” zone for a designated portion of Lake Placid, a Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Hydroelectric Lake in Guadalupe County, Texas.** Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager, is seeking authorization for the adoption of an order reaffirming the existing restricted areas around the dams and adding two new no-wake zones on Lake Placid, a GBRA hydroelectric lake, per the Order dated May 20, 2026, and further designating that both entrances to the canal around Pecan Grove and both entrances to the canal around the Son's Island portion of Lake Placid in Guadalupe County, Texas, are "no wake" zones. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 16, adopting an Order setting forth regulations relating to the creation of a “no wake” zone for a designated portion of Lake Placid, a Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Hydroelectric Lake in Guadalupe County, Texas. A copy of the order is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 17 - 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 909.72 as of August 17, 2026. The J-17 well level was 645.47 as of August 17, 2026. Comal Springs was flowing around 185 cfs as of August 16, 2026.

The open meeting was recessed at 10:51 a.m., subject to call by the Chairman, and the meeting was held in executive session at 11:07 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

The open meeting reconvened at 11:28 a.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m., subject to a call by the Chairman.



Chairman



Secretary/Treasurer