

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 16, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a regular meeting on September 16, 2026, at the GBRA River Annex Building Board Room, 905 Nolan St., Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Dennis Patillo, Patrick Cohoon, Robert Blaschke, William Carbonara, Stephen B. Ehrig, John Cyrier, Emanuel Valdez, and Jennifer Storm. Director Old was not present. Present in the River 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 August 19, 2026, Board Meeting; Consent Item 3 -**

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

The Chairman then called for **General Manager/CEO Item 6 - 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.** James Semler, Safety and Risk Manager, stated that there were no lost-time incidents during this period or the last 858 days. During September, staff safety training focused on workplace violence prevention and active shooter response, electrical safety, incident investigation, and personal protective equipment. Safety tasks completed this past month included thirteen (13) safety inspections, TWA's Risk Management Trailer and Towing safety training, completion of a TWA Risk Management inspection, fire alarm certification for the Seguin campus, the development of

a new SafetyCulture inspection report for GBRA lift and pump stations, and the USDA New World Screwworm monitoring was initiated at Canyon Lake Gorge. The safety infographic campaign for September was National Preparedness Month. Next, Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering, provided a quarterly engineering report that included updates on employee advancements and promotions, the Western Canyon pipeline SH 46 relocation project, Green Lake box re-establishment, and WaterSECURE.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 7 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to initiate administrative processes with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to negotiate and finalize components of an Incidental Take Permit application to the USFWS based on the Guadalupe Blanco-River Authority's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).** Daniel Large, HCP Director, is seeking authorization to initiate processes with USFWS and to negotiate and finalize components of an Incidental Take Permit ("ITP") application with USFWS. With authorization, the administrative draft of the HCP will be submitted to USFWS, allowing GBRA and USFWS to address any remaining issues before preparing and submitting the final HCP and the ITP 50-year term application. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Valdez, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 7, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to initiate administrative processes with the USFWS to negotiate and finalize components of an ITP application to the USFWS based on the HCP.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an interruptible water supply contract for up to 1,000 acre-feet for one year with J&S Energy Services LLC, with**

the option to renew said contract for two additional one-year terms. Brian Perkins, Deputy Executive Manager of Engineering, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute a water supply contract with J&S Energy Services LLC for a one-year contract to supply interruptible water from GBRA to J&S Energy Services LLC for up to 1,000 acre-feet per year to be used in the Guadalupe Basin. This contract would allow for two (2) additional one (1) year terms. Upon Motion by Director Blaschke, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 8, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an interruptible water supply contract for up to 1,000 acre-feet for one year with J&S Energy Services LLC, with the option to renew said contract for two additional one-year terms.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Joint Funding Agreement between the United States Geological Survey and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for the period of October 2026 through September 2027 for stream gauge and water quality monitoring.** Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering, is seeking to execute a Fiscal Year 2027 annual agreement with the United States Geological Survey ("USGS") for stream gauge monitoring at fourteen (14) gauges in the Guadalupe River Basin and water quality sample collection and processing in the Calhoun Canal System. The USGS will monitor and maintain all the streamflow gauges. GBRA's share of the contract is \$203,708. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Ehrig, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 9, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Joint Funding Agreement between the United States Geological Survey and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for the period of October 2026 through September 2027 for stream gauge and water quality monitoring.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute one or more contracts for regulatory and legislative services.** Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager, is seeking authorization to execute one or more contracts to retain qualified legislative and regulatory service providers to monitor and address regulatory and legislative matters that may affect GBRA's statutory responsibilities, operations, customers, water and wastewater services, infrastructure, finance, and other interests. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Valdez, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 10, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute one or more contracts for regulatory and legislative services.

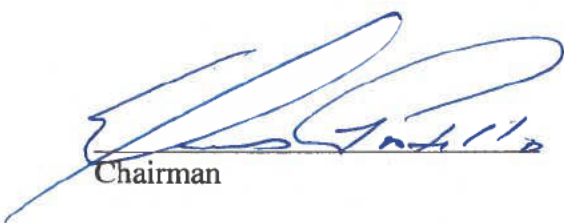
The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 11 - Discussion and update on Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's Strategic Plan.** Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager, provided a review of the current Strategic Plan, including the FY 2026 initiatives for each department. A sample smart sheet and dashboard were provided to the Board to show how GBRA is tracking strategic initiatives, key performance indicators, and overall plan progress. GBRA is in the fourth year of the current five-year plan. The strategic map identifies the goals and objectives consist of a focus on the future, cooperative collaboration, operational excellence, investment in our people, and integrated communication. Mr. Stinson also provided the Board with highlights for FY 2027 and the development of the FY 2028-2032 plan. Darrell Nichols, General Manager/CEO, provided additional information to the Board on the goals contained in the strategic map and requested any information/feedback or clarification from any board member on the current plan.

The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 12 - 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 908.67' as of September 4, 2026. The J-17 well level was 640.80' as of September 14, 2026. Comal Springs was flowing around 185 cfs. 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 11:05 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

The open meeting reconvened at 11:26 a.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m., subject to a call by the Chairman.


Chairman
Secretary/Treasurer