MEETING MINUTES

THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. ON JUNE 25, 2026, AT THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING ROOM 500 IH 69, SUITE 800, ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380.

1) Call to Order
President Eric Burnett called meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2) Invocation
The Invocation was provided by Director - William Dillard.

3) Roll Call:
Roll Call was conducted by Candace Gonzales with the following results.

Voting Members	Title	Attendance
Eric Burnett	President	Present
Allan Bloxsom	First Vice President	Online
Marshall Davidson	Second Vice President	Present
Armandina (Dina) Ramirez	Ex.Com. Member at Large	Present
Jane Bell	Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Fohn Bendele	Member	Present
James Bendele	Member	Present
Ross Cansino	Member	Absent
William Dillard	Member	Present
Shannon T. Freund	Member	Present
Gary G. Krause	Member	Present
Debra Hatch	Member	Present
Jeb Hogan	Member	Present
Olen R. Hughs	Member	Present
Daniel L. Kelley	Member	Present
Mike Moczygemba	Member	Present
Eliza McElhaney	Member	Present
Chasey Sanchez	Member	Present
Daniel R. Suckley	Member	Present
Tony Wood	Member	Present

Note: A quorum of board members was confirmed.

Nueces River Authority had the following staff present:

John J. Byrum, II	Executive Director NRA
John Chisholm	Dep. Executive Director NRA
Candace Gonzales	Executive Assistant
Robin Murray	Chief Financial Officer
Juan Cervantes	Director of IT
William Martin	Director of Infrastructure & Finance
Brad Neighbor	NRA General Counsel -Online

Guest in Attendance:
Randy Palachek-Civitas
Russ Ford- LAN
Ivan Langford-Aurora Technical Services
Cathy Fulton
Lisa Turcotte
Peter Zanoni
Rachel Clow
Isaac

4) Public Comments-
Cathy Fulton
Lisa Turcotte

BRIEFING ITEMS:

5) Executive Director Reports

d) **Update on Public Communications Program** – *Debbie Lindsay-Opal, Three-Dimensional Development*

e) **Update on Nueces River Authority Operations Departments** – John j. Byrum II, Executive Director

f) **NRA Quarterly Financial Report.** – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*

g) **Update on Proposed Petronila Creek Regional Wastewater Plant.** - *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*

h) **Proposed Dates for FY 2026 Board of Director Meetings – July 31, 2026, August 28, 2026.** - *John J. Byrum II - Executive Director*

July 31st would not work for some board members, so a date of Aug. 6, 2026, was suggested. Dan Suckley suggested getting invites out early.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (6-11)

6) Approval of the minutes of May 21, 2026, regular meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors. *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*

A motion made by Dan Suckley, seconded by Debra Hatch to approve the minutes of May 21, 2026, meeting passed unanimously.

7) **Discussion and action on a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board, authorizing the filing of an application for assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith. The application is to be filed for the TWDB State Water Infrastructure Grant (SWIG) for Phase I of the New Water Texas Project which would supply water to Corpus Christi Water and the City of Portland, Texas. -** *John Chisholm - Deputy Executive Director*

A motion was made by Jane Bell and seconded by Chasey Sanchez to file the application for assistance for TWDB State Water Infrastructure Grant (SWIG) for Phase I of the New Water for Texas Project passed unanimously.

8) **Discussion on Nueces River Authority Board of Director Committee objectives and member assignments.** – *Eric Burnett, Board President*

No action was taken

Executive Committee Members:
Eric Burnett, President
Allan Bloxsom, First Vice President
Marshall Davidson, Second Vice President
Jane Bell, Secretary-Treasurer
Dina Ramirez, Member at Large
Purpose: The Executive Committee supports Board leadership and handles matters assigned by the Board or President, consistent with NRA bylaws and applicable law.

Operations Committee
Chair: Tony Wood
Members: Bill Dillard, Mark Moczygemba, Fohn Bendelle
Purpose: Supports Board oversight of NRA operations, programs, facilities, and services.
Scope: Water supply, Water conservation, Water quality protection, Wastewater reclamation, Solid waste management, Drainage, Flood control, Parks and recreation
Key Responsibilities: Help the Board better understand NRA's day-to-day services, customers, and stakeholders. Work with executive management to identify resource needs tied to program goals. Recommend operational improvements to the Board. Support customer and stakeholder feedback processes to help monitor responsiveness and service needs.

Design and Construction Committee
Chair: Marshall Davidson
Members: Danny Kelly, Allan Bloxsom, Feller Hughs

Purpose: Provides Board oversight for projects under design or construction.
Scope: Project design, Construction planning, Construction progress, Budget and timeline oversight for Board-approved projects
Key Responsibilities: Use Board member experience to support executive management's design and construction review process. Monitor established budgets and timelines for Board-approved initiatives. Help identify project risks, gaps, or needed resources. Make recommendations to the Board.

Finance and Audit Committee
Chair: Jane Bell
Members: Debra Hatch, Dan Suckley, Fohn Bendele, Ross Cansino
Purpose: A standing committee that supports Board oversight of NRA finances, budgets, investments, and audit-related matters.
Scope: Budgets, Financial statements, Cash reporting, Investment strategies, Audit-related review
Key Responsibilities: Review budgets and financial statements with executive management.

Administrative / Personnel Committee
Chair: Chasey Sanchez
Members: Marshall Davidson, Debra Hatch, Gary Krause, Eliza McElhaney, Jeb Hogan
Purpose: Supports Board oversight of administrative, personnel, policy, and internal process matters assigned by the President or Board.
Scope: Personnel, Policies and procedures, Information technology, Accounting and Asset Management Office space, public relations, Records management, Consultants, Auditing, Legal services, Other administrative matters delegated by the President or Board
Key Responsibilities: Provide Board oversight in assigned administrative areas.
Work with executive management where assistance or additional resources are needed.
Review policies and procedures to ensure they align with current needs and requirements.
Review changing technologies and administrative practices to ensure they support NRA objectives.
Make recommendations to the Board.

Transparency Task Force
Chair: Ross Cansino
Members: Shannon Freund, James Bendele, Eliza McElhaney
Purpose: A temporary task force focused on transparency, open communication, bylaws review, and alignment with current law and founding principles.
Scope: Transparency in NRA policies and procedures, Internal communications between executive management and the Board, Public communications with customers, stakeholders, and the public, NRA bylaws, Open Meetings Act alignment, Board operations, Officer selection, Committee purpose and structure.
Key Responsibilities: Review NRA policies and procedures related to transparency and communications.
Review NRA bylaws and recommend updates where needed.
Evaluate whether Board operations, officer selection, and committee structures are clear and aligned with current law. Make recommendations to the Board.

9) **Discussion and possible action on forming a Stakeholder Advisory Committee composed of representatives of entities reserving water from the New Water for South Texas Project.** – *John Chisholm – Deputy Executive Director*

Briefing only - A Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be formed comprising 1 representative from each city, water district, or reservation holder. The committee to enhance communication. Meetings dates or how often the committee will meet has not been determined yet. A summary of the committee meetings will be reported back to the board.

10) **Report, discussion and possible action on the activities of the Nueces River Authority Personnel Committee meeting of June 3, 2026.** *Dr. Chasey Sanchez – Chair – NRA Board of Directors Personnel Committee*

The Nueces River Authority Board sets policy and provides oversight. Executive management implements Board policy and manages daily operations. Committees and task forces review assigned areas, support Board understanding, coordinate with executive management as appropriate, and make recommendations to the full Board. They do not take final action unless specifically authorized by the Board.

Common Expectations for All Committees and Task Force, each committee and task force should:

Stay within its assigned scope.
Support Board oversight without replacing executive management.
Work through the chair when coordinating with staff or executive management.
Bring recommendations back to the full Board when action is needed.
Avoid creating final decisions unless specifically authorized by the Board.
Keep the full Board informed of major findings, concerns, and recommendations.

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Make recommendations to the Board.

11) Discussion and action to create a Public Communications Policy or internal process for reviewing and approving press releases, media statements, public responses, and other official communications before they are sent externally. – *Eliza Santos-McElhaney, Nueces River Authority Board Member*

A revised motion made by Marshall Davidson seconded by Debra Hatch that the board authorize Eliza McElhaney to draft a Public Communication Review Policy in coordination with the Executive Director, general counsel, and our communication consultant for the Board's consideration at our next meeting passed unanimously.

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12) Discussion regarding legal matters involving negotiations and agreements with the Development Partner for the Harbor Island Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant for the New Water for South Texas Project. – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*

No Action was taken

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 12:48 pm

13) Discussion and possible action to authorize the Executive Director, upon approval of the Nueces River Authority General Counsel, to execute a Phase I development agreement with IDE for the Harbor Island Seawater Desalination Project. – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*

Motion made by Marshall Davidson, seconded by Bill Dillard to authorize the Executive Director and NRA's legal counsel to continue negotiations with IDE on the Harbor Island project and to promptly prepare a project development agreement for the board approval, consistent with legal counsel in closed session passed unanimously.

14) Meeting adjournment: 1:42 pm

Passed and approved this the 14th day of AUGUST, 2026.

Eric Burnett

Eric Burnett, President

Attest:

Allan P. Bloxsom III

Allan Bloxsom, 1st Vice-President

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