



**NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**  
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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING (IN PERSON AND BY TELECONFERENCE)  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APRIL 19, 2021**

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Board of Directors met in a Special Meeting in person and by teleconference on Thursday, April 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was legally posted in accordance with Government Code, Title 551, Open Meetings.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Larry Parks called the meeting to order at approximately 3:03 p.m.

President Parks advised the following regarding today's meeting:

In accordance with the COVID-19 public health threat and the related March 16, 2020, action by the Office of the Governor, temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, NTMWD will hold its meeting by telephonic conference call.

In lieu of physical attendance of the meeting, the public may teleconference in to the Board meeting by calling 1 (844) 621-3956 and entering the following access code: 928 587 040. Members of the public joining by teleconference and wishing to make public comment during the meeting should follow the instructions for on-line registration listed under Item V. below no later than the start time of the meeting. The meeting will be recorded and the audio recording will be available on the NTMWD website after the meeting. In addition, the public may attend the meeting in person at 501 E. Brown Street Wylie, Texas 75098. Members of the public wishing to make public comment in person at the meeting should follow the registration instructions provided at the meeting location.

**II. ROLL CALL/ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**

Secretary Phil Dyer called the roll and confirmed attendance by teleconference as follows:

1	Anderson, Terry Sam	
2	Appolito, Robert	
3	Carr, John	
4	Crump, George	
5	Dyer, Phil	
6	Farmer, Joe	
7	Fuller, Marvin	

8	Gordon, Don	
9	Grooms, Darrell	
10	Hollifield, David	
11	Imrie, Chip	
12	Johnson, Blair	
13	Joplin, Joe	
14	Kelley, Ron	Absent
15	Kerr, James (Jim)	
16	May, Jack	
17	Murphy, John	Absent
18	Obera, Marlo	
19	Parks, Larry	
20	Patrick, Brenda Jean	
21	Peasley, Richard	
22	Shuyler, Lynn	
23	Stephens, Keith	
24	Sweeden, John	

The following NTMWD legal and financial consultants attended the meeting:

Sheila Gladstone – Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend  
Edward Williams, Baker Tilly

### **III. INSTRUCTIONS FROM MODERATOR**

Interim Executive Director Rodney Rhoades served as moderator for the teleconference and provided instructions to Board members, staff, and the public for conducting the meeting by teleconference. Instructions included:

- Remember to unmute your phone when you acknowledge your presence, provide comments, make a motion/second, and vote. Please then return to mute to minimize any background noise.
- Please announce your name when speaking and when making motions/seconds.
- Please speak clearly and try to be in a quiet location with now background noise.
- Also, please enunciate and project when speaking to ensure all listening can understand.
- If for some reason you drop off the call, simply follow the instructions to redial into teleconference.
- Audio for this meeting will be recorded and made available on our website in accordance with the current modified requirements.
- Secretary Phil Dyer will oversee the voting process and confirm the votes of each Director.
- The public line will be muted except during public comment to avoid noise disruptions so that we can do our best to make sure all participants can clearly hear the proceedings.

### **IV. OPENING REMARKS**

- A. President's Remarks concerning current events, conduct of meeting, posted agenda items, committee assignments, and related matters

President Parks advised that the Regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will have a limited agenda and will include a panel discussion regarding the winter storm event in February.

- B. Interim Executive Director's Status Report concerning legislation and regulatory matters, budgets, current projects and ongoing programs of the District including the Regional Water System, Regional Wastewater System, Regional Solid Waste System, Watershed Protection, and Water Conservation

Interim Executive Director Rodney Rhoades thanked the staff for their efforts preparing for today's meeting.

Assistant Deputy Jim Shirley provided some general instructions for attendees on the operation of new microphones. He advised the meeting room equipment has been upgraded over the past year. He noted partitions that have been installed for safety of the attendees. He advised that during the Executive Session there will be no staff in the room but will be available if needed.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

***INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON-LINE REGISTRATION:*** Prior to the start of the Board meeting, members of the public joining by teleconference and wishing to provide public comment must submit via email to [PublicRelations.Info@ntmwd.com](mailto:PublicRelations.Info@ntmwd.com) their first and last name, organization, comment topic, mailing address and email address. Members of the public attending in person should follow the registration instructions provided at the meeting. During the public comment portion of the meeting, speakers will be recognized by name and asked to provide their comments. The time limit is five (5) minutes per speaker, not to exceed a total of thirty (30) minutes for all speakers. The Board may not discuss these items, but may respond with factual or policy information.

There were no requests for public comments.

## VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

At 3:13 p.m. President Parks announced that an Executive Session of the Board of Directors was being called in order to discuss Agenda Item No. Section VI. A. pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.074, Personnel.

President Parks confirmed with staff that the public access line was disconnected and that the audio recording was disabled during the Executive Session discussion.

- A. Review of final candidates for Executive Director position and possible action regarding same

Open Session reconvened at 7:23 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session. The public teleconference line was reconnected.

Upon reconvening, President Parks called for a motion on Item VI.A.

Director Joe Joplin made a motion to table action on the item until such time as the President feels it is appropriate to be put on an agenda, noting that the action item is already posted on the agenda for April 22, 2021. Motion was seconded by Director Joe Farmer.

The motion passed with a vote of 17 ayes and 4 nays. Voting nay were Directors Carr, May, Patrick, and Stephens.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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LARRY PARKS, President

