

The meeting of the SJWD Water District Commissioners was held May 19, 2026, at 198 Watershed Way, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Commissioners Present: Buddy Carlton (Chair), Frank Nutt (Vice-Chair), Wanda Fowler (Secretary), Barry Frost, Brian Leonard

Senior Management Present: Billy Cothran (Chief Executive Officer), Bobby Walden (Chief Operating Officer), Jeff Diaz (Chief Information and Services Officer)

Staff Present: Josh Fulmer, Julie Gillespie, Katie Clark, Fatima Contreras, Katie Balog, Savannah Bailey, Haley Nichols, Ivonne Osorno, Alexander Kuznetsov, Bradley Norman, Jake Lancaster, Lisa Hart, Camron Moody

Guests Present: Brandon Pridemore and Brenda Lether (virtual via Zoom)

NOTICE OF MEETING

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with South Carolina FOIA requirements. The agenda was provided to WSPA TV and the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, posted in the lobby of SJWD's Administrative Office, and published on SJWD's website.

Buddy Carlton called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 16, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Barry Frost made a motion, seconded by Wanda Fowler, to approve the June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved.

CEO'S REPORT

a. DROUGHT UPDATE

Bobby Walden (Chief Operating Officer) and Bradley Norman (Director of Water Resources and Treatment) gave an update on the local drought status and impacts on the District's water resources.

b. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Bobby Walden (Chief Operating Officer) updated the Commission on the recent organization chart changes under the COO structure.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR ACCESS EASEMENT AND UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG WATERSHED WAY

Brandon Pridemore (R. Joe Harris & Associates) presented requests by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for an access easement and two utility (water and sewer) easements across District property along Watershed Way.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (*Pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)*)

At 11:07 a.m., Brian Leonard made a motion, seconded by Barry Frost, to enter Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss the following matters.

- a. Receipt of legal advice and discussion of a matter involving potential claims related to a previously approved policy
- b. Receipt of legal advice regarding potential regulatory impacts on the District
- c. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed property transaction near Pine Ridge Road
- d. Discussion of contractual arrangements relative to requested easements along Watershed Way

At 12:53 p.m., Wanda Fowler made a motion, seconded by Brian Leonad, to exit Executive Session. The motion was approved.

ANY ACTION, IF NECESSARY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken.

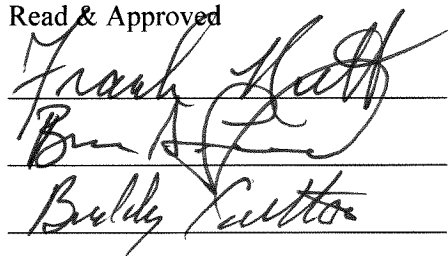
MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting - Tuesday, Augusts 18, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:54 p.m., Frank Nutt made a motion, seconded by Wanda Fowler, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

Read & Approved



Wanda Fowler
Secretary

