

CENTRAL HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
March 4, 2026

The Board of Directors of Central Harris County Regional Water Authority met in regular session, open to the public on March 4, 2026, in accordance with the duly posted notice of meeting. The roll was called of the duly constituted members of said Board of Directors, as follows:

Margaret L. Cox, President
Julian F. Boddy, Vice President
David Granadino, Secretary
Judge Caston, III, Assistant Secretary
Ashley Thompson, Assistant Secretary

all of whom were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Also attending the meeting were: Marcel Khouw and John Hale of IDS Engineering Group, Inc. ("IDS"), engineer for the Authority; Tina Tran of Forvis Mazars, LLP ("Forvis"), bookkeeper for the Authority; Jared Martin of Municipal Operations and Consulting, Inc. ("MOC"), operator for the Authority; Chase Widener of Quiddity Engineering, LLC, representing Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 200 ("No. 200"), Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 205 ("No. 205"), and Rankin Road West Municipal Utility District ("Rankin Road"); Kelvin Smith of Rankin Road; Marcus Jones and Bridget Smith of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 399 ("No. 399"); Roosevelt Johnson of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 150 ("No. 150"); Linda Watkins and Gilbert Miranda of Fallbrook Utility District ("Fallbrook"); and Abraham I. Rubinsky and Cullen Richardson of Schwartz, Page & Harding, L.L.P. ("SPH"), attorneys for the Authority.

The President called the meeting to order and declared it open for such business as might regularly come before it.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Rubinsky noted that the first item on the agenda was to open the meeting for public comments. There were no comments received from the public in attendance at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board next considered approval of the minutes of its meeting held February 4, 2026. After discussion regarding the minutes, Director Thompson moved that the minutes of the meeting held February 4, 2026, be approved as presented. Director Granadino seconded said motion, which unanimously carried.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Ms. Tran presented the Bookkeeper's Report dated March 4, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, including Cash Flows for the Authority's various funds for the period commencing February 4, 2026, through March 4, 2026, the disbursements presented for payment from the Authority's accounts, a Summary of Investments, a Debt Service Schedule, a Budget Comparison for the month of January 2026 and the first month of the Authority's fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, and a Summary of Pumpage Fees and Surface Water Fees paid by Member Districts through January 31, 2026. Ms. Tran next reported that check no. 6584 from the General Operating Fund in the amount of \$92,166.06 was sent to the U.S. Treasury after last month's meeting for payment of a yield reduction payment due to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") in connection with the Authority's Series 2020 Bonds as a replacement for check no. 6559 which was lost in transit by Federal Express. Ms. Tran advised the Board that the U.S. Treasury has acknowledged receipt of the replacement check, but that she is not sure at this time whether any penalties and interest will be imposed by the IRS as a result of the late payment. After discussion, it was moved by Director Caston that the Bookkeeper's Report be approved and the disbursements listed therein be approved for payment from the Authority's various accounts. Director Boddy seconded said motion, which unanimously carried.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY REPORT

The Board next considered authorizing the Authority's consultants to research unclaimed property and Forvis to prepare an Unclaimed Property Report as of March 1, 2026. After discussion, Director Caston moved that the Authority's Operator and Bookkeeper be authorized to research their records to determine whether the Authority is holding any unclaimed property for the stated period, and that Forvis be authorized to prepare an Unclaimed Property Report, if necessary, for the Board's consideration, approval and filing with the State Comptroller prior to July 1, 2026. Director Boddy seconded said motion, which unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

The Board next considered the Financial Advisor's Report. Mr. Rubinsky advised the Board that there was nothing new to report regarding the resolution of the outstanding issues related to the City of Houston's ("COH") FY 2019, FY 2020, FY 2021, FY 2022, FY 2023, FY 2024, and FY 2025 True Up Reports relative to operation and maintenance costs of the Northeast Water Purification Plant ("NEWPP") for each of said fiscal years.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Khouw next presented to and reviewed with the Board a written Engineer's Report dated March 4, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and updated the Board on the status of various matters of interest to the Authority.

Mr. Khouw reported to the Board regarding the ground water usage, surface water usage, and total water usage, as well as the status of compliance with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District ("HGSD") permit requirements, as detailed in the Engineer's Report. He advised the Board

that surface water usage through January 2026 was 744.117 MG, which equaled 65.71% of total water usage in the Authority through such date. Mr. Khouw further reported that IDS completed and submitted the 2025 Annual Pumpage Report to HGSD, as well as the application for renewal of aggregate water well permit fee for the period June 1, 2026, through May 3, 2027.

Mr. Khouw advised the Board that he had no new activity upon which to report at this time regarding the addition of North Forest Municipal Utility District ("North Forest") to the Authority's Groundwater Reduction Plan ("GRP"). Mr. Rubinsky advised the Board that the Petition for Annexation and GRP Participation Agreement between the Authority and North Forest will become effective immediately upon execution of an agreement between North Forest and the COH terminating the City of Houston Water Supply and Groundwater Reduction Plan Wholesale Agreement for Area 3 of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District between said parties, and that North Forest will be added to the Authority's GRP, effective June 1, 2026, the beginning date of the Authority's next aggregate water well permit to be issued by the HGSD. Mr. Rubinsky noted that North Forest and the COH are negotiating a Mutual Termination of North Forest's GRP Participation Agreement with the COH, effective June 1, 2026.

Mr. Khouw next addressed the Board concerning the status of discussions with the COH regarding the COH's request to tie-in to the Authority's 2025 Internal Distribution System to serve four (4) municipal utility districts located both north and south of Beltway 8 and in the vicinity of Veteran's Memorial Drive, which are participants in the COH's GRP, as further detailed in the Engineer's Report.

Mr. Khouw next reported that IDS is continuing to coordinate with the NHCRWA regarding the Authority's participation in the NHCRWA's Hardy Road Line (Project 23) in order to serve Harris County Utility District No. 16 ("No. 16") in the future. He noted that the NHCRWA will prepare a Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Joint Facilities Agreement with the Authority to memorialize the Authority's participation in the Hardy Road Line.

Mr. Khouw next addressed the Board concerning the status of the NEWPP Expansion Project, as further detailed in the Engineer's Report. Mr. Khouw reported that, overall, the project is now approximately 98% complete. Mr. Khouw further reported that the contractor has completed the acceptance testing and requested that Phase 2 be declared substantially complete effective as of December 30, 2025, but that the COH has declined the Houston Waterworks Team ("HWT") request for substantial completion, due to a number of significant outstanding issues that have yet to be resolved. Mr. Khouw advised the Board that HWT is working to address all outstanding issues and punch list items.

Mr. Khouw next reported to the Board concerning the status of construction of Phase I of the Northeast Transmission Line ("NETL"). Mr. Khouw advised the Board that all of the thirteen (13) projects that make up Phase I of the NETL are complete. He further reported that the COH is working on the project true-up, which should be complete by the end of the first quarter of 2026.

Mr. Khouw next advised the Board that the NHCRWA is working on the final accounting of costs for Phase II of the NETL, including Projects 25C, 25D and 25E, the segments of the NHCRWA's 84-inch transmission line in which the Authority is participating, and that the

NHCRWA will invoice the Authority for its share of the project costs once its accounting is complete.

Mr. Khouw next reported to the Board regarding the status of the Authority's 2025 Internal Distribution System, as further detailed in the Engineer's Report. Mr. Hale reviewed the detailed status report for the construction of Bid Package 1 of the 2025 Internal Distribution System (the "Project") attached to the Engineer's Report. He reported that V&S Construction has submitted Pay Application No. 9 in the amount of \$42,495.40 for work completed through February 20, 2026. Mr. Hale recommended that Pay Application No. 9 be approved by the Board. After discussion, it was moved by Director Caston, seconded by Director Thompson and unanimously carried, that Pay Application No. 9 be approved by the Board, as recommended by the Authority's engineer. Mr. Khouw advised the Board that IDS is working to complete Bid Package 2 of the Project and anticipates requesting authorization to bid the project at the April 2026 Board meeting. Mr. Khouw noted that authorization from the Texas Water Development Board will be required before the project can be bid.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PREVAILING WAGE RATE SCALE FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The Board reviewed an annual survey of prevailing wage rates for construction projects and considered the adoption of a Resolution in connection therewith. In that regard, Mr. Rubinsky advised the Board that, as required pursuant to Section 2258.022 of the Texas Government Code, the District has previously adopted the applicable United States Department of Labor ("DOL") wage rate scales for Harris County as the general prevailing wage rates for construction projects by or on behalf of the District. Mr. Rubinsky further advised that the DOL's applicable wage rate scales for Harris County have been amended. After discussion on the matter, Director Caston moved that the new DOL wage rate scales (comprised of two DOL wage determination scales for each project type) for Harris County be adopted as the District's prevailing wage rate scales for construction projects, and that the Resolution Adopting Prevailing Wage Rate Scale for Construction Projects, attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, be adopted by the Board. Director Boddy seconded said motion, which unanimously carried.

OPERATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin presented to and reviewed with the Board a written Operator's Report for the month of February 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. Mr. Martin advised the Board that he had no action items for the Board's consideration this month.

STATUS OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 16 ("NO. 16") REGARDING STATUS OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF WATER IMPORTATION FEES

Mr. Rubinsky next addressed the Board regarding his communications with No.16 regarding the status of No. 16's request for an exemption from payment of Water Importation Fees in connection with its importation of water through its emergency water interconnect with Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 221 from November 16, 2025 through February 6, 2026. In that regard, Mr. Rubinsky advised the Board that correspondence had been forwarded to No. 16

regarding the procedures for requesting an exemption from payment of Water Importation Fees and that he had also discussed the procedures with No. 16's attorney, who had indicated that No. 16 would submit a formal request to the Authority for such an exemption as soon as possible.

APPROVAL OF 2026 WATER SMART APPLICATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF SAME TO THE ASSOCIATION OF WATER BOARD DIRECTORS

Mr. Khouw next advised the Board that IDS has completed the Authority's 2026 Water Smart Application. After discussion, Director Boddy moved that the Resolution Approving Submittal of the Water Smart Application for Inclusion in the Association of Water Board Directors Water Smart Partners Program attached hereto as **Exhibit E** be adopted and that the President and Secretary be authorized to execute same on behalf of the Board and the Authority. Director Granadino seconded said motion, which unanimously carried.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Mr. Rubinsky next presented to and reviewed with the Board a Government Affairs Update received from C.J. Tredway, dated March 4, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**. No action was taken by the Board in connection with said matter.

RENEWAL OF INSURANCE COVERAGES

Mr. Rubinsky next presented for the Board's review a proposal for renewal of the Authority's various insurance policies expiring March 31, 2026, received from Brown & Brown Insurance Services, Inc., the agent for the Texas Municipal League's Intergovernmental Risk Pool ("TML"), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit G**. A discussion ensued regarding TML's new Cyber Liability – Data Breach policy. After discussion on the matter, Director Thomas moved that the TML insurance proposal be accepted, including the Cyber Liability – Data Breach policy, and that the President be authorized to execute same on behalf of the Board and the Authority. Director Granadino seconded said motion, which unanimously carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Board next considered the Attorney's Report. Mr. Rubinsky briefly reported to the Board regarding the status of the lawsuit between the COH and HWT. He noted that the trial did not proceed on February 17, 2026, as scheduled, and advised that he would address the status of such lawsuit further with the Board in Closed Session.

DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF AUTHORITY WEBSITE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEMBER DISTRICTS

Mr. Rubinsky noted that there was no new activity to report in connection with the Authority's website or other communications with Member Districts.

2026 DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT PROCESS; ORDER DECLARING UNOPPOSED NOMINEES ELECTED

Mr. Rubinsky next discussed with the Board the status of the Authority's 2026 Director Appointment Process, including the status of receipt of nominating resolutions. Mr. Rubinsky advised the Board that SPH had received formal Resolutions from: (i) Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 33 nominating (a) Director Cox to continue to serve in the Director Precinct No. 1 position, and (b) Director Caston to continue to serve in the At-Large (Position No. 2) position; (ii) Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 217 nominating Director Caston to continue to serve in the At-Large (Position No. 2) position; and (iii) No. 399 and No. 200 each nominating Director Thompson to continue to serve in the Director Precinct No. 3 position. Mr. Rubinsky advised that the nomination period ended at 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2026.

The Board next considered the adoption of an Order Declaring Unopposed Nominees Elected. Mr. Rubinsky advised that, in accordance with the authorization granted in the Authority's creation legislation, the Board is authorized to declare unopposed candidates to be elected. As noted above, Mr. Rubinsky reiterated that Resolutions were received nominating Director Cox for the Director Precinct No. 1 position, Director Caston for the At-Large (Position No. 2) position, and Director Thompson for the Director Precinct No. 3 position, and that no other nominations were received by the applicable deadline. Therefore, Directors Cox, Caston and Thompson were unopposed with respect to the positions for which they were nominated. Mr. Rubinsky then presented a written Order Declaring Unopposed Nominees Elected to Board of Directors, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit H**. After discussion, Director Boddy moved that the Order be adopted by the Board declaring Margaret L. Cox, Judge Caston, III, and Ashley Thompson appointed to the positions for which they were nominated for terms expiring on May 15, 2030, and that the President be authorized to execute and the Secretary to attest same on behalf of the Board and the Authority. Director Granadino seconded said motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Rubinsky noted that Directors Cox, Caston and Thompson would be formally re-seated at the Board's meeting to be held in June 2026.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:26 p.m., the Board President announced that the Board would meet in Closed Session to consult with the Authority's attorney pursuant to matters authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (consultation with Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation or matters protected by attorney-client privilege). At this time, all those present, with the exception of the Board, Mr. Khouw, Mr. Hale, Mr. Rubinsky and Mr. Richardson, exited the meeting.

At 7:42 p.m., the Board President announced that the Board would reconvene in Open Session. No action was taken by the Board as a result of the discussions conducted in Closed Session.

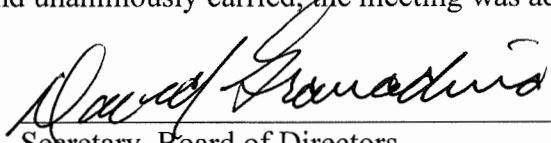
ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA PERTINENT TO THE AUTHORITY

The Board considered items for placement on future agendas. Except as may be reflected above, there were no additional agenda items requested other than routine, ongoing matters.

Mr. Rubinsky noted that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the offices of IDS.

ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Director Boddy, seconded by Director Granadino, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary, Board of Directors

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES

- Exhibit A Bookkeeper's Report
- Exhibit B Engineer's Report
- Exhibit C Resolution Adopting Prevailing Wage Rate Scale for Construction Projects
- Exhibit D Operator's Report
- Exhibit E Resolution Approving Submittal of the Water Smart Application for Inclusion in the Association of Water Board Directors Water Smart Partners Program
- Exhibit F Government Affairs Update
- Exhibit G Insurance Renewal Proposal from Brown & Brown Insurance Services, Inc.
- Exhibit H Order Declaring Unopposed Nominees Elected