

**Final Minutes  
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board  
December 7, 2023**

**Board Members**

Alex Chen, Vice Chair  
Andrew Lee  
Diane Pottinger  
Paula Laschober  
Jeremy Delmar, Chair  
Ron Little, 7<sup>th</sup> Member  
Shane Young

**Utility Representatives**

Abdoul Gafour  
Alaine Sommargren  
Bob Danson  
Boyd Benson  
Jane Vandenberg  
Jorgan Peadon  
Michael Martin  
Mike Amburgey  
Pete Eberle  
Steve Leniszewski  
Suzi O'Byrne

**SPU Attendees**

Amy LaBarge  
Eugene Mantchev  
Julie Crittenden  
Marriah Collins  
Kelly O'Rourke  
Regina Carpenter  
Terri Gregg  
Wayne Liou

**Other Attendees**

Darcey Peterson  
John Gibson  
Kathleen Quong-Vermeire  
Melissa Golan  
Logan Wallace  
Lynne Danielson  
Pam Maloney  
Robert Russell  
Ron Ricker  
Roxanne Heller

**1. Welcome, Roll Call & Announcements**

**2. Agenda/Minutes**

- a) The **November 2, 2023** minutes were ***approved 6-0***.
- b) The **December 7, 2023** agenda was ***approved 6-0***.

**3. New Business**

**3a) Operating Board Business & 2024 Work Plan**

Kelly O'Rourke, SPU Interim Wholesale Water Contracts Manager, covered several end-of-the-year Operating Board business items. Votes were held on the following:

- 2024 draft work plan including topics, meeting format, and virtual software (***approved 6-0***).
- Amend the Operating Board bylaws to remove the "12 successive years" term limit for voting Board members (***approved 6-0***).
- Renew Ron Little as Independent Member (***approved 6-0***).
- Nominate and elect 2024 Chair (Alex Chen) and Vice Chair (Shane Young) (***approved 6-0***).
- Increase in compensation for Independent Member (***approved 6-0***).

**3b) Cascade Contract Negotiation Update**

Alex Chen, SPU Water LOB Deputy Director, and Andrew Lee, SPU GM/CEO, shared information verbally regarding the status of the contract negotiations with Cascade Water Alliance. The discussion included a new option that SPU plans to present to Cascade staff in December and to the Cascade board in January. There was a robust discussion among the group regarding the option.

**4. Executive Summaries & Other Business**

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies:** Actual consumption to date is 4% higher than the 2020 Rate Study projection and 2% higher than this time last year.
- **Water Supply Update:** This was mentioned only briefly, due to time constraints.
- **Future Meetings:**
  - **No January meeting**
  - **Feb 1, 2024:** In-person meeting & tour at SPU's Operations Control Center (noon-3pm)
  - **Mar 7, 2024:** Hybrid regular monthly meeting - Mercer Island Community & Event Center (1-3pm)

5. Good of the Order

- No comments.

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Approved by:



[Alex Chen \(Feb 2, 2024 11:36 PST\)](#)

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**Chair, Alex Chen**  
**Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board**

02/02/2024

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**Date**