

Minutes February 1, 2024 - Final

Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

1. Welcome, Roll Call & Announcements

- Attendance as follows:

First Name	Last Name	Utility	Official Operating Board Role
Hilary	Allison	SPU	
Julie	Belt	Woodinville	
Boyd	Benson	Bothell	Utility Rep
Alex	Chen	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member + Chair
Julie	Crittenden	SPU	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
Kathy	Curry	Woodinville	Utility Rep
Bob	Danson	Olympic View	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
Jeremy	Delmar	Highline	Utility Rep + Board Member
Abdoul	Gafour	Renton	Utility Rep
Elizabeth	Garcia	SPU	
Melissa	Golan	SPU	
Andrew	Greenhill	SPU	
Terri	Gregg	SPU	
Charlotte	Haines	North City	
Patricia	Hale	North City	
Christian	Hoffman	Woodinville	
Bob	Keenan	SPU	
Andrew	Lee	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member
Steve	Leniszewski	Duvall	Utility Rep
Wayne	Liou	SPU	
Ron	Little	n/a	Independent Member
Pam	Maloney	Woodinville	
Michael	Martin	WD 20	Utility Rep
Suzi	O'Byrne	Coal Creek	Utility Rep
Kelly	O'Rourke	SPU	
Julie	Padilla	SPU	
Maura	Patterson	SPU	
Jorgan	Peadon	WD 49	Utility Rep
Darcey	Peterson	WD 90	
Matthew	Porter	SPU	
Diane	Pottinger	North City	Utility Rep + Board Member
Kathleen	Quong-Vermeire	Highline	
Ron	Ricker	North City	
Winsome	Robinson-Williams	SPU	
Sandra	Tachibana	Woodinville	
Jane	Vandenberg	Soos Creek	Utility Rep
Tom	Walker	SPU	
Max	Woody	North City	
Shane	Young	WD 125	Utility Rep + Board Member + Vice Chair

2. Agenda/Minutes

- The December 7, 2023 minutes were approved 6-0.
- The February 1, 2024 agenda was approved 6-0.

3. Old Business

- None

4. New Business

- a) **SPU Water System Operations:** Tom Walker, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Operations Manager, and Bob Keenan, SPU Operations Technology Manager, provided a history and overview of how SPU Operations' staff run the regional water system. Questions and discussion ensued on staffing, training, succession planning, the resiliency of operations, and the extent of SPU's remote capabilities (remote manual versus automated).
- b) **Water Quality Division Work:** Winsome Robinson-Williams, SPU's Drinking Water Quality Division Director, provided an overview presentation on the Water Quality Lab.

5. Executive Summaries & Other Business

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies:** This document was briefly referenced.
- **Water Supply Update:** A brief update was provided by Matthew Porter, SPU Water Resource Planner.
- **2024 OB Utility Categories, Reps, Board & Terms:** The group was reminded they were provided this updated list reflecting changes for 2024.
- **OB Bylaws Amended:** A brief summary of the amended Operating Board bylaws was mentioned, enabling Operating Board members to stay on longer than 12 years.
- **2024 OB Work Plan:** The group was reminded they were provided this 2024 workplan, which was approved at the Dec 2023 Operating Board meeting.
- **Next Meeting:** March 7 – Hybrid meeting, Mercer Island Community Center 1-3PM.

6. Good of the Order

- Alex Chen mentioned that SPU has been doing more PFAS sampling in the region and will report back to the Operating Board in the near future with findings.

7. Tour Operations Control Center


- Tom Walker and Bob Keenan led the group on a tour into the Control Center room where skilled operators work 24/7 to move and control the flow of water around the region.

8. Tour Water Quality Lab

- Winsome Robinson-Williams and Barbara Szczachor, SPU Chemistry & Limnology Supervisor, led the group on a tour of the Water Quality Lab where staff work 7 days a week testing water samples to ensure we meet all regulatory requirements.

Board meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Approved by:


Alex Chen (Mar 7, 2024 17:43 PST)

Chair, Alex Chen
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

03/07/2024

Date