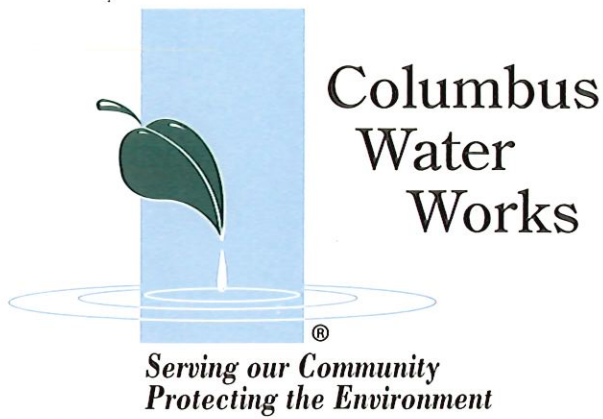




July 20, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia, was held on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at our Main Office, Chattahoochee Room. Chairman Nick Smith took the roll call, and the following Commissioners were present:

Nick Smith, Chairman
Jennifer Upshaw, Vice Chair
Brooks Yancey
Oz Roberts
Mayor Skip Henderson

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on May 11, 2026, was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Mayor Skip Henderson and seconded by Oz Roberts to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Vickie Clark presented the Financial Reports for May and June 2026, including Ft Benning, to the Board. A motion was made by Brooks Yancey and seconded by Oz Roberts to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Jason Jay presented a fee waiver request from NeighborWorks. NeighborWorks Columbus requested to waive water and sewer connection fees for Newman's Crossing development. This phase consists of 62 single-family homes, of which 51% (32) are low-

income. Based on current plans, the requested connection and impact fees total \$30,720.00. Staff requests Board approval for the waiver of water and sewer fees at a total of \$30,720.00. A motion was made by Mayor Skip Henderson and seconded by Oz Roberts. Motion carried.

Jason Jay presented a request for board approval for the Warrior Training Center Foundry Facility project. This project provides water and sanitary sewer service to Fort Benning, Georgia's new Warrior Training Center Foundry Facility. The new water main will have segments of eight-inch and two-inch pipes, totaling 365 linear feet. The new sewer main will have segments of eight-inch and six-inch pipes, totaling 760 linear feet. This project will also require rerouting of 40 linear feet of 19"x30" Storm Pipe. This project will be funded through a modification of the Fort Benning Contract. On June 25, 2026, CWW received bids from four companies to perform this work in accordance with the engineering plans and specifications provided by Krebs Engineering. The engineer's estimate was \$307,519.00. The engineer has reviewed and tabulated the bids and recommends the contract award to Warr Grading Contractor, Inc. as the low responsive, responsible bidder, at the bid price of \$201,342.00 (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod). Staff requests Board approval to award the Warrior Training Center Foundry Facility Utilities Project to Warr Grading Contractor, Inc. at the bid price of \$201,342.00. A motion was made by Oz Roberts and seconded by Jennifer Upshaw. Motion carried.

Jason Jay presented a request for board approval on the following project. This project includes the pre-construction services of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) treatment improvements at the Fort Benning Water Treatment Plant (FBWTP) and the North Columbus Water Resources Facility (NCWRF). On June 4th, 2026, CWW

received requests for proposals from three companies to perform this work in accordance with the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) project delivery method.

The proposals were publicly opened and verified, then ranked as follows:

Contractor	Weighted Score
Haskell	95.6
Archer Western	93.6
Reeves Young	65.8

A committee of CWW stakeholders reviewed the proposals and conducted interviews with all three firms and selected Haskell as the qualified and the most advantageous contractor for this effort. The engineer of record, Freese Nichols, has reviewed the committee's selection and recommends a CMAR Pre-Construction Services contract award to Haskell as the successful, responsive, responsible bidder, at the bid price of \$400,000 for the Fort Benning Water Treatment Plant (Contingent on executed Fort Benning Contract Mod) and \$850,000 for the North Columbus Water Resources Facility (Funded via 2026 Bond).

Staff requests Board approval to award the PFAS Improvements at the Fort Benning Water Treatment Plant and the North Columbus Water Resources Facility contract to Haskell at the bid price of \$400,000 for the Fort Benning Water Treatment Plant and \$850,000 for the North Columbus Water Resources Facility. A motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts. Motion carried.

John Peebles presented the Phenix City Mutual Aid Agreement to the board. This mutual aid agreement was executed in 2007 between the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia, and the City of Phenix City, Alabama, to develop a formal process

by which either party may come to the aid of the other to provide essential water services in case of an emergency or other disruption of water service. There is an existing water main connection between the two water systems that allows up to 8 million gallons per day (8 MGD) to be transported to either party at the discretion of the supplying party. This agreement had an effective term of 10 years but could be extended by mutual agreement. The former agreement has been updated by both parties. President Cummings requested board approval to enter into the updated Mutual Aid Agreement with Phenix City. A motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts. Motion carried.

Aric Jackson recognized the following promotions for May and June: Elijah Jenkins, promoted to Field Services Technician I, Tre Thomas, promoted to Field Services Technician II, Ritchie Bales, promoted to Line Locator Technician III, Thomas Lee, promoted to Watershed Programs Specialist, William Lewis, promoted to Field Services Cleaning Technician II, De'Montaye Oliver, promoted to Mechanical Technician I, Carter Frieberg, promoted to Meter Technician, Delvin Hill, promoted to Field Services Technician I, Anthony Arrington, promoted to Watershed Programs Technician, Dontavious Harris, promoted to Field Services Cleaning Technician I, Keenen Mitchell, promoted to Field Services Technician II, Dylan Sanders, promoted to Field Services Technician II, Justin Bryan, promoted to Field Services Technician II.

Aric Jackson presented the 2026 Trenching and Excavation Training to the board. The program included both classroom instruction and hands-on field exercises designed to reinforce safe trenching and excavation practices, regulatory compliance, and hazard recognition for employees working in or around excavation operations. The presentation also highlighted the collaboration with Dobbs Equipment, Marsh McLennan Agency, and

the Columbus Fire Department, demonstrating Columbus Water Works' ongoing commitment to employee safety, emergency preparedness, and strong community partnerships.

John Peebles presented the UGA Ecology Tour to the board. On May 21st, CWW hosted students at the UGA School of Ecology for the eighth straight year. Jeremy Cummings welcomed the class and presented an overview of CWW. John Peebles toured them through the Raw Water Pump Station, the North Columbus Resource Facility, the 11th Street Diversion Structure, and the Uptown Columbus Combined Sewer Treatment Facility. Amy Gamble-Coker toured them through the Environmental Services Water Quality Laboratory.

The following Departmental Reports for June 2026 were provided to the Board as information only:

- Customer Service Report
- Meter Maintenance/Water Accountability Report
- Engineering Report
- Field Services Report
- Information Services Report
- Environmental Services Report
- Strategic Planning, Communications, Community Outreach Report
- Employee Services Report
- Water Resource Operations/Managed Maintenance Report

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Skip Henderson and seconded by Oz Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Brittany Brossett
Brittany Brossett, Secretary