



Columbus Water Works

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May 12, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia was held on Monday, May 12, 2025, 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, Chair
Jennifer Upshaw, Vice Chair
Wes Kelley
Oz Roberts
Mayor Skip Henderson

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on March 10, 2025, was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

President Cummings presented the following Resolutions to the Board recognizing Rebecca Butts and Howard Shiver upon their retirement. They were unable to attend the meeting.

A Resolution

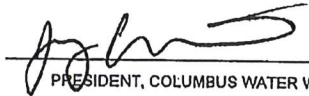
Whereas, Rebecca Butts, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since October 1976, is retiring; and,

Whereas, Rebecca Butts has served in the capacity of Vice President of Communications & Customer Service in the Communications Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

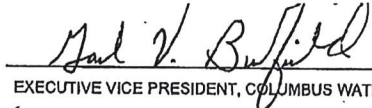
Whereas, Rebecca Butts, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout her forty-eight years of service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Rebecca Butts for her diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board on this twelfth day of May 2025 and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Rebecca Butts and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS



CHAIR, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

A Resolution

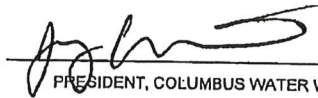
Whereas, Howard Shiver, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since April 2009, is retiring; and,

Whereas, Howard Shiver, has served in the capacity of Construction Manager in the Engineering Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

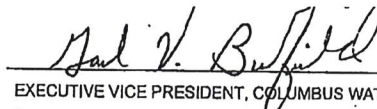
Whereas, Howard Shiver, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his fifteen years of service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Howard Shiver for his diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board on this twelfth day of May 2025 and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Howard Shiver and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS



CHAIR, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Vickie Clark presented the Financial Report for the month of April 2025, including Ft. Benning, to the Board. A motion was made by Oz Roberts and seconded by Oz Roberts and Wes Kelley to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried. She also presented the financials for March 2025, including Ft. Benning, to the Board. A motion was made by Wes Kelley and seconded by Jennifer Upshaw to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

President Cummings presented the Operating Budget for FY 2025-2026 which was previously provided to the Board for their consideration. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts to adopt the Operating Budget for FY 2025-2026. Motion carried. A copy of the 2025-2026 Budget is on file at the office of Columbus Water Works.

The following Departmental Reports for March and April 2025 were provided to the Board as information only:

- Customer Service Reports
- Customer Advocacy/Meter Maint/Water Accountability Reports
- Engineering Reports
- Field Services Reports
- Information Services/Environmental Services Reports
- Communications Report

- Employee Services Report
- Water Resource Operations/Managed Maintenance Reports

There was no discussion.

President Cummings provided the following items of information to the Board:

- President Cummings received a Thank You note from Tracy Sayers with The Pezold Companies, thanking Dernardoe Spears for his efforts in getting a fire line installed at the Fort Benning Zaxby's in record time. With his efforts they were able to meet their inspection goal on time. Hats off to Dernardoe and his team.
- President Cummings received a Thank You note from Kristin Barker with Georgia Center for Opportunity, thanking Savonne Monell for serving on their Advisory Board and volunteering with the Jobs for Life classes. Savonne added tremendous value during the mock interviews. Participants enjoyed the positive interactions to include feedback and encouragement. Thank You Savonne for your dedication.

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



Vic Burchfield, Secretary