

October 14, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia was held on Tuesday, October 14, 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
Absent:	Oz Roberts
	Mayor Skip Henderson

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on August 11, 2025, was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Wes Kelley and seconded by Jennifer Upshaw to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Aric Jackson recognized several employee promotions for the month of September, acknowledging the hard work and dedication of team members across the organization. Brittany Brossett was promoted to Chief of Staff, Karen Martinez to Client Experience Manager, Michael Buss to Mechanical Tech I, Blake Dexter to Mechanical Tech I, Claire Bracewell to P & S Coordinator, Senquez Mercer to Field Services Crew Leader II, Ulysses Ford to Field Services Tech II and DeAngelo Whitherspoon to Field Service Technician I. Their continued commitment and contributions have strengthened

the organization, and each promotion reflects their exceptional performance and leadership.

Aric Jackson presented the following Resolution to the Board, recognizing our retiree, Anthony D. Cooper.

A Resolution


Whereas, Anthony D. Cooper, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since February 1990, is retiring; and,

Whereas, Anthony D. Cooper has served in the capacity of Field Services Crew Leader I in the Field Services Wastewater Collection Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

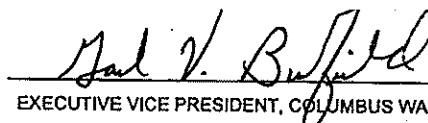
Whereas, Anthony D. Cooper has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his thirty-three years of service;

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 Anthony D. Cooper 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 fourteenth day of October 2025 and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Anthony D. Cooper 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 Reports for the months of August and September 2025, including those for Ft. Benning, to the Board. A motion was made by Wes Kelley and seconded by Jennifer Upshaw to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

President Cummings presented the following items related to the rate increase events for the 2026 water and sewer rate increase:

- Letter to Board – Proposed 2026 Water and Sewer Rate Increase
- Dates for having a Town Hall Meeting on October 16th and a Public Hearing at the City Council Meeting on October 28th

John Peebles presented the 3rd Ranger Battalion Task Force Training Exercise to the Board. On the nights of July 31st, August 2nd, and August 3rd, the South Columbus Water Resource Facility was used as an Off-Post Target for a Ranger Platoon Raid. This involved a simulated combat scenario with helicopters and blank ammunition, in which the Rangers attacked an opposing force to regain control of a water facility.

President Cummings presented an updated Organizational Chart to the Board. The chart is typically shared during our annual budget preparation period, and this year's update reflects several recent retirements and promotions. The revised structure ensures that roles and responsibilities are aligned with current operational needs, supporting continued efficiency across the organization.

The following Departmental Reports for August and September 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

President Cummings recently received a letter from Enrichment Services Program, Inc. expressing their appreciation for allowing Savonne Monell to serve on their Board of Directors for the past two years. During her tenure, Savonne served as Board Chair and made a lasting impact on the organization. We extend our thanks to Savonne for her dedication, leadership and service.

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



Vic Burchfield, Secretary