

MEETING MINUTES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE
BROWARD COUNTY WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Friday, August 15, 2025, 9:30 AM Hybrid Meeting via Zoom

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held on August 15, 2025, commencing at 9:30 am in person at 115 S. Andrews Ave Room 430 and virtually on Zoom. TAC meeting minutes were summarized by Delani Wood (dwood@broward.org; 954-519-1251). Copies of the presentations are filed with the supplemental papers for the meeting.

Link to the recording:

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I. Statement of Meeting Objectives

II. Roll Call

Name	In Person	Virtual	Absent	Alternate Name
Albert Carbon (Chair)	X			Chris Cappiello
Randolph Brown Vice- Chair	X			
Alan Garcia	ALT			Michael Zygnerski
Allison Witoshinsky		X		
Brett Butler		X		
Commissioner Doug Bell			X	Robert Goggin IV
Darren Badore	X			
David Walker			X	
Dawn Teetsal		ALT		Deann Von Stetina
Giovanni Batista		X		
Heather Cuniff			X	
Isabel Cosio Carballo			X	
Jeff Jiang	X			Giselle Hipolito
Dr. Jennifer Jurado	X			
Jose Lopez		X		
Luis Ochoa	X			Andrew Sobrino
Patrick Davis	ALT			Janeen Wietgreffe
Pete Kwiatkowski	X			
Rafael Frias	X			Irela Bague / Isabel Botero
Renuka Mohammed	X			Kiersy Pena Bratton
Rodrigo de Castro		X		
Stephanie Pearson			X	
Steve Holmes			X	
Suzanne Mechler	X			Jon Goldman/Joan Fernandez
Talal Abi-Karam	X			

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. **TAC Approval of Minutes for June 20th, 2025

Motion: Randy Brown

Second: Gio Batista

Vote: unanimous approval

V. Announcements

- The retirements of Mr. Randy Brown, Mr. Jeff Jiang, Ms. Susan Bodman were recognized in appreciation of their years of service on the TAC.
- \$1.8 million has been allocated by the Broward County Board of Commissioners for culvert improvements as part of the Resilience Plan. A call for projects will be announced soon to support culvert projects that deliver immediate flood risk reduction benefits.

VI. **Election for Vice Chair

Talal Abi-Karam was elected Vice Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee.

VII. Presentations:

A. **2025 IWRP Recommendations

Dr. Gregory Mount and Dr. Rajendra Sishodia, Broward County Resilient Environment Department

Dr. Mount presented staff responses and recommendations for the 2025 Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP) grant applications. Five applications were submitted: two for feasibility and design and three for the construction of water reuse systems. Staff recommended funding for all five projects.

The recommendations will next go to the Water Advisory Board (WAB) and Board of Commissioners for approval. Following approval, scopes of work and interlocal agreements will be developed in early 2026, with project implementation anticipated to begin in April 2026.

Additional funding for design projects will be made available through a second call for projects in approximately six months, as not all funds have been expended. The committee unanimously approved the recommended projects.

B. Oakland Park Stormwater Pump Projects

Eric A. Stanley, PE, Senior Associate Hazen and Sawyer

Mr. Stanley provided an overview of two stormwater resiliency projects in Oakland Park designed to reduce flooding along NE 6th Avenue and within the North Andrews Gardens neighborhood.

These projects build upon prior resilience planning efforts conducted in Oakland Park, including various flood models, the North Andrews Gardens North Basin Outfall Study (2017), the Flood Vulnerability Assessment (2020), and the Stormwater Master Plan (2022).

New pump stations will be installed at each site to reduce flooding to levels that ensure adequate roadway access during emergencies. These roadway-level improvements will also enable the City of Oakland Park to access Broward County Mobility Advancement Program (MAP) surtax funding.

C. Underwater: Broward 2025 Year in Review

Delani Wood, Broward County Resilient Environment Department

Ms. Wood presented an overview of *Underwater: Broward*, a community engagement project led by the Broward Resilience Unit in partnership with the Cortada Foundation. The project aims to raise awareness about sea level rise and changing climate conditions through creative community outreach.

In its second year, the project included six public school workshops, each culminating in a permanent hand-painted mural installed on campus. Additionally, a *Community Climate Conversation* was held in July, drawing more than 120 attendees to discuss community resilience, the Resilience Plan, and opportunities for public involvement.

VIII. New Business and Committee Updates

- Dr. Jurado announced that the Resilience Unit will be hosting a fellow from the Young Southeast Asia Leaders Initiative (YSEALI). The fellow from Vietnam will focus on climate and resiliency initiatives. Dr. Jurado invited committee members to share any potential field trip opportunities or activities the fellow could participate in.
- A reminder was given regarding the stormwater sensor project, which is seeking partners to help install flood and rain gauge sensors throughout the county.

For future presentation ideas, please contact Dr. Gregory Mount, GMount@broward.org

IX. Next scheduled TAC Meeting: October 17, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

X. Next scheduled Joint WAB/TAC Meeting: September 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT