

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

Friday, February 20, 9:30 AM Hybrid Meeting via Zoom

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held on February 20, 2026, 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](mailto:dwood@broward.org); 954-519-1251). Copies of the presentations are filed with the supplemental papers for the meeting.

Link to the recording:

[https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/rec/share/A146Wn654U1AcoVtGTuNCwREOJ0f\\_BfqzpiK5A58171yxECmzSc\\_a0opaL0TNYooq.j8hWKF5vOubcQTxN](https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/rec/share/A146Wn654U1AcoVtGTuNCwREOJ0f_BfqzpiK5A58171yxECmzSc_a0opaL0TNYooq.j8hWKF5vOubcQTxN)

Passcode: i&Z%2Ws+

**I. Meeting Objectives**

**II. Roll Call**

Name	In Person	Virtual	Absent	Alternate Name
Albert Carbon (Chair)	X			Chris Cappiello
Talal Abi-Karam Vice-Chair				
Alan Garcia	ALT			Michael Zygnerski
Allison Witoshinsky	X			
Brett Butler		X		
Commissioner Doug Bell	X			Robert Goggin IV
Darren Badore	X			
David Walker			X	
Alicia Joseph		X		Dawn Teetsal
Giovanni Batista		X		
Heather Cunniff	X			
Isabel Cosio Carballo		X		Christina Miskis
Chad Maraj (First Meeting)			X	
Dr. Jennifer Jurado	X			
Jose Lopez		ALT		Andrea Del Rio
Luis Ochoa			X	Andrew Sobrino
Patrick Davis	X			Janeen Wietgreffe
Pete Kwiatkowski	X			
Randy Brown (First Meeting)	X			
Renuka Mohammed	X			Kiersy Pena Bratton
Rodrigo de Castro		ALT		Sangeeta Dhulashia
Stephanie Pearson			X	
Steve Holmes	X			
Suzanne Mechler	X			Jon Goldman/Joan Fernandez

### **III. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **IV. \*\*TAC Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2025**

Motion: Giovanni Batista  
Second: Darren Badore  
Unanimous approval

### **V. \*\*Review of Applications and Appointments for TAC Vacancies**

#### **a. At-Large (1)**

- Randy Brown with Eagle Utility Management has previously served on the TAC committee and was voted to join as the at-large member.

#### **b. Utility Director/City Engineer/Public Works Dept Director (2)**

- Chad Maraj with the City of Coral Springs ran uncontested and was voted to join as a new TAC member.

### **VI. Announcements**

- Dr. Jurado shared that the Broward business community is hosting the second annual Resilient Broward event on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This event supports public-private partnerships to recognize and address resilience challenges in the community. The event is at capacity, though the organizers have made provisions for virtual attendance.
- The Broward Back Bay Study has already been authorized for appropriations through the Army Corps of Engineers. This will be a 216 study to allow Broward County to conduct resilience studies.
- Section 219 call for projects for water infrastructure will allow for a continuous stream of funding. We need congressional members to sponsor individual projects. This is an important legislative session to conduct this work and align funding for future infrastructure projects.

Retirement of Mr. Peter Kwiatkowski – Mr. Kwiatkowski was recognized for his years of service and contributions to Broward County's water resource management.

### **VII. Presentations:**

#### **A. 2026 Ethics Refresher**

*Ms. Alexis Marrero-Koratich, Esq., Assistant County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney*

A review of Florida's Sunshine Law requirements was given. For any questions, be sure to contact county attorney's office. Any time two or more board members communicate regarding issues that could potentially go before the board for a vote, it needs to be Sunshine Noticed to give the public the opportunity for public comment.

Public records need to be kept for all matters related to the board in case of a public records request. Public records can be through any avenue (social media, email, text) for subject matter pertaining to the board.

Gifts received should be checked with county attorney to ensure gift rules are not violated. Board members may not receive gifts from contractors, vendors, lobbyists, or principals of a lobbyist.

Conflicts of Interest need to be disclosed to the board. A form can be filed to waive the conflict. Members must abstain from voting when there is potential to affect their private interests. Board members are obligated to vote if there is no conflict.

Board members are prohibited from lobbying for compensation.

## **B. SFWMD Drought Awareness**

*Thomas Colios, Water Supply Planning, South Florida Water Management District*

Districtwide rainfall in the past 30 days is only 27% of normal. Broward County has gotten 0.45", or 18% of normal. We are in severe drought conditions with high potential for saltwater intrusion.

Groundwater levels are being checked weekly. No wells in Broward have yet been flagged as problematic. SFWMD urges utilities to closely monitor the saltwater intrusion line and share data with the District.

## **C. The Future is Here: A Path to Potable Reuse in Florida**

*Dr. Eva Steinle-Darling, PhD, PE, Reuse Technical Practice Director, and  
Pranjali Kumar, PE, Southeast Reuse Lead, Carollo Engineers*

Reclaimed water is used for a variety of purposes in Florida and throughout the nation. Water reuse legislation is created on a state-by-state basis to bridge the gap between environmental water quality and potable water quality protections.

Florida rulemaking process for water reuse was reviewed beginning with the creation of the Potable Reuse Commission in 2018. Regulations for water reuse were reviewed.

TAC members received a refresher on the different types of water reuse and the need for reclaimed water supply. Potable water reuse projects are becoming more common around the world, with multiple sites under construction in the state of Florida.

The importance of public perception and community outreach was emphasized to implement successful potable reuse projects.

A case study on diversified water supply for the Town of Davie was explored to showcase local planning for potable water reuse projects.

## **VIII. New Business and Committee Updates**

Albert Carbon shared the City of Fort Lauderdale's new Prospect Lake water treatment plant will be coming online in September and offered a presentation about the startup procedures involved.

Pete Kwiatkowski recommended for the SFWMD to present on results of the 2045 Water Supply Planning model with sea level rise considerations.

Greg Mount shared a meeting with FIU Applied Robotics laboratory; they are looking for project partners to utilize robots designed to enter tunnels and survey ceilings for water/wastewater applications.

For future presentation ideas, please contact Dr. Gregory Mount, [GMount@broward.org](mailto:GMount@broward.org)

**IX. Next scheduled TAC Meeting:** April 17, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

**X. Next scheduled Joint WAB/TAC Meeting:** March 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**