



Orange Water and Sewer Authority

OWASA is Carrboro-Chapel Hill's not-for-profit public service agency delivering high quality water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services.

Summary of the OWASA Board of Directors' Work Session On May 13, 2021

Please note: The summary below was prepared by staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board. OWASA's [webpage with Board meeting information](#) includes the Board's adopted minutes, agenda materials, staff's meeting summaries, recordings of Board meetings on second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The agenda and related information for the May 13th meeting that was held virtually are available [here](#).

The Board of Directors:

- Approved a resolution honoring the service of Sherman Betts to OWASA and the Carrboro-Chapel Hill-Orange County community. Betts is retiring in May after 36 years of service in OWASA's Distribution and Collection System Department.
- Provided feedback and guidance on draft guiding principles that will be used to evaluate water supply alternatives. The Board will continue this discussion at its June 10, 2021 meeting. OWASA is updating the community's Long-Range Water Supply Plan to ensure that we have an adequate water supply for our community through 2070.
- Authorized the Executive Director to execute contracts for insurance plans including: Employee Health and Dental, Employee Life, Dependent Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, and Long-Term Disability to replace those scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021.
- Approved the process for developing OWASA's new strategic plan.
- Provided information on Employee Cost of Labor/Merit Pay Increases for Fiscal Year 2022. The Board will approve the overall FY 2022 budget and rate adjustment on June 10, 2021.
- Agreed to cancel the Boards' June 24, July 22 and August 12, 2021 meetings.

The Board will hold its next two meetings remotely on Thursday, May 27, 2021, and Thursday, June 10, 2021 via Microsoft Teams, at 6 PM. Links will be available on OWASA's website at www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings.

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