



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 July 8, 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 July 8th work session that was held virtually are available [here](#).

The Board of Directors:

- Received an update on recent diversity and inclusion work. These updates are provided three times each year, including the overall annual update in September. Key initiatives of the Diversity and Inclusion Program since January 2021 include modifying performance evaluation documents to include D&I in the overall competencies, training for supervisors on recruitment, selection, and hiring process, along with multiple OWASA-wide D&I meetups and discussions.
- Received an update on the development of OWASA's new strategic plan. A staff advisory group has been meeting in recent months to provide feedback on the strategic planning process.
- Approved guiding principles to use when evaluating water supply alternatives to reliably access OWASA's allocation of water in Jordan Lake. The guiding principles will be used in evaluating water supply alternatives as part of OWASA's update of the community's Long-Range Water Supply Plan to provide an adequate supply of water for our community through 2070.
- The Board agreed to schedule all OWASA Board Meetings and Work Sessions in OWASA Community Room beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Board will hold its next meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 6 PM; a link will be provided on OWASA's website at www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings.