

Wake County Water Partnership 2.0 Workshop

May 29, 2026, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

PURPOSE

Produce four deliverables that define how the Water Partnership operates going forward: (1) Updated Rules & Procedures, (2) Workgroup Guidelines, (3) Goals/Priorities Template, and (4) a recommendation to present to the Board of County Commissioners and other key stakeholders for acknowledgement.

Where We Have Been

February 2026 Retreat: The Partnership reflected on its history since 2016, identified what has worked well (meaningful collaboration, long-term momentum) and where it has fallen short (making conversations actionable, formal strategy and documentation). Members agreed the Rules of Procedure needs updating and expressed renewed commitment to defining the Partnership's direction.

April 10 Meeting: Explored the “why” behind Water Partnership 2.0—original goals are outdated, new players are in the One Water space, and better documentation is needed. Survey results confirmed 100% support for continuing the Partnership, ~79% support for changing how it operates, and a strong preference for a collaboration focus with some implementation capacity. The group discussed focus choices that will shape the 2.0 charter.

The 2.0 Workshop: Turns that direction into specific, written products the Partnership can adopt and provide to the Wake County Board of Commissioners as well as other municipal boards.

AGENDA

Welcome & Context

Welcome. Brief recap of the journey from the February retreat through the April 10 meeting and how today's work builds on what the group has already decided.

Goals & Priorities Template

Create a template the Partnership will use each year to set goals and priorities. Discussion will address whether goals are organized by issue area (wastewater, stormwater, etc.) or by function (collaboration, education, policy). The template should be flexible enough to evolve as priorities change.

Workgroup Guidelines

Develop guidelines for how workgroups will operate. Key topics: (a) Purpose and scope of workgroups, (b) How workgroups are formed, staffed, and sunset, (c) Reporting expectations back to the full Partnership, (d) Whether guidelines stand alone or fold into the Rules & Procedures.

Rules & Procedures

Working session to update the Rules of Procedures. Members will be provided with a streamlined version of the current Rules and Procedures to review. Key topics include: (a) General requirements for the Partnership to identify its goals/priorities annually (b) Partnership membership and process for adjustments as needed to meet goals. (c) Meeting structures and governance (d) Work group structure definition.

The Prom-posal

Synthesize the day's work into a cohesive recommendation. The Partnership will frame how to present the updated Rules of Procedure, workgroup structure, and goals to the Board of County Commissioners and other key stakeholders for acknowledgement and support.

Wrap-Up & Next Steps

Review decisions made and any action items or next steps. This would include confirming timeline for finalizing documents.

Breaks will be taken as needed,