



Wake County Water Partnership

Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 10, 2026

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Teams Meeting

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Meeting ID: 216 920 079 166 8

Committee Members Attending: Daniel Wiebke, Chair; George Matthis, Vice Chair; Jeff Adkins; Georgina Sanchez; Nancy Daly; Leah Harrison; Rachel Jones; Lisa Booze; Mark Spanioli; Ed Buchan; Michael Wagner; John Burt; Ike Archer; Donna Myers, Kevin Watson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Daniel Wiebke, Chair

Item Title: Opening Remarks **1:00**
Daniel Wiebke, Chair

Item Title: Adoption of December 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes **1:05**

- Motion: Ed Buchan
- Second: Jeff Adkins
- Approved

Adoption of February 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Donna Myers
- Second: Mike Wagner
- Approved

Item Title: Review/Decision on Water Partnership Charter **1:10**

Tim Gardiner, Long Range Planning Director

- Water Partnership 2.0
- Looking to foster dialogue; more intentional, better documentation
- Original goals:
 - Focused on drought and fracking; have not identified new priorities since formation
 - New players in Water Partnership that do not have history on formation of the Water Partnership
 - Working to clarify role
- Water Partnership 2.0
 - Defined by members
 - Ensure we are having dialogue to move things forward
 - Tie to written policy and documentation
 - Affirmed by Board of Commissioners, partner agencies and partner organizations
 - Confirm commitments moving forward

- May 2026 Meeting
 - Good engagement at retreat
 - Would like to build on feedback
- Retreat Take-Aways
 - Water Partnership should continue to exist
 - Value collaboration and coordination
 - Overall goals/objectives could be better defined
 - Subcommittees could function differently
 - Wake Staff noted Board of Commissioners role would be different than in 2016
- Successes
 - Meaningful collaboration
 - Long-term momentum and consistency
 - ID how issues interact with different areas and policies
 - Distributing ideas and best practices across players
- Challenges
 - ID and focus on emerging issues
 - Expanding conversations into all One Water components
 - Documentation and formal strategy
 - Make great conversations actionable
- Unique aspects
 - Large group
 - More formal
 - Diverse membership; ensure unique voices all included
- Focus Choices impact next steps
 - Agreements, buy-in
 - Structure
 - Schedules/Number of Meetings
 - Roles and responsibilities
- Structure will allow adjustments
- Focus Areas
 - Collaboration
 - Share best practices to improve outcomes
 - Document ideas/concerns
 - Leverage existing groups and partnership that advance goals of One Water Plan
 - Implementation
 - Share and discuss best practices
 - Document ideas/concerns
 - Identify key actions areas and goals
 - Complete work, potentially through subcommittees, to address action areas or goals
- Meeting Poll:
 - Collaboration focus: 79%; Implementation Focus: 21%
 - Percent time on collaboration: 68%
 - Percent time on implementation: 34%

Item Title: May Special Meeting for Water Partnership Restructuring

1:55

Discussion

Daniel Wiebke, Chair

- 3-hour time frame
- May 29 identified as best date for members
- June 12 Meeting
 - Field tour options: 1) Lake Crabtree and RDU parking lot or 2) Downtown Cary Park
 - Downtown Park
 - Fully vegetated
 - Horticulturist can provide information on vegetative plantings
 - Ivy Ellington GSI opportunity
 - RDU and Crabtree: 7 votes
 - Downtown Cary: 7 votes

Item Title: One Water Updates

2:00

Nancy Daly, Water Resources Program Manager

- Jordan Lake One Water (JLOW)
 - April 14-JLOW Coalition Board Meeting
 - April 9-Rules Policy Committee coordinating comments on Division of Water Resources Existing Managed Lands Rules
 - Rules Revision Update
 - Draft Existing Managed Lands shared with JLOW for comment
 - New Development and Purpose in Scope-in development
 - Jordan Rules Timeline-TBD
- Falls Lake-Upper Neuse River Basin Association
 - Rules revision process is ongoing
 - April 1-UNRBA and NCDEQ Meeting on Draft Rules
 - DWR to host “all stakeholders” meeting prior to submitting rules to Water Quality Commission
- Walnut Creek
 - Watershed Action Team working with online Watershed Improvements Project Tool developed by NC Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
 - Community Engagement Events:
 - Spring 2026 Watershed Learning Network
 - Composting Kickoff on April 13
- Wake One Water
 - Water Partnership 2.0
 - Outreach activities ongoing
 - One Water video produced

Item Title: GSI Subcommittee Updates

2:20

- GSI- Leah Harrison, GSI Subcommittee Chair

- Focused on goals over next year; reviewed 2025 goals and identified future goals; more refining needed
 - Outreach spreadsheet: compile into plan for communication
 - Additional fact sheets on GSI and/or video
 - WCPSS coordination

Item Title: Membership Water Perspectives

2:35

- Rachel Jones:
 - Holly Springs expanding Utley Reclamation from 6 to 8 MGD; transition to Membrane Bioreactor filtration
 - Working on water and WW master plan; updated models in next few months
- Jeff Adkins:
 - TWP Regional Water Supply Plan; participation from all utilities in Wake County; received direction to write plan; anticipate finalized plan ~August
- Ed Buchan:
 - Severe drought status; strong position overall; could go into drought restrictions in April
- Daniel Wiebke
 - GSI Leadership Exchange hosted in Raleigh in beginning of May
- George Matthis
 - Impressive to see where started and are now headed

Adjourn

3:00