

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (PSB) will be open to the public and held on the date, time and location listed below. Meetings are also live-streamed at www.epwater.org. The public may sign up to speak on agenda items or to provide public comment on items not on the agenda by using the sign-up form available at the entrance of the board room before the start of the meeting.

**CITY OF EL PASO
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR PSB MEETING

8:30 a.m. M.T.

January 14, 2026

Public Service Board Meeting Room
1154 Hawkins Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79925

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters listed under the CONSENT AGENDA will be considered by the Public Service Board to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the PSB or persons in the audience request specific items be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA to the REGULAR AGENDA for discussion prior to the time the PSB votes on the motion to adopt the CONSENT AGENDA. The Public Service Board may reconsider an agenda item at any time prior to adjournment. Comments by a member of the public as to any regular agenda item will be allowed by the Chair prior to or during the PSB's consideration of the item. Reasonable time limits may be imposed by the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER
ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM
MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider and approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on December 10, 2025.
Edith Lara, Executive Secretary-Administration, (915) 594-5501
2. Consider and approve a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Noctuum LLC for additional engineering services, for an additional amount not to exceed \$200,000 and to extend the contract term by two years.
Claudia Duran, Chief of Staff, 915-263-4401
3. Consider and award RFP 24-25, Powdered Activated Carbon to Norit Americas, Inc. for the supply of the chemical on an as-needed basis at the unit prices proposed, for an estimated annual amount of \$334,000 for a term of one year with four one-year options to extend.
Martin Noriega, Utility Chief Operations Officer, 915-621-2085

REGULAR AGENDA

4. CEO Monthly Update Regarding Utility Management and/or Operations:
 - American Water Works Association Chapter- Women in Water panel at TechH2O
 - Protect Your Pipes This Winter Campaign
 - AguaCares – End-of-Year Report
5. Management Report:
 - Overview of EPWater’s Strategy and Key Performance Indicators
 - Community Meetings on EPWater Proposed Budget and Rates
 - Third Quarter Financial and Performance Measures Report
 - Third Quarter Investment Report
 - Video from Communications: EPWater Celebrates \$14 million in Funding for New River Water Plant
6. Public Comment: The PSB will permit public comment on subjects not on the agenda but may not deliberate on these items if not posted for discussion. The Chair may impose reasonable time limits for each speaker.
7. Presentation and discussion of the Emergency Hickerson WWTP 48-inch Pipeline Replacement Project and emergency agreements approved under the President/CEO’s delegated authority; and that the Board finds that the emergency agreements were necessary to protect public health and safety and to address unforeseen damage under Texas Local Government Code 252.022(a)(2) and (a)(3).
Iraçema Rojas, Utility Chief Engineering Officer, 915-540-2532
8. Conduct a public hearing by the Municipal Drainage Utility System’s governing board to consider proposed revisions to the structure and amounts of stormwaters fees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
Jeff Tepsick, Utility Chief Financial officer, 915-594-5527
9. Discussion and action on the Stormwater Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and adoption of a resolution amending Rules and Regulations No. 3 with the proposed revisions to the structure and amounts of stormwater fees.
Jeff Tepsick, Utility Chief Financial officer, 915-594-5527
10. Discussion and action on the Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and adoption of resolutions amending Rules and Regulations No. 5, No. 6, and No. 7 with proposed changes to the rates, fees, and other necessary amendments.
Jeff Tepsick, Utility Chief Financial officer, 915-594-5527

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Public Service Board will retire into Executive Session pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.089. (The items listed below are matters of the sort to be discussed in Executive Session; however, the Public Service Board may move any item of this agenda to Executive Session, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney
Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property
Section 551.073 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
Section 551.074 Personnel Matters
Section 551.076 Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
Section 551.0761 Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility
Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
Section 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits

- a. PSB real estate training: Strategy and legal advice on the purchase, sale, or value of Utility real property. (551.071) (551.072)
- b. Succession plan presentation on executive positions including the President/CEO and Vice Presidents. (551.071) (551.074)

Any action as a result of these discussions will be taken at the re-opening of this meeting or at a subsequent meeting.

Adjournment.

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