

Regular Meeting
ALABAMA WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
Via Webex
February 2, 2021
10:00 a.m. CST

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Willard Bowers – Chair
Commissioner Roy McAuley – Vice-Chair
Commissioner Dick Anderson
Commissioner Steve Forehand
Commissioner Barbara Gibson
Commissioner Sam Givhan
Commissioner Bill Henderson
Commissioner Dan Hilyer
Commissioner Kathy Horne
Commissioner Cline Jones
Commissioner Patty Lambrecht
Commissioner Eliska Morgan
Commissioner Debbie Roberts

J. Brian Atkins - Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Greg Guthrie
J. P. Martin
John Neiman
Cindy Lowry
Jack West
Thomas Casey
Cassie Golden
Tom Littlepage
Kevin Blackburn
Dow Johnston
Michael Harper
Shae Holley
Mike Presley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Thomas Adams
Commissioner William Burbage
Commissioner Dennis Bragg
Commissioner Matt Diamond
State Senator Tim Melson
Commissioner Philip Saunders

OPEN MEETING

INTRODUCTION AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Willard Bowers welcomed everyone and called the meeting of the Alabama Water Resources Commission to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Brian Atkins, OWR Division Director, called roll and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Bowers requested that the minutes from the November 5, 2020 Commission meeting be considered for approval. Commissioner Steve Forehand made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Eliska Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no opposition.

Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Patty Lambrecht, Chair of the Alabama Water Resources Commission's Nominating Committee, reported that on November 20, 2020, the Nominating Committee met and nominated Commissioner Roy McAuley as Chair of the Alabama Water Resources Commission and Eliska Morgan as Vice Chair of the Commission.

REPORT OF DIVISION DIRECTOR

Secretary Atkins gave an update on current hydrologic conditions. According to the Drought Monitor, 25 percent of the state is classified as being Abnormally Dry for this time of year. The National Weather Service predicts that the southern half of Alabama will continue to experience drier conditions during the next three months.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER WARS UPDATE

John Neiman gave a brief update on the status of Water Wars.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission elected Commissioner Roy McAuley as Chair of the Alabama Water Resources Commission. Commissioner McAuley was elected by unanimous voice vote with no opposition. The Commissioner then elected Commissioner Eliska Morgan as Vice Chair of the Alabama Water Resources Commission and Commissioner Morgan was elected as Vice Chair by unanimous voice vote with no opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Lowry presented a brief comment to the Water Commission about the Alabama Rivers Alliance Water For Life series.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No future meetings were scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Newly elected Chairman Roy McAuley adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.