

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes

August 30, 2021

9:30 AM

Jack Durrance Auditorium, 12 SE 1st, Gainesville, FL

Joint Water and Climate Policy Board

Commissioner Harvey Ward - Member
Commissioner David Arreola - Vice-Chair
Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler - Chair
Commissioner Melanie Wells - Member
Commissioner Anna Prizzia - Member
Commissioner Mary Alford - Member
Mayor Lauren Poe - Member

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CALL TO ORDER: 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present in-person: Chair Wheeler, Commissioner Prizzia,
Commissioner Wells, Commissioner Ward.

Present via Zoom: Mayor Poe.

Absent: Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Alford.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[210344.](#) Approval of Minutes from the June 14, 2021 Joint Water and Climate
Policy Board Meeting (B)

Attachments: [210344 JWCPB 6.14.21 Meeting Minutes 20210830](#)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve as drafted.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[210345.](#) Water Use Permitting and Water Conservation (B)

Attachments: [210345 A WMDs 20210830](#)
[210345 B Bob Knight 20210830](#)
[210345 C Alachua County Water Conservation 20210830](#)

The Board received presentations from:

Warren Zwanka, Suwannee River Water Management District, on water use
permitting

Bob Knight of the Florida Springs Institute

Stacie Greco, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, on next steps
for the county's water conservation programs.

RECOMMENDATION *Hear presentations.*

Discussed

[210346.](#)

Citizen Climate Advisory Committee Update (B)

Attachments: [310346 A CCAC Update JWCPB 20210830](#)
 [310346 A GRU Response to CCAC Questions 20210830](#)
 [310346 B CCAC 2021 Applications 20210830](#)
 [310346 B CCAC Member Selection Table 20210830](#)

Steven Hoffstetter of the Alachua County EPD gave an update on county staff's climate change efforts.

Megan Walker, Chair of the Citizen Climate Action Committee, gave an update on the committee's work.

The Board voted 5-0 to elect Trista Brophy-Duron, Adam Despang and James Fulton to serve three year terms on the CCAC.

Citizen Nathan Skop and GRU GM Ed Bielarski spoke.

RECOMMENDATION *a. Hear update from staff*
 b. Select applications to fill vacant seats

Commissioner Ward left the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and there was no longer a quorum, so the meeting became a workshop.

STAFF UPDATES: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nathan Skop
Ed Bielarski
Dorothy Roundtree
Mike Mullin
Mark Van Soestbergen

MEMBER COMMENT

[210347.](#)

Solar Issues Discussion (NB)

Board agreed on the following items for the October 25, 2021 agenda:

1. Clay, GRU, and Duke representatives to come discuss their plans for the future
2. A representative from the City of Tallahassee, as they have made progress with renewables on their own facilities
3. Best practices for solar
4. Siting requirements and guidance for solar

5. Update from Alachua County Growth Management on preemptions and what we have incorporated into Codes
6. Suggested resolution from citizen during discussions that Commissioner Arreola hosted

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and take any action deemed appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:43 p.m.