



Tampa Bay Water  
Special Board Meeting  
January 22, 2018 Minutes

The Board of Directors of Tampa Bay Water met in their offices, 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater, Florida 33763.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Present:** Vice Chair - Commissioner Sandra Murman, Hillsborough County  
Commissioner Dave Eggers, Pinellas County  
Commissioner Pat Gerard, Pinellas County  
Commissioner Pat Kemp, Hillsborough County  
Mayor Rob Marlowe, City of New Port Richey (via phone)  
Councilman Charlie Miranda, City of Tampa  
Commissioner Ron Oakley, Pasco County  
Council Member Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg  
Commissioner Kathryn Starkey (via phone)

**Staff:** Matt Jordan, General Manager

**Presenters:** Peter M. Dunbar, Legislative Counsel  
Chuck Weber, City of Tampa  
George Cassidy, Hillsborough County

**General Counsel:** Barrie Buenaventura, General Counsel

A list of others present who signed the attendance roster was filed in the permanent files of Tampa Bay Water. Staff and Consultants presenting to the Board are listed above.

Vice Chair Sandra Murman called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and asked for a roll call to be taken. Vice Chair Murman acknowledged that there was a quorum present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chairman Murman opened the special Board meeting public comment. The following speaker(s) made public comment to the Board of Directors:

None

Public comment was duly recorded and is filed in the permanent records of Tampa Bay Water.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### G. GENERAL MANAGER

1. Special Meeting of Tampa Bay Water Board to Discuss Senate Bill 1710 and House Bill 1303 – *Board Discussion*

Peter M. Dunbar, Legislative Counsel, provided a brief synopsis of Senate Bill 1710 and House Bill 1303. He noted that passing the legislation could jeopardize the Interlocal Agreement and be a catalyst to dismantle the agency. It would also potentially impair the bond covenants in the agency's bond resolutions. Vice Chair Murman asked for clarification of the approval process for changes to the Interlocal Agreement. Barrie Buenaventura, General Counsel, explained the process in which a change to the Interlocal Agreement could be considered. Mr. Dunbar stated that the Tampa Augmentation Project (TAP) is already part of Tampa Bay Water's Long-term Master Water Plan and could become a reality without the legislation or amendments to the Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Dunbar suggested a representative from the City of Tampa address the Board as to the City's position.

Vice Chair Murman recognized Chuck Weber, City of Tampa. Mr. Weber explained the City's TAP project would drought proof the City's 82 million gallons per day. It would make water available for the region by moving all the water to the river which could financially benefit the Members. Mr. Weber stated the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County prepared a redline version of the Interlocal Agreement for consideration. Mr. Weber asked that a date be set to review the proposed redline changes to the Interlocal Agreement.

Vice Chair Murman asked the purpose of the Special Board meeting. Mr. Dunbar explained that the proposed legislation is a unilateral act with the potential to unravel the agency. He requested direction from the Board to either agree with or oppose the legislation in Tallahassee.

Vice Chair Murman asked George Cassady, Hillsborough County, for an update on the Member Government Reclaimed Committee. Mr. Cassady stated that the Committee met on January 12. During the meeting, Raftelis provided an overview on their activities over the next couple of months including evaluating the financial aspects of the TAP project. The Committee elected not to discuss the redline of the Interlocal Agreement at that time. Councilman Miranda asked about a feasibility study from Hillsborough County. Mr. Cassady stated that the County did do a financial feasibility/ rate study. The Hillsborough County study indicated TAP would have no negative impact to Tampa Bay Water.

The Board proceeded to discuss at length whether to support or oppose Senate Bill 1710 and House Bill 1303.

**Motion:** Commissioner Dave Eggers moved to oppose Senate Bill 1710 and House Bill 1303. Commissioner Pat Gerard seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion carried by a vote of 6-3. Nays: Commissioner Sandra Murman, Commissioner Pat Kemp and Councilman Charlie Miranda.

Next, the Board discussed the timeline for the financial analysis and review of the City of Tampa's redline of the Interlocal Agreement.

**Motion:** Commissioner Pat Kemp moved to accelerate the deadline for the financial analysis to February 19 and to have the Member Government Reclaimed Committee discuss the most recent proposed Interlocal Agreement redline changes with counsel from each Member Government present and provide a recommendation/suggestion to the Board. Councilman Charlie Miranda seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion carried by a vote of 7-2. Nays: Commissioner Dave Eggers and Commissioner Ron Oakley.

Vice Chair Murman asked Mr. Jordan to keep the Board advised if the timeframe needs to be extended.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Attest:   
Matt Jordan, General Manager/Secretary

Date: 2/19/18