

**MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF PLEASANT GROVE**

November 12, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Please note members of the Board may be present electronically.

PRESENT:

Mark Bezzant	Chair
Marty Beaumont	Board Trustee
Frank Mills	Board Trustee
Paul Pierpont	Board Trustee
Neal Winterton	Board Trustee
Brian Andrew	Board Trustee (available on phone at 5:09pm, then in person)

STAFF PRESENT:

Denise Roy	Finance Director
Wendy Thorpe	Assistant Secretary

Excused: Craig Veenker

The Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Water District of Pleasant Grove held a meeting on November 12, 2025 in the Community Room 108 S 100 E, Pleasant Grove Utah at 5:00 pm.

Chair Mark Bezzant called the meeting to order at 5:04pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that the meeting was being recorded and that no one from the public was in attendance. He then excused Board Trustee Veenker. It was noted that Board Trustee Brian Andrew was on his way.

Chair Bezzant noted that longtime resident Jane Robinson had passed away.

He provided an overview of a recent Provo Water Users meeting at which a grant was approved with the Utah Legislature for four million dollars for completion of the dam project. The bill required the pumping of some water into the Great Salt Lake. Chair Bezzant mentioned there was an option to pay in lieu as an option instead of providing water to the lake. Concerns were expressed regarding future water demands and available resources.

Board member Brian Andrew joined the meeting via speaker phone at 5:09pm.

Chair Bezzant expressed interest in acquiring shares from North Union Irrigation shareholders as that irrigation company had voted to dissolve. Chair Bezzant provided a packet explaining the conversion to Provo Bench shares, which would result in a significant financial gain. Board members discussed the going rate for water shares, estimated between twenty-six thousand and forty-four thousand per share. Board Trustee Winterton was asked about combining all PG shares into one certificate. He responded that could take place if water was deeded as a natural flow right and transferred to the Provo River Water Users Association right but he saw no advantage to consolidating the shares at this point. Board member Brian Andrew confirmed that information and added that shareholders would get their pro rata portion of the company, and

there will be a direct flow right in the Provo Water Users Association. This would result in two direct water rights from that default. Board Trustee Winterton confirmed one would be a share in the Provo River Water Users Association, and one would be a deeded right through the state engineer. The share involved the storage of water, and the direct flow was a deeded water right. Board Trustees mentioned it was important to declare the board wanted to keep all of the water and acquire a whole number instead of a decimal when that opportunity presents itself, prior to December eighth. They will not go lower than a whole share and Board Trustees suggested rounding up. The Board agreed to support Chair Bezzant to sign a letter indicating their intent for acquisition.

1. Review and approve Quarter 4 of the Metropolitan Water District Financials.

Finance Director Denise Roy distributed and reviewed the financial reports for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025, which were still being audited. She identified the amount of cash-in-lieu, current payables, assessment and budget. Current total included \$700,000 dollars in cash. \$400,000 was budgeted for irrigation water assessments and \$354,000 was the actual amount spent. It was mentioned the Olmstead loss needed to be paid and Finance Director Roy stated she would look further into the billing and track it down for proper allocation. Chair Bezzant added Pleasant Grove had 200 shares of North Union and he emphasized the importance of keeping them in Pleasant Grove for the potential and financial benefits.

Board Trustee Brian Andrew arrived in person at 5:19 pm.

Board Trustees clarified that the City and PG Metro both owned shares of North Union. Trustee Andrew added he was assisting with the divestment. Trustees discussed the capacity to handle water and the potential for transferring and acquiring water right shares for Pleasant Grove City. Board Trustees confirmed the total audit amounts that were paid. The going rate for water shares and yield amounts were speculated. It was stated that yields vary yearly and were dependent upon the source.

Chair Bezzant asked if there were any further comments or questions, being none, he called for a motion on the quarter four financial report.

MOTION: Trustee Andrew moved to accept the Quarter 4 Financial Report of the Metropolitan Water District Board. Trustee Beaumont seconded the motion: Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes; Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, Yes; Neal Winterton, Yes; Brian Andrew, Yes; and Craig Veenker, absent. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Accept the minutes of the May 28, 2025 and June 25, 2025 meetings.

Chair Bezzant asked if there were any corrections or discussion regarding the minutes.

MOTION: Trustee Andrew moved to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2025 and June 25, 2025 meetings. Trustee Beaumont seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes; Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, Yes; Brian Andrew, Yes; and Craig Veenker, absent. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for 2026/2027

Chair Bezzant asked for nominations for Chair of the Metropolitan Water Board to serve for 2026 and 2027.

MOTION: Trustee Winterton moved to retain Mark Bezzant as the Chair of the Metropolitan Water District Board. He noted that the important thing about retaining Chair Bezzant is that he provided a valuable connection between multiple irrigation companies. Trustee Pierpont seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes; Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, yes; Neal Winterton, Yes. Brian Andrew, Yes; and Craig Veenker, absent. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bezzant asked for a nomination for Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Trustee Winterton moved to retain Brian Andrew as Vice-Chair. Trustee Pierpont seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes; Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, Yes; Neal Winterton; Yes Brian Andrew, Yes; and Craig Veenker, absent. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bezzant noted that Trustee Mills has been acting as the Secretary and asked for a nomination.

MOTION: Trustee Winterton moved to retain Frank Mills as Secretary. Trustee Pierpont seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes; Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, Yes; Neal Winterton, Yes; Brian Andrew, Yes; and Craig Veenker, absent. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustees commended the Board for having excellent cooperation skills and for communicating best interests for the usage, acquisition and distribution of water rights and shares. A history of water transitions was offered, and appreciation was expressed for all the hard work of the board members to preserve water rights for Pleasant Grove. Secondary water usage, flow measurements and lower water use landscape and xeriscape options were discussed. Trustees expressed support for district wide municipal use for water distribution service areas. They also agreed to support the further acquisition of water rights and shares. Chair Bezzant recognized his efforts to represent the best interests of the city, PGIC and the Pleasant Grove Metro Water Board.

4. Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Andrew moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Winterton seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, Yes; Neal Winterton, Yes; Brian Andrew, Yes; and Craig Veenker, absent. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

The Metropolitan Water District Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2025 were approved by the Board on March 18, 2026.



Wendy Thorpe, Assistant Secretary

