

**SOUTH VALLEY WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
7495 South 1300 West
West Jordan, Utah 84084**

Attendance	Board Chairman	Joel Thompson, Jordan Basin Improvement District
	Board Vice-Chairman	Jared Syme, Midvalley Sewer District
	Board Member	Tracy Cowdell, Sandy Suburban Improvement District
	Board Member	Dave Murphy, City of West Jordan
	Board Member	Branden Anderson, Midvale City
	General Manager	Lee Rawlings
	Facility Engineer	Taigon Worthen
	Facility Clerk	Joshua Lawrence
	Attorney for South Valley	Ryan Richards
	Finance Director	Gary Dunn

Call to Order Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Roll Call Roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Cowdell	“here”
Vice-Chair Syme	“here”
Mr. Murphy	“here”
Mr. Anderson	“here”
Chairman Thompson	“here”

Ceremonies/Presentations No ceremonies, presentations, or public comments.
/Public Comments

Resolution #02-18-2026(A) Mr. Richards began the training, emphasizing the importance of the Open
Annual Board Training on Public Meetings Act and the Ethics Act. He explained the purpose of the
Open Meetings Act training: to meet statutory requirements, cover key aspects of the acts, and
provide guidance on potential issues. He discussed the purpose of the Open
Public Meetings Act, which aims to ensure government actions are conducted
openly. Mr. Richards played a training video from the Utah State Auditors'
Office.

**Mr. Anderson moved that the board approve Resolution #02-18-2026(A),
Annual Board Training on the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Murphy seconded
the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.**

Renewing Agreements with Engineering Consultants on the Approved Provider List

Mr. Cowdell had another obligation, and Chairman Thompson excused him from the rest of the meeting. Mr. Worthen discussed the list of engineers included in the agreements, noting the exclusion of Brown and Caldwell and Rimrock Engineering. He explained the need for one-year extensions for some agreements and the process for renewing them. Chair Thompson questioned the need for the board to extend agreements annually, suggesting a five-year extension with annual renewals as needed.

Chairman Thompson moved that the board approve the Renewing Agreements with Engineering Consultants on the Approved Provider List. Vice-Chair Syme seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion: SOQ to Increase Pool of Engineering Consultants on Approved Provider List

Mr. Worthen shared the current SOQ with the board and explained that the deadline is March 3rd, 2026. No questions were asked.

Approve Purchase of Replacement Clarifier Gate from Rodney Hunt

Mr. Worthen explained the need to replace the clarifier gates due to wear and vibration. Mr. Anderson asked how long the gates last, and Mr. Worthen informed him that they last about 40 years. Chairman Thompson inquired about the materials used for the gates. Mr. Worthen discussed the options for materials, including cast iron and stainless steel, and decided on cast iron for its durability. Mr. Thompson shared what his facility has historically done to address past issues. Mr. Murphy asked about what changes were needed to the gate, and Mr. Worthen explained.

Mr. Murphy moved that the board approve the purchase of a Replacement Clarifier Gate from Rodney Hunt for \$28,300, and Vice-Chair Syme seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried

Approve Job Description for Mechanic IV Position

Mr. Rawlings introduced the new job description for Mechanic Four, aiming to bridge the gap between the highest mechanic position and the supervisor position. The board discussed the certification requirements for the position, including maintenance three and wastewater one certifications.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the Job Description for the Mechanic IV Position. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Approve Changes to the Employee Policies and Procedures Manual Sections 4.1 and 5.5

Mr. Rawlings presented the proposed changes to the employee policies and procedures manual, including updates to reflect new bylaws and the removal of the HR pay exemption for the previous HR Director. The board noted the importance of keeping the manual up to date and reflective of current practices.

Vice-Chair Syme moved that the board approve the changes to Sections 4.1 and 5.5 of the Employee Policies and Procedures Manual. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Discussion: Moving Away from VMWare

Mr. Worthen explained the decision to transition from VMWare to HPE due to cost and security concerns. Mr. Lalli, from IT, was brought in to detail the required change from VMWare. He detailed the expected costs, including the purchase of new servers and the professional services required for the transition. It was determined that HP's product was the best for SVWRF. Mr. Anderson asked how budgeting is handled, and Mr. Worthen explained that it had already been included in the 2026 budget. Mr. Murphy inquired about the security protections at the facility, and Mr. Lalli explained the measures that have been taken and shared that VMWare now limits capabilities and protections. No other questions were asked.

Approve Purchase of New SAN as Part of the VMWare Replacement Project

Mr. Worthen shared the contract pricing and integration overview for SAN as it relates to the discussed VMWare replacement project.

Mr. Murphy moved that the board approve the Purchase of a New SAN as Part of the VMWare Replacement Project. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Consent Calendar

Items included on the consent calendar are as follows:

- Check Register: December 2025 and January 2026
- Approval of Minutes: December 17, 2025
- Next Board Meeting Date: March 18, 2026

Vice-Chair moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Roll Call as follows:

<u>Vice-Chair Syme</u>	<u>"Yes"</u>
<u>Mr. Murphy</u>	<u>"Yes"</u>
<u>Mr. Anderson</u>	<u>"Yes"</u>
<u>Chairman Thompson</u>	<u>"Yes"</u>

General Manager Report

Mr. Rawlings provided an update on the plant's performance, including efforts to improve Phosphorus Removal and nitrate levels. He discussed the changes made to the plant's configuration and the positive impact on performance. The board was informed about ongoing efforts to optimize plant operations and the potential need for additional measures, such as carbon supplementation.

Mr. Rawlings discussed two bills that may impact the facility: HB 501 and HB 280, which address water infrastructure funding and impact fee use,

respectively. The board expressed concerns about the potential impact of these bills and the need to monitor their progress.

Project Updates

Mr. Worthen provided updates on various projects, including the MCC replacement project, factory acceptance testing of new equipment, and ongoing painting and repair work on the dissolved air flotation thickener.

Closed Meeting

No closed meeting.

Other Business

No other business was discussed

Adjournment

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting at 2:02 PM.

Joel Thompson
Board Chairman

Joshua Lawrence
Facility Clerk
