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NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Location: Water Authority Customer Service Room 204, Microsoft Teams

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Elaine Howe (Chair), Bart Faris (Vice-Chair); Chris Welch, Paul van Gulick, Jonathan Gonzales, Rin Tara, Dr. Warigia Bowman (arrived at 9:26 a.m.)

Board Members Absent: Dr. José Cerrato (excused)

PIC Members Present: Kelsey Bicknell (*Water Authority*), Diane Agnew (*Water Authority*), Mark Kelly (*Water Authority*), Bobby Mullin (*Bernalillo County*), Asheleigh Salt (*Bernalillo County*)

Guests Present: JD Nance (NMED), Cynthia Miranda (US Air Force), Phillip Heinstein (UNM graduate student), Steve Glass (Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District), Anusha Shrestha (UNM graduate student), Dustin Hopinkah (UNM graduate student), Charles Kimble Jr. (UNM graduate student)

Call to Order

Chair Howe called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM when quorum was established.

I. Approval of Agenda

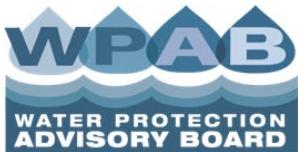
A. November 14th, 2025, Agenda

Mr. Faris moved to approve the [agenda](#), and Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The agenda was amended to remove Mr. Wortman from the list of presenters. The agenda, as amended, was approved unanimously.

| Board Member | Vote on Motion |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Chair Howe | Yes |
| Vice-Chair Faris | Yes |
| Warigia Bowman | Absent |
| Chris Welch | Yes |
| Jonathan Gonzales | Yes |
| José Cerrato | Absent (excused) |
| Paul van Gulick | Yes |
| Rin Tara | Yes |

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. October 10th, 2025, Meeting Minutes



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Mr. VanGluick moved to approve the [October 10th meeting minutes](#); Mx. Tara seconded the motion; the motion passed as follows:

| Board Member | Vote on Motion |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Chair Howe | Abstain |
| Vice-Chair Faris | Yes |
| Warigia Bowman | Absent |
| Chris Welch | Abstain |
| Jonathan Gonzales | Yes |
| José Cerrato | Absent (excused) |
| Paul van Gulick | Yes |
| Rin Tara | Yes |

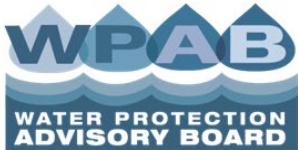
IV. Policy Implementation Committee (PIC) Updates

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) – Update from Ms. Kelsey Bicknell, Environmental Manager

Ms. Bicknell informed the board that Rowan Hannan is no longer with the Water Authority and the utility is now recruiting to fill the position. Ms. Bicknell also provided updates on priority groundwater contamination sites, including the submission of a petition for alternate abatement standards by the Responsible Party at the Fox and Associates groundwater contamination site to the NMED. Ms. Bicknell reported that the Water Authority is drafting a response to the petition and anticipates the petition going to a hearing. Ms. Bicknell informed the board that the November 20th public meeting for the Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility jet fuel leak has been cancelled because of the government shutdown and that it is being rescheduled to early 2026 (date to be determined).

Bernalillo County (County) – Update from Mr. Bobby Mullin

Ms. Bronson reported on the annual MS4 draft report that has been provided to the board. The report will be finalized by November 21, 2025 and will be available online. She also informed the board of the County's annual hydrogeology report that is posted [online](#). Ms. Bronson updated the board on the Tijeras Restoration Project, which has resumed construction. Project completion is expected by the end of February 2026.



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City of Albuquerque (City) – Update from Ms. Shellie Eaton and Paul Olson

Ms. Eaton submitted an update as written comment (via email to Ms. Bicknell). The update can be viewed [HERE](#).

IV. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Subcommittee Report

Ms. Howe updated the board on the committee and its recommendation that all board members attend DEI training. She also discussed the committee's recommendation that the board identify how the committee can support the board on DEI related activities. Training opportunities will be presented to the board in 2026. Ms. Bicknell will send board members the DEI questions that all presenters must answer in advance.

V. Presentation: KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility, Jet Fuel Leak Site Update

*Kelsey Bicknell, Environmental Manager, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority,
kbicknell@abcwua.org*

*JD Nance, Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department,
justin.ball@env.nm.gov*

Ms. Bicknell presented the Water Authority perspective on the KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility jet fuel leak project.

Ms. Bicknell's presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

Mr. Nance presented the New Mexico Environment Department perspective on the KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility jet fuel leak project.

Mr. Nance's presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

VII. Other Board Business

- A. **Next WPAB Meeting** – January 9th, 2026 – hybrid in-person
 - a. 2026 administrative actions
 - b. Topic: Kirtland Air Force Base Bulk Fuels Facility Jet Fuel Leak questions for the Air Force

VIII. Public Comment Period

There were no comments from the public.

IX. Adjourned at 10:54 AM