



**TACWA Meeting Minutes  
Houston, Texas  
July 18, 2025  
9:00 a.m.**

The Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA) meeting on July 18, 2025, was hosted by Houston Public Works and Gulf Coast Authority and sponsored by Carollo Engineers, Black & Veatch, Brown and Caldwell, and CDM Smith.

See attached sign-in sheet – Total attendees signed in was 78.

- President Mike Brinkmann welcomed guests, and thanked Houston Public Works and Gulf Coast Authority for hosting and the sponsors for their contributions.
- Welcome remarks:
  - Oluwole A. McFoy, City Engineer, City of Houston
  - Liz Fazio Hale, CEO, Gulf Coast Authority.
- Introductions by attendees.

**Business Meeting:**

- President Mike Brinkmann opened the business meeting
- Approved May 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

**Regulatory Updates:**

**Jody Zabolio/Liz Hale (NACWA Update):**

- Conference Next Week in Colorado Springs
- Funding will be a key topic for the conference; Communication with organizations needs for funding; FFAS; Lead and Copper Affordability; One Water Concept

**Meg Pierce-Walsh**

- Multi-Sector General Permit; Industrial Stormwater Permits for the WW Plants over 1 MGD expires Aug. 2026. Change to substantially similar outfalls, will be removed for discharges into impaired water body.
- Nutrients: TCEQ has been sampling throughout the state, including 36 reservoirs that were not approved because of Chlorophyll-a. MAL for total Phosphorous 0.02 mg/L.



### **Janet Sims**

- Public Meeting National Drinking Water Council July 28 1-4 PM Virtual
- Proposal for PFAS for Primary Drinking Water Regs
- New senate bill entities can't file for general permits if it has unsatisfactory compliance history
- August 4-3 in Hot Springs; Industrial Pretreatment Conference

### **Nathan Vassar**

- Update on Dripping Springs case, PPT provided on website.

### **Future Meetings:**

- a. September 19, 2025 – San Antonio
- b. November 14, 2025 – Garland
- c. January 23, 2026 – TRA
- d. March 2025 – Corpus Christi

### **Technical Presentations:**

**10:00 – 10:30 “Water Reuse Master planning – Step One to Utilizing Reclaimed Water to Help Meet Long-term Water Supply Demands”**

**Andrea Tom, PE. (CDM Smith)**

**10:30 – 11:00 “A collaborative approach to delivering the largest thickening and dewatering facilities in the US – a design-build journey ”**

**Rudy Kilian, P.E., National Biosolids Technology Innovations Lead, Carollo Engineers, Inc. (Carollo)**

**11:15 – 11:45 “Corporate Water Stewardship: Mitigating Data Center Watershed Impacts ”**

**Heather Morriss, PE. (Brown & Caldwell)**

**11:45 – 12:15 “Process Simulation: The Modern-day Tool Kit for Process Designs ”**

**Prachi Salekar, P.E. (Black and Veatch)**

President Michael Brinkmann closed with thanks to Houston Public Works and Gulf Coast Authority for hosting and to the sponsors Carollo Engineers, Black & Veatch, Brown and Caldwell, and CDM Smith. Thank you Sponsors!

**Adjourned for Lunch/Networking at 12:15 PM**

