

MEETING SUMMARY
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 7, 2025

The August 7th meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee was held as a hybrid event both in-person at 3555 Timmons Lane in Houston, Texas and virtually via Zoom. The meeting began at approximately 1:30 PM.

NRAC members present (13 voting, 1 advisory*):

Bill Balboa	Claudia Sandoval	Parul Pillai (for Scott
Brian Koch	Deborah January-Bevers	Jeansonne)
Brian Shmaefsky	Joe Garcia (for Cathy	Richard Zahn
Christian Rines (for Lisa	Rogers-McCoy)	Scott Saenger
Marshall*)	Jonathan Holley	Tom Douglas
	Katie Wilson	William Hajdik

Phone numbers not connected to a Committee Member weren't counted as present. Apologies for any inconvenience. If you were present via call-in and it isn't marked here, [please let Rachel Windham know](#).

NRAC members not present (23 voting, 5 advisory*):

Andrew Isbell	Dennis Cote	Leroy Cerny
Adeel Malik	Ellis Pickett	Mel Vargas
Ayanna Jolivet Mccloud	Gabriela Sosa*	Mac Martin*
Bob Stokes	Glenda Callaway	Phyllis Frank
Brittani Flowers*	Hien Pham	Robert Pechukas
Carol Guess	Jin Ye*	Shane Porter
Charles "Chuck" Rogers	Kelli Gallagher	Troy Harrison
Christina Moore	Kelli Ondracek*	Upendra Sahu
Christopher Hunniford	Ken Barnadyn	
Denae King	Latrice Babin	

Current Vacancies:

Current vacancies include:

- Power Generation or Transmission Utility

H-GAC Staff Present (7):

H-GAC staff present included Andrea Tantillo, Bill Ervin, Erica Underwood, Erin Livingston, Jenny Oakley, Jessica Casillas, and Rachel Windham.

Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Deborah January-Bevers welcomed those present for the official start of the meeting and roll was called.

Certify Quorum and Approve Meeting Report

After quorum was confirmed, Ms. January-Bevers called for review and comment on the May 1st Meeting Minutes. Ms. January-Bevers moved to approve the May Meeting Minutes, and Tom Douglas seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

Membership

The majority of both county and NRAC appointed member terms have lapsed. Ms. Windham is coordinating with the governmental affairs department at H-GAC to coordinate county appointed positions. Two county appointed positions are currently vacant and will also require coordination with the governmental affairs department to be filled. Ms. Windham will reach out to current NRAC appointed members to assess interest in term renewal. One NRAC appointed position (Power Generation or Transmission Utility) also remains to be filled. H-GAC will reach out to internal contacts for leads. Other suggestions fill vacancies or recommend replacements for current positions can be brought forward by members of the NRAC to Ms. Windham at rachel.windham@h-gac.com.

Environmental Committee Highlights

- **Regional Flood Management Committee**
Amanda Ashcroft provided information on activities and updates from the past quarter. Meetings of the Regional Flood Management Committee are scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM in the months of January, April, July, and October. Meetings are held at the H-GAC offices. Learn more by visiting the committee's [website](#).
- **Solid Waste Management Committee**
Erin Livingston provided information on activities and updates from the past quarter. Solid Waste Management Committee meetings are scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the months of January, April, July, and October. Meetings are held at the H-GAC offices. Learn more by visiting the committee's [website](#).

Environmental Program Highlights

- **H-GAC Microplastics Study**
Jenny Oakley gave an overview of a project H-GAC is developing to assess baseline microplastics loading in area watersheds and quantify the

treatment potential of nature-based stormwater infrastructure in reducing those loads.

- **OSSF Remediation for Vulnerable Communities**

Bill Ervin provided an overview of the work H-GAC has done to identify communities in need of on-site sewage facility remediation and offer homeowner education workshops as well as repairs and replacements for qualifying homeowners.

- **Watershed Protection Plans (WPPs)**

Ms. Windham provided updates on projects including the East Fork San Jacinto River WPP, the Greens Bayou WPP, and the West Lake Houston WPP Implementation project which will cover the watershed areas of Cypress Creek, Spring Creek, Lake Creek, and the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. Additionally, H-GAC expects to begin public meetings on a project developing a WPP for the Brays and Sims Bayou watersheds in the early winter. Lastly, Ms. Windham shared that a proposal for WPP development in the Lake Conroe watershed was selected for funding. H-GAC expects to receive the contract for this work in fall 2025.

Information on WPP projects can be found on H-GAC's watershed-based plan [project website](#), and more information can be provided by Ms. Windham (rachel.windham@h-gac.com).

- **Parks & Natural Areas (PNA) Roundtable**

Andrea Tantillo shared information on activities and updates from the PNA roundtable including an overview of the roundtable meeting on July 14th and a notification that the Parks and Natural Areas Awards application portal will open in late August. The next roundtable meeting will be held on October 6, 2025. For additional information, visit the [PNA website](#).

Subcommittees

- **Water Innovation Strategies of Excellence (WISE) Awards**

Ms. Windham shared the finalists selected by the judges and briefly described their projects. The awards ceremony will be held in late September. For additional information on this subcommittee and awards program, visit the [WISE award website](#).

Topic of the Day

Bill Ervin, Senior Planner at the Houston-Galveston Area Council, provided an overview of the Draft 2025 Water Quality Management Plan Update which involved the collection and analysis of water quality and locational data related

to wastewater sources. A copy of the document was provided digitally to members prior to the meeting. Representatives were asked to take action on a recommendation to the H-GAC Board of Directors to accept the Water Quality Management Plan Update. Ms. January-Bevers moved to approve the recommendation, and Brian Koch seconded the motion. The action passed unanimously.

Roundtable Discussion

Members shared updates about upcoming events.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Next Meeting Date

Unless otherwise notified, the next scheduled meeting is **Thursday, November 6, 2025** from 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Ms. January-Bevers adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.