

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING - Revised

September 18, 2025

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on September 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Harrison County Utility Authority Board Room, at 10271 Express Drive in Gulfport, Mississippi. In attendance were:

BOARD AND STAFF:

Mayor Hugh Keating, City of Gulfport, Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mr. Donald Frazer, representing the City of Long Beach
Mayor Kenny Torgeson, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Ms. Jaclyn Turner, representing Harrison County
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Ms. Cindy Breau, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA
Mr. Sam Broom, Staff Engineer, HCUA
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

ABSENT:

Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Harrison County (2), Director

AUDIENCE:

Shea Magee, Waste Management
Tommy Thibideaux, Pelican Waste
Garrett Reeder, H2O Innovation
Tori Martinez, The Focus Group
Jena Case, The Focus Group
Nathan Long, Covington Civil Engineers

Letters of Designations are attached hereto as exhibit "A".

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Al Gombos, representing The City of D'Iberville, called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done.

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A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

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B. Public Comments

Mr. Al Gombos opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.
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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated September 18, 2025

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated September 18, 2025, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Claims Docket dated September 18, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated September 4, 2025

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated September 4, 2025 seconded by Mayor Kenny Torgeson. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	recused	
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

Supervisor Marlin Ladner asked to recuse himself from the vote because he was absent from the September 4, 2025 meeting.

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated September 4, 2025, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

E. Financial Report

No action required. The Board accepted the August 2025 Financial Report

A copy of the Financial Report for August 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

F. Marketing Report

Ms. Tori Martinez of The Focus Group presented the Facebook and website stats. We have over 10,000 Facebook followers and have had over 21,000 video plays on our page, with over 75,000 organic impressions. Our Website engagement is also up, and the most visited section of our page was the Bill Payment tab.

No action taken. The Board accepted the August 2025 Marketing Report as submitted by The Focus Group.

A copy of the August 2025 Marketing Report is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

G. Action Items

1. Old Business

NONE

2. New Business

G2a. Focus Group FY26 Contract Renewal/Extension - Approval

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to approve the Focus Group FY26 Contract Renewal/Extension - Approval, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

Mr. John Wilson took this time to explain that the Focus Group, as part of the FY26 Contract, would be working to document a project that HCUA and H2O staff have been working on. It's a class that is being taught to Gulfport High students to train future water and wastewater operators. Once they have completed this class and passed the tests they will have their Class 2 Wastewater and Class D Water licenses. The focus group will be doing a video to promote and celebrate the program.

The motion passed. A copy of the Focus Group FY26 Contract Renewal/Extension - Approval, is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

G2b. GO MESA – 3 Projects – Submission for Funding - Approval

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to approve the GO MESA – 3 Projects – Submission for Funding - Approval, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

Mr. John Wilson explained that there were GO-MESA funds available and that the Authority would be pursuing funds for three projects: the bar and rotary screens at the Long Beach/Pass Christian plant, and the engineering plans for the North and South Gulfport plant improvements.

The motion passed. A copy of the GO MESA – 3 Projects – Submission for Funding – Approval, is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

G2c. Gaseous Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide Bid Tab Results - Approval

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich made a motion to approve the Gaseous Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide Bid Tab Results - Approval, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Gaseous Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide Bid Tab Results - Approval, is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

H. Solid Waste

H1. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane reported that last month's recycling rate was 43.14%. He also added that the funds available in the current Waste Tire grant have been exhausted and that we would be applying for another one.

No action taken. A copy of the Solid Waste Report is attached hereto as exhibit "M".

I. Executive Director's Report

NONE

J. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

K. Adjourn – At this time Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.


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