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Water Works Board Announces Self-Governance Policy and Director Pledge

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (April 12, 2023) - Birmingham Water Works Board (BWVB) announces the adoption of a new self-governance policy and director pledge aimed at bolstering transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct.

"Today's announcement demonstrates our commitment to excellence in serving our community," said Chairwoman Huffman. "These measures will help ensure that we, as Directors, are held to the highest standards of responsibility and stewardship, reinforcing the trust of the people we serve."

The Director Pledge sets forth fiduciary duties, roles, responsibilities, and expectations for Directors, emphasizing professionalism, integrity, and commitment. In addition, the Pledge requires Directors to respect differing opinions, avoid conflicts of interest, support approved board actions, and adhere to the state's ethics laws.

The Self-Governance Policy establishes mandatory training for all Directors on ethics, parliamentary procedures, and Alabama public laws and ongoing training in water industry-related areas. Additionally, noncompliance with the Self-Governance Policy will result in a forfeiture of a Director's expense allowance, further incentivizing adherence to the new policy.

"The Self-Governance Policy and Director Pledge provide a solid foundation for responsible and ethical governance," Chairwoman Huffman stated. "We take our roles as public servants seriously and are dedicated to upholding the public's trust and confidence in our Board."

These policies and pledges will be available on the BWVB's website, demonstrating our commitment to transparency and empowering the public to engage with and understand the Board's decision-making processes.

For more information, please visit the Birmingham Water Works Board website at www.bwwb.org/about.

About Birmingham Water Works

Founded in 1951, Birmingham Water Works (BWW) serves nearly 770,000 people in Jefferson, Shelby, Blount, St. Clair, and Walker counties. The BWVB operates four filtration plants and a certified testing laboratory with more than 4,000 miles of pipe in its distribution network; it ranked among the top five water systems in the United States. For more information about the Birmingham Water Works Board, media inquiries, or tours of our museum, please call 205-244-4000 or visit www.bwwb.org

