



# CITY OF FLINT

**SHELDON A. NEELEY**  
Mayor

## **WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, August 24, 2021**  
**5:30 P.M.**

*Pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, "Open Meetings Act," all meetings of the Council are open to the public and the public is welcome to address the Council on any item under its jurisdiction or on its agenda.*

### **ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION ONLY**

In accordance with the Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-21, entitled Stay Home, Stay Safe, "No person or entity shall operate a business or conduct operations that require workers to leave their homes or places of residence except to the extent that those workers are necessary to sustain or protect life or to conduct minimum basic operations." Likewise, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-15, strict compliance with section 3 of the Open Meetings Act is temporarily suspended in order to alleviate any such physical-place or physical-presence requirements, and a "meeting of a public body may be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means."

This meeting is held electronically and telephonically in light of the State of Emergency declared in the City of Flint by Mayor Neeley and by Governor Whitmer for the State of Michigan. It is further held electronically and telephonically in order to comply with Executive Order 2020-21 and to suppress the spread of COVID-19, to prevent the state's health care system from being overwhelmed, to allow time for the production of critical test kits, ventilators, and personal protective equipment, and to avoid needless deaths to the maximum extent feasible.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a State of Emergency after two individuals were confirmed testing presumptively positive for COVID-19. On Thursday, March 12, 2020, Mayor Sheldon Neeley declared a local State of Emergency to exist in the City of Flint as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On Sunday, March 15, 2020, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Mayor Neeley, based on the COVID-19 public health threat, closed City Hall to the public. As of Sunday, March 22, 2020, Michigan now has 1035 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Based on the White House guidelines issued on March 16, 2020, it is recommended that, over the next 15 days, people not gather in groups larger than 10 in order to "flatten" the curve and slow the spread of the virus.

Therefore, in accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-15 promoting public health, welfare and safety, and allowing for electronic public meetings, the following meeting is scheduled electronically: All boards and commissions must adhere to all laws established under the Michigan

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Compiled Laws and in accordance with the revisions to the Open Meetings Act adopted in Senate Bill 1108, as passed on October 13, 2020, and signed into law on October 16, 2020.

Pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976 (Open Meetings Act), notice is hereby given that the Flint Water System Advisory Council will hold its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-15 permitting electronic meetings, the following protocols are being followed:

The August 24, 2021 meeting officially establishes the City of Flint's Water System Advisory Council, and is held via webcam and/or by call-in only. The following instructions will enable any member of the public to join the meeting by call-in only:

In order to speak during the public forum portion of the Water System Advisory Council meeting by telephone, please sign up no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting start time of 5:30 p.m. by doing the following:

- a. Call 1-929-436-2866, Followed by Meeting ID#: 820 9499 1901 ## (you should not need a passcode)
- b. Each public speaker will be put into a queue to speak during the public forum;
- c. The Administrator will state the name or phone number of the speaker;
- d. Please press \*9 to raise your hand during the public forum to speak. This is necessary in order for the Zoom Administrator to unmute your phone.
- e. The public speaker will be unmuted;
- f. The public speaker will state and spell their name and be allowed 3 minutes for public speaking;
- g. The speaker will be muted after three minutes have expired;
- h. Speakers will be allowed to speak once;
- i. After the public speakers have completed speaking, the Administrator will read all emailed public comments and public comments placed in the red drop box in front of City Hall.
- j. Speakers will refrain from the use of profanity, as well as any attacks on elected and appointed officials.
- k. Failure to comply with any of the public comment rules shall result in the speaker being ruled out of order and informed that their time is up.

**Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, August 24, 2021 5:30pm-7:30pm**

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Remote Member Announcement
- II. Election of Officers
- III. Meeting Purpose
- IV. Public Comment
- V. New Business
  - a. Meeting Frequency
  - b. Bylaws
- VI. Adjournment

Flint Water System Advisory Council Members

- James Gaskin
- Jaron Houston
- E. Yvonne Lewis
- Benjamin Pauli
- Lawrence Reynolds
- Gina Smith
- Sheryl Thompson