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April 8, 2025

The Governance Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 9:04 a.m.

**Present** 

Director Chadrick Kennedy, Chair Director Janet Howard Director H. Davis Cole **Members Absent** 

Director Lynes R. Sloss

**Non-Members Present** 

**Director Maurice Sholas** 

## **Presentation Item**

**Director Robin Barnes** 

Jamie Parker, Interim Chief of Staff, provided an update on the 2025 legislative session. Ms. Parker announced the session will commence on April 14 and is expected to conclude by June 12. SWBNO's priority this year is securing \$29 million in capital outlay, which would be directed towards specific Power Complex projects.

Ms. Parker also discussed several bills that have been filed concerning SWBNO, including the utility's governance, stormwater fee funding, and employment lists for certain appointed positions. The committee requested that SWBNO staff reach out to the legislators who authored the bills to schedule meetings to learn more. The committee also asked staff to provide additional information relative to the bills.

Additionally, Ms. Parker delivered an update regarding federal funding requests for Fiscal Year 2026, specifically addressing improvements at the Water Treatment Plants and Wastewater Treatment Plants. Executive leadership from the General Superintendent's Office is scheduled to meet with members of Congress to discuss the utility's funding requests.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Governance Committee, Director Cole moved to adjourn. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:33 a.m.