

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Council Members Nollert and McMahon

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the vacancies on the Orange Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors

DATE: March 26, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: The Council Interview Committee for Orange Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors met on Thursday March 26 2026, and by unanimous vote made the following recommendation(s) to the Town Council for Consideration:

- Susana Dancy, Reappointment, Orange Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors
- John McAdams, Appointment, Orange Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors

SPECIAL REQUEST(s): NONE

BACKGROUND: The committee found both Judith Miller and John McAdams well-qualified to represent Chapel Hill on the OWASA Board of Directors with relevant experience and background on current issues facing the board. Amanda Seidenfeld was also a good candidate. Her relevant experience and focus were on public health and water quality. The committee believes this perspective is sufficiently represented on the Board, and experience and focus on finance and development is more critical at this time. The committee unanimously recommended John McAdams for appointment to the OWASA Board of Directors on the basis of his technical expertise in construction, his project management experience, and his previous financial responsibilities for a major, multi-state planning, design, and engineering firm. As OWASA navigates the current Clearwell project, addresses the WASAMPBA expansion process, and plans for long-term stability and resilience in the water resources of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough, this applied, practical experience will benefit the board. Additionally, Mr. McAdams has served on the Board of the Triangle Land Conservancy and the Carol Woods retirement community, both of which provide major contributions to the culture and natural resources stewardship of Orange County and has served as an appointee to the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission.

The committee also recommended Susana Dancy for reappointment. Ms. Dancy has served faithfully and effectively in her first term, bringing helpful financial acumen and applied development experience that contributed to the successful execution of the utility's service mission.

Note: The Town Clerk's Office notes that the Orange Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors reviewed the following applications: Susana Dancy, John McAdams, Judith Miller, and Amanda Seidenfeld. No additional applications were received between March 26, 2026, and April 9, 2026 for the Orange Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors.