



TO: Tomás González, City Manager, City of El Paso, Texas
FROM: John E. Balliew, President/CEO, El Paso Water Utilities, Public Service Board
DATE: March 20, 2023

**SUBJECT: Request for Placement of Item on the Regular Agenda for City Council
Meeting: March 28, 2023**

Agenda Posting Language:

Discussion and action on a Resolution to appoint a member to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees in the area of expertise of Engineering, as recommended by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee.

(All Districts) El Paso Water Utilities, John E. Balliew, President/CEO, (915) 594-5595

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Background:

This agenda item is for City Council to appoint a member to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees. The first term of the Public Service Board member serving in the area of expertise of Engineering, Mr. Bryan Morris, expired on January 9, 2023. Mr. Morris is eligible to be appointed for another term since board members are eligible to serve two terms. Attached is a copy of the general qualifications to be considered for the Engineering category.

On February 1, 2023 as required by Ordinance Number 017167, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee (Selection Committee) met and reviewed Mr. Morris' application who is a qualified applicant. It was noted for the record that a second applicant withdrew his application prior to the selection committee meeting. The Committee's membership consists of the Public Service Board and eight persons appointed by City Council. In accordance with Ordinance 017167, the Committee now forwards the sole, qualified candidate to the City Council for consideration and appointment. Attached is a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Selection Committee at the February 1, 2023 meeting along with the resume of the applicant.

Action Requested:

That the City Council adopt a Resolution re-appointing Mr. Morris to serve a second term on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees in the area of expertise of Engineering, as recommended by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 594-5595 or e-mail Jeballiew@epwater.org. El Paso Water Utilities staff will attend the City Council meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,



John E. Balliew, P.E.
CEO/President

Attachments

DHS
City Council Resolution
Selection Committee Resolution
Resume of candidate (Redacted)
PSB Areas of Expertise, Education and Experience for Engineering

CC:	The Honorable Mayor Oscar Leeser (email)	Marcela Navarrete, Vice-President, PSB
	Laura D. Prine, City Clerk (email)	Gilbert Trejo, Vice-President, PSB
	Karla Nieman, City Attorney (email)	Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel, PSB

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Office of the Mayor

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME/PHONE NUMBER: Mayor Oscar Leeser (915) 212-0021

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT: Approve the following Resolution

Discussion and action on a Resolution to appoint a member to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees in the area of expertise of Engineering as recommended by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee:

Sole Qualified Applicant: Bryan Morris

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The first term of the Public Service Board member serving in the area of expertise of Engineering, Mr. Bryan Morris, expired on January 9, 2023. Ms. Morris is eligible to be appointed for another term since board members are eligible to serve two terms.

On February 1, 2023, as required by Ordinance Number 017167, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee (hereinafter "Selection Committee") met and reviewed the application submitted by the qualified applicant. The Selection Committee's membership consists of the Public Service Board members and eight persons appointed by City Council. The Selection Committee forwards the sole, qualified candidate to the City Council for consideration and appointment.

Advertisement for applicants interested in this position were placed in the El Paso, Inc., and on the City of El Paso and El Paso Water's websites. A second candidate withdrew his application prior to the meeting of the Selection Committee.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes. The City Council approved a Resolution on January 19, 2022 appointing Stefanie Block Uribarri to fill a vacancy of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees in the area of expertise of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board budget.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION:

On February 1, 2023, the Selection Committee approved a Resolution selecting Mr. Morris as the qualified applicant in the area of expertise of Engineering. The Committee's Resolution is attached.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board occurred on January 9, 2023 with the expiration of the first term of Bryan Morris who filled the position which required expertise in the area of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso adopted Ordinance Number 017167 which requires that any vacancy in the membership of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board be filled by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso by Resolution established the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee, to be comprised of the members of the Public Service Board and such additional members as appointed by the City Council to assist City Council in selecting eligible candidates to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, under the Resolution, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee reviews resumes submitted by persons interested in filling the vacant position and submits to the City Council the names of eligible candidates; and

WHEREAS, a quorum of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee met on February 1, 2023 pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and approved the nomination and recommendation of the eligible candidate for consideration and appointment by City Council;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

THAT, a quorum of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee met on February 1, 2023 pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and approved the nomination and recommendation to the City Council the following candidate to fill a second term on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board in the area of Engineering:

Bryan Morris

THAT, the El Paso City Council hereby appoints Bryan Morris to fill the vacancy on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board in the area of Engineering. The term of appointment shall commence on April 12, 2023 and shall be for a four year term.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this_____day of March, 2023.


THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, under the Resolution, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee reviews resumes submitted by qualified persons interested in filling the vacant position and submits to the City Council the names and the ranking of the eligible candidates.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

THAT, a quorum of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee met on February 1, 2023 pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and approved the nomination and recommendation to the City Council of the following candidate to fill a vacancy on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board:

Bryan Morris

THAT, the Mayor of El Paso, who serves as the Chair of the Committee, forward the recommendation to the El Paso City Council for their consideration for filling the vacancy on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board.

PASSED and APPROVED this 1st day of February, 2023

El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board
Selection Committee:



Mayor Oscar Leeser, Chair

Approved As To Form:



Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel

PSB – ENGINEER BOARD MEMBER POSITION

APPLICANT - BRYAN R. MORRIS, P.E.

November 30, 2022

Claudia Duran, Executive Assistant to President/CEO
El Paso Water
1154 Hawkins Blvd.
El Paso, TX 79925

RE: Application for PSB Engineering Board Seat

Dear Ms. Duran.

Herein please find my application to reapply for the Public Service Board Engineering Member Seat. It has been a great honor to have served on the PSB for 4 years.

As Mr. Chris Antcliff stated, “the first few years on this board is like drinking from a fire hose”, to which I agree. With 4 years of experience on the board, I feel like I am now only drinking from a 2” meter and a smaller hose.

I am a U.S. citizen, having been born in El Paso. I have resided in El Paso County for over 60 years. I have a BSEE degree from UTEP/1982. I have worked in the engineering design and construction field since 1982, and I have been a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas since October 1986. I have Professional Registration in Arizona and New Mexico as well.

With my education, interests, professional knowledge, and experience in engineering I feel I am more than qualified for the **Engineering** member on the PSB. My company, RBM Engineering, Inc. provides mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering design for the building construction industry. Having been in the engineering and construction industry for over 40 years I have considerable experience in planning, design and construction. Every day I deal with application of administrative, budgetary and managerial policies and procedures as they apply to design and construction engineering.

I have owned my own business or been a majority partner in my own business since 1986. I have had between 2 and 26 employees with a current employee count of 13 people.

I have no interests that conflict with those of the Public Service Board, including real estate management or land development and I hold no current political office.

While on the Board, I will not perform any consulting work for El Paso Water to guarantee no conflict of interest.

I enjoy being in meetings that involve technical and important issues. I have attended board meetings for the following entities, either as a presenter or as a citizen with an issue or interest:

City of El Paso City Council
Thomason Hospital Board of Managers
Clint ISD School Board
Socorro ISD School Board
Ysleta ISD School Board
Las Cruces Public School Board

El Paso County Commissioners
EPCC Board Meeting
Fabens ISD School Board
El Paso ISD School Board
Dona Ana County Commissioners
Public Service Board

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Since 2005, I have been on the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Elevator Advisory Board. I served as the Presiding Officer from 2006-2021. The meetings are in Austin, and I have attended all meetings and all work sessions. I have diligently reviewed all material and I am always prepared for the meetings.


I continue to have the time in my business and personal life to devote to serve on this board. I have the blessing of my wife and my business partner.

The future of El Paso's water supply is important. In helping my son with one of his Science Fair projects we became familiar with where El Paso's water comes from and that El Paso Water's conservation programs have dropped the gallons per person per year water usage to nation leading low levels. As part of this science fair project, we installed a hot water recirculating system in our house that we still use today. My family and business are active participants in recycling. My office has been recycling since 1996.

I vividly remember August 1, 2008, standing on Silver Springs, on the Westside, and watching the flood waters rush down that street. I support El Paso Water being in charge of storm water.

I feel I have served the community well in my last 4 years as a member of the PSB.

I would like to thank the Public Service Board Selection Committee, El Paso Water and City Council for your time in reviewing my application for re-appointment.

I may be contacted at 

Attached is my detailed resume.

Very truly yours,



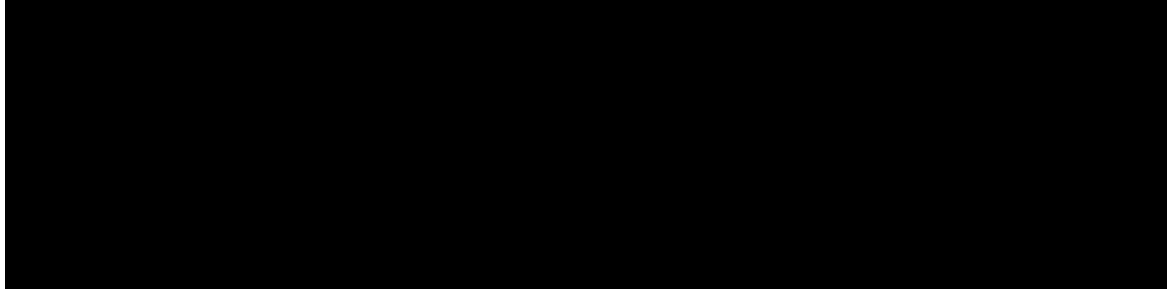
Bryan R. Morris, P.E.

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Bryan R. Morris, P.E.

Business Address:

Residential Address:



Personal

Born and raised in El Paso

Married, one child

Graduated High School: Irvin 1978

Member of Western Hills United Methodist Church

Born [REDACTED]

Descendant of Mark Twain

Education

Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering, the University of Texas at El Paso, 1982

Continuing Education Courses – Annually at least 15 PDH

Professional Credentials

Fundamentals in Engineering (FE) Exam: Passed May 1982

Registered Professional Engineer, Texas, October 1986.

Practice and Principles of Engineering (PE) Exam: Passed April 2009

Registered Professional Engineer: Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico

Professional Recognition

Texas Society of Professional Engineer, El Paso Chapter 1990 Young Engineer of the Year award.

Texas Society of Professional Engineer, El Paso Chapter 2009 Candidate for Engineer of the Year.

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Employment History

- May 1993 to present **RBM Engineering, Inc.**
El Paso, Texas
President
Sr. Electrical Engineer
Duties include all aspects of finances, hiring, firing, employee relations, marketing, client development, and review of engineering work product. Duties also include design and construction engineering, construction review, inspections, budgeting, planning. We help Owners with capital projects with planning, budgeting, design, bidding and construction oversight.
- July 1992 to May 1993 **Coupland - Moran Engineers, Inc.**
El Paso, Texas
Sr. Electrical Engineer
As office manager, duties included billings, collections, hiring, firing, employee relations, marketing, client development, and review of engineering work product.
- Oct. 1986 to July 1992 **Morris, Toothman & Associates**
El Paso, Texas
Sole Proprietor/ Electrical Engineer
As sole owner of the business, duties included all aspects of finances, billing, hiring, firing, employee relations, marketing, client development, and review of engineering work product.
- Jan 1985 to Oct. 1986 **Walt Toothman Consulting Engineer**
El Paso, Texas
Engineer-in-Training
Duties included electrical design.
- Dec. 1982 to Dec. 1984 **Brown & Root Engineers and Constructors, Inc.**
Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant
Glenrose, Texas
Site Field Engineer
This job assignment was at the construction site of a Nuclear Power plant. Duties included electrical field drawings and inspections.
- June 1982 to Dec. 1982 **Brown & Root Engineers and Constructors, Inc.**
Houston, Texas
Entry Level Engineer
Duties included training and writing company standards.

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Business Ventures

I have been a business owner for 36 years as either a sole proprietor or majority partner.

The only business venture that Bryan Morris, PE is currently involved with is RBM Engineering, Inc. Since its inception in 1993 this company has provided mechanical, electrical and plumbing consulting engineering services to the construction trade industry. The primary office is in El Paso with a branch office in Las Cruces. Some of our more prominent projects include:

- NM State Veterans Home in Truth or consequences, NM
- Renovation and Expansion of the Judson Williams Convention Center
- Americas, Chapin and Franklin High School
- Andy and Syd Cohen Stadium
- Petro Stopping Centers, nationwide
- Field of Dreams Football Stadium, Las Cruces, NM
- Centennial Club, Biggs Army Airfield
- Thomason Hospital Parking Garages and North Tower Addition
- UMC East and West Clinics
- UMC Free Standing ER – Northeast and Joe Battle
- Vado Speedway Park, Vado NM
- Ft. Hancock Reverse Osmosis Plant, raw water tank and water transmission line
- Americas Booster Station Emergency Generators
- Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Health Clinic

In its 29-year history RBM Engineering has designed less than 10 projects for El Paso Water. While on the Public Service Board, RBM Engineering will decline all work for the utility to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest.

Current Board Membership

State of Texas, Elevator Advisory Board. Advisory Board to Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Member 2005-2006, 2021-present

State of Texas, Elevator Advisory Board. Advisory Board to Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Presiding Officer: 2006 to 2021.

El Paso Chapter of the Illumination Engineering Society. President 2018 – 2020.

Previous Significant Board Memberships

Texas Society of Professional Engineer, El Paso Chapter State Director.

Texas Society of Professional Engineer, El Paso Chapter Board of Directors.

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Civic/Volunteer

- Coached T-ball, 2 years
- Career days many times and various middle schools and high schools
- Chairman Building Renovation Committee, Mt. View Baptist Church
- Charter Advisor to Chapin HS Project Lead the Way Chapter
- Science Fair judge
- Boy Scouts of America Trained Leader
- Boy Scouts of America Pack 72 Den Leader 4 years
- Boy Scout of America Popcorn Co-chair Pack 72, sales increased 8-fold
- Chairman for St. Marks UMC playground relocation project; also assisted a Boy Scout with his Eagle Scout project.
- Volunteer for Animal Rescue League of America
- Member of UTEP Alumni Association
- Morehead MS Band Boosters, Chairman Ways & Means, 2 years
- Volunteer for St. Marks UMC annual Christmas Basket Project
- Destination Imagination Team Prop driver and chaperone for EPISD to the Texas State Tournament, 4 years
- National History Day competition, Austin, EPISD driver and chaperone
- Volunteer for concession stands for high school football and basketball games
- Previous Blood Donor. Donated over 5 gallons
- Thunder Canyon Arroyo, financial contributor towards preservation of the arroyo
- Public member at Morehead Middle School on the School Planning Committee for the consolidation of Morehead and Johnson PK-8.
- Member of the UTEP Athletic Department Fan Council 2019-2023.
- El Paso Rhino Hockey Billet Family, housing players in our home for the season.

End of Resume

PSB AREAS OF EXPERTISE, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Engineering:

Professional knowledge and experience in engineering (Registered Professional Engineer preferred). Knowledge of civil, structural, mechanical, or electrical engineering principles, standards, and practices, environmental and other pertinent codes, regulations and mandates; comprehensive knowledge of engineering methods and theories; knowledge and application of administrative, budgetary and managerial policies and procedures as they apply to design and construction engineering. Ability to evaluate capital projects to include: facility construction; water, wastewater, reclaimed water and stormwater projects; expansion projects, etc.

Bachelor's degree preferable. A minimum of four years experience in Engineering (Civil, Chemical, Mechanical, Structural Environmental, or Electrical engineering; community involvement experience that accents demonstrated leadership; no conflicts of interest; abide by a specified code of ethics; and no current political office held. Considerable experience in planning, design and/or combination of engineering projects is a requirement. Registration as a professional engineer is desirable.