



*Annual Board Committee Report Template*

**Committee: Fayetteville Public Works Commission Board of Commissioners.**

Period of time this report covers: 2024

Committee Chair: Dr. Christopher (Chris) G. Davis

**Committee Members:**

Name	Term Period (Swearing-in Date)	Special Category
Dr. Christopher (Chris) G. Davis	March 2023	Chair
Richard W. King	October 2023	Vice Chair
Ronna Rowe Garrett	April 2021	Secretary
Colonel (Ret.) Donald L. Porter	November 2022	Treasurer

**The main goals and objectives for the Committee:**

1. Lead PWC to continue to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable electricity, water and wastewater services to our community.
2. Balance the demands of providing essential services with the need for financial prudence, regulatory compliance, sustainable practices, and strategic foresight.
3. Guide PWC towards fulfilling its public service mandate while ensuring long-term viability and success.

**Charges or tasks of the Committee (Action items for the reporting year)**

- **\$25.4M PWC Contribution to and in support of the City of Fayetteville**
  - \$12.2M in PILOT
  - \$4.8M in Annexation Costs
  - \$4M in Street Lighting
  - \$1.6M in Storm Drainage Improvement
  - \$950,000 in Underground Conversions & Gateway Improvements
  - \$800,000 in Street & Pedestrian Lighting Improvements
  - \$617,000 in Non-Reimbursable Expenditures with regard to Metronet
  - \$325,000 in Community Economic Development Support
  - \$85,000 in support of FAYTV public access channel
  - \$66,000 towards the shared cost of the Parking Deck



## **Summary of accomplishments:**

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### 1. Recognized with the following awards:

- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies Gold Award for Exceptional Utility Performance
- American Public Power Association Reliable Public Power Award
- Partnership for Safe Water's Director's Award
- ElectriCities of North Carolina Public Power Awards of Excellence for Strengthen Public Power, Provide Superior Power, Customer-Centered Innovation, & People
- American Public Power Association Smart Energy Provider
- Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award & Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
- National Association of Fleet Administrators Top 100 Fleets in America
- North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Area Wide Optimization Program Award (P.O. Hoffer Water Treatment Facility & Glenville Lake Water Treatment Facility)
- North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association Outstanding Operator of the Year (Del Coffman)
- North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association Operator of the Year, C-Surface (John Cummings)
- North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association Educator of the Year (Jason Green)
- North Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing's Sustained Professional Purchasing Award
- North Carolina MWBE Coordinators' Network Rising Star Award (Nikole Bohannon)
- United Way of North Carolina Spirit of North Carolina Award
- MinMax Technologies Ring of Honor (Joel Valley)
- Greater Fayetteville Chamber Excellence in Innovation Award



2. Fulfilled over 500 community requests from local organizations and residents for PWC support through bottled water donations, facility tours, school visits, sponsorships, touch a truck, and more.
3. Supported United Way of Cumberland County's Annual Campaign by facilitating employee contributions of over \$110,500 and packing over 35,000 meals to feed local residents.
4. Partnered with Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville Technical Community College to establish a Fayetteville-Cumberland Regional Building Training and Assessment Center (BTAC) to serve as a foundation to create new green-economy jobs.
5. Began construction of two (2) new solar farms: Gillespie Street Solar (1.9MW and 95% complete) and Rockfish Solar (4.9MW and 10% complete).
6. Awarded \$3.6M NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) NC Power Up grant to replace sub-transmission poles.
7. Awarded \$12M from NC General Assembly to fund regulated water supply to Gray's Creek area.
8. Awarded \$22.7M Department of Energy (DOE) Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) 50% matching grant to install new software and advanced technologies over the next 5-years to improve customer electric reliability—Project and grant funds ON HOLD due to President Trump Executive Orders and other presidential actions.
9. Awarded \$1.3M DOE Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity (RMUC) grant to bolster electric system cybersecurity—Project and grant funds ON HOLD pending President Trump Executive Orders and other presidential actions.
10. Awarded \$60M NC Division of Water Infrastructure, Drinking Water State Revolving Funds – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law-Emerging Contaminates (BIL-EC) low interest loan with \$21.5M in principal forgiveness, to construct Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration systems to meet latest federal drinking water standard—Awarded funds BEING REVIEWED pending President Trump Executive Orders and other presidential actions.
11. Awarded \$2.5M NC Division of Water Infrastructure, Drinking Water State Revolving Funds – Lead and Copper BIL/IIJA Funds to identify, inventory, and replace lead service laterals and galvanized water service laterals—Awarded funds BEING REVIEWED pending President Trump Executive Orders and other presidential actions.



**List of activities in progress including upcoming events/discussions:**

1. Celebrating 120<sup>th</sup> PWC anniversary of delivering safe, reliable, and cost effective electric, water, and wastewater services across Fayetteville and greater Cumberland County.
2. Conducting the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Power & Water Conservation Expo: March 28, 2025, 10am-8pm, Downtown Fayetteville.
3. Coordinating representation at neighborhood/community watch meetings and Annexation Phase V Project Areas.
4. Increasing outreach to elected officials and policy makers to visit PWC facilities and learn about all the great work happening right here in Fayetteville.

**Issues that need to be addressed:**

1. Coordinating with City Leadership to make sure any issues are addressed in a timely manner on behalf of your constituents and our ratepayers.
2. Growing the partnership between the City of Fayetteville and PWC in order to spur development across the City and Region.

**Recommendations to the City Council:**