

A successful PWSA needs to consider many diverse values. Here are some that we've heard so far.

Labor	Health + Safety	Accountability	Cost	Trust + Transparency	Implementability	Green Infrastructure
<p>A quality workforce should be considered essential for PWSA to deliver a quality product.</p> <p>Organized Labor <i>It is important to me that PWSA employees be able to bargain collectively.</i></p> <p>Living Wage <i>It is important to me that PWSA employees be paid a fair and competitive wage.</i></p> <p>Residency Requirement <i>It is important to me that PWSA be able to hire the best employees, regardless of their place of residence.</i></p> <p>Full-Time vs Consultants <i>It is important to me that PWSA hire more full time employees and fewer contracted consultants.</i></p>	<p>PWSA provides drinking water and should meet high standards for quality.</p> <p>Boil Water Orders <i>It is important to me that PWSA never need to issue a boil water order again by improving system redundancy and reliability.</i></p> <p>Lead Line Replacement <i>It is important to me that PWSA invest in eliminating all sources of lead contamination, including replacing supply lines on private property.</i></p> <p>Capital Investment <i>It is important to me that PWSA make necessary investments in large-scale infrastructure to ensure quality and reliability.</i></p> <p>Regulatory Compliance <i>It is important to me that PWSA proactively invests in improvements to ensure full compliance with regulations now and into the future.</i></p> <p>Deferred Maintenance <i>It is important to me that PWSA stops deferring maintenance for infrastructure components that put quality and reliability at risk.</i></p>	<p>PWSA should be accountable to the expectations of ratepayers.</p> <p>PUC Oversight <i>It is important to me that PWSA be regulated by the Public Utilities Commission just as other public utilities are regulated.</i></p> <p>Internal Controls <i>It is important to me that PWSA keeps records and purchases materials and services according to rigorous industry standards.</i></p> <p>Water System Ownership <i>It is important to me that ownership of water infrastructure prioritizes public benefit over private profit.</i></p> <p>Sewer System Ownership <i>It is important to me that ownership of sewer infrastructure prioritizes public benefit over private profit.</i></p> <p>Billing Accuracy <i>It is important to me that PWSA provides accurate bills and accurately measures water usage.</i></p>	<p>PWSA's rates should be affordable to all users.</p> <p>Ratepayer Impact <i>It is important to me that the restructuring of PWSA minimizes the cost impact on ratepayers.</i></p> <p>Shutoff Moratorium <i>It is important to me that PWSA does not shut off water supply to those who cannot afford to pay their water bill.</i></p> <p>Ratepayer Assistance <i>It is important to me that PWSA develops a ratepayer assistance program for families that have difficulty paying their water bill, similar to other local utilities.</i></p> <p>Non-Paying Consumers <i>It is important to me that every user of PWSA water pays for the water they use, even institutions who have historically received their water for free.</i></p> <p>System Efficiency <i>It is important to me that PWSA water is not lost to leaks, breaks, or other non-revenue generating places.</i></p>	<p>Checks and balances should enable ratepayers to understand and trust PWSA's decisions and actions.</p> <p>Politically Appointed Board <i>It is important to me that the governing body for the PWSA is not affected by or affiliated with municipal or regional politics.</i></p> <p>Board Expertise <i>It is important to me that the governing body for the PWSA include topic-area experts for each of its essential functions.</i></p> <p>Board Diversity <i>It is important to me that the governing body for the PWSA represents the full diversity of the City of Pittsburgh.</i></p> <p>Public Process <i>It is important to me that the public is regularly engaged throughout the restructuring process in an equitable manner.</i></p> <p>Open Communications <i>It is important to me that all major decisions made by the PWSA and its governing body be quickly, clearly, and thoroughly documented for the public.</i></p>	<p>Successful restructuring of the PWSA should balance the need for expediency and political will.</p> <p>Political Will <i>It is important to me that the City's leaders make successful restructuring of the PWSA a top priority.</i></p> <p>Expediency <i>It is important to me that PWSA be restructured quickly and decisively so that it can proceed with necessary investments.</i></p> <p>Interagency Coordination <i>It is important to me that City Departments and regional authorities coordinate and cooperate with PWSA.</i></p> <p>Legislative Support <i>It is important to me that the state legislature creates or modifies rules to allow PWSA to effectively solve problems.</i></p>	<p>Green Infrastructure should be part of Pittsburgh's solution to eliminate CSOs and reduce flooding.</p> <p>Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) <i>It is important to me that PWSA prioritize Combined Sewer Overflow reduction as an essential part of its mission.</i></p> <p>The Green First Plan <i>It is important to me that PWSA implement networked Green Infrastructure to solve Combined Sewer Overflows.</i></p> <p>Community Investment <i>It is important to me that Combined Sewer Overflow mitigation be implemented in a way that catalyzes investment in community priorities.</i></p> <p>Regional Approach <i>It is important to me that Green Infrastructure be studied and implemented at the regional scale and not just within the City.</i></p>