

Workshop Discussion Sheet

Table # _____

Get to know your neighbors! Introduce yourself to the people at your table.

Use pens, markers, and post-it notes to document your group's conversation.

Additional paper and supplies are available upon request. If you need help or have a question, please feel free to ask!

Your feedback is important and will be cataloged and summarized for the Blue Ribbon Panel.

You are also invited to offer feedback via the Blue Ribbon Panel's Website at www.pwsablueribbon.com.

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

Tape Strategy Sheet Here

I have questions about ...

I am concerned about ...

