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### **GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2021**

*Wayne County Board Representative John J. Zech to serve as Board Chair*

**DETROIT** – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Board of Directors has elected new officers: John J. Zech, board representative from Wayne County, will serve as board chair; Jaye Quadrozzi, board representative from Oakland County, will serve as vice chair; and Freman Hendrix, board representative from the city of Detroit, will serve as secretary. The new officers will each serve a one-year term effective January 1, 2021.

“I want to thank Dr. Walker-Griffea for her leadership of the board over the last year. She helped us very successfully navigate a challenging time due to all the changes brought about by the coronavirus pandemic,” said Zech. “Despite the unique concerns of 2020, we made great progress on behalf of GLWA and its member partners, which included approving a new Business Inclusion and Diversity Program and expanding eligibility for greater access to the Water Residential Assistance Program. I look forward to my year as chair and to making a positive impact using my extensive experience in municipal leadership. I also am committed to the spirit of regional collaboration which has guided this board in its first five years.”

Zech, appointed to the board by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans in July 2020, has more than 40 years of public service experience. He has served in leadership roles with a number of communities across southeast Michigan including the cities of Wayne, Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Plymouth and Southgate. He is active in the community and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Municipal League. Zech has also earned Life Membership status with the International City Management Association. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Detroit.

Quadrozzi, appointed as GLWA’s Oakland County representative in October 2019, brings more than 20 years in complex commercial litigation for both federal and state courts to her new role as vice chair. She is a member of the state bars of Michigan, Illinois and California. Ms. Quadrozzi also serves as the Oakland County representative on the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Board of Commissioners.

Hendrix, appointed as one of GLWA's two representatives from the city of Detroit in March 2016, brings more than three decades of experience getting things done for the people and families of Detroit and southeast Michigan. In addition to serving as a former Deputy Mayor and Chief of Staff for former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, he has extensive municipal finance experience. He also serves on the Board of the Regional Transit Authority of Southeastern Michigan and as the Wayne County Sheriff's representative on the Wayne County Board of Ethics.

The full 2021 GLWA Board of Directors is comprised of the following members:

- John J. Zech, board chair; representative from Wayne County
- Jaye Quadrozzi, board vice chair; representative from Oakland County
- Freman Hendrix, board secretary; representative from the city of Detroit
- Brian Baker, director; representative from Macomb County
- Gary A. Brown, director; board representative from the city of Detroit
- Beverly Walker-Griffiea, Ph.D., director; representative appointed by the state of Michigan

For more information on GLWA, please visit [www.glwater.org](http://www.glwater.org).

### **About the Great Lakes Water Authority**

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent, and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent, of Michigan's population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its services beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA's board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit, and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent member partner communities outside of the tri-county area.