

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2025

10:30 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Precious Brady-Davis, Commissioner Yumeka Brown, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Vice-President Patricia Theresa Flynn, Chairman of Finance Marcelino Garcia, Commissioner Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Commissioner Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Commissioner Sharon Waller, President Board of Commissioners Kari K. Steele

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.*
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.*

Call Meeting to Order

President Kari K. Steele presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call

- Present:** 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele
- Absent:** 1 - Yumeka Brown

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, that the minutes from the last meeting of November 6, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Cameron Davis, that the minutes from the Special Meeting of November 6, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that the minutes from the Special Meeting of October 16, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that the minutes from the Special Meeting of October 17, 2025, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

None

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

Committee of the Whole

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Agenda with the exception of Item: 6

Item 6 was deferred by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of November 6, 2025 was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:50 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [25-0843](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners congratulating employees that have retired in the last year

Attachments: [MWRD Retirement List 10-1-2024 - 09-30-2025](#)

Adopted

- 2 [25-0871](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners congratulating the Leo High School Choir for its performance on the television show America's Got Talent

Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 3 [25-0864](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of October 2025, in the amount of \$58,736,914.20

Attachments: [October 2025 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 4 [25-0861](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Published and Filed

Authority to Advertise

- 6 [25-0848](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-24, Furnish, Deliver, and Install Web-Based Compliance Software, estimated cost \$250,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430 and 612820, Requisition 1648399

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-24 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Deferred by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Issue Purchase Order

- 7 [25-0844](#) Issue purchase order to CommVault Systems, Inc. for Maintenance subscription, renewal and license for CommVault's Backup Software, in an amount not to exceed \$218,392.80, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1647544.

Approved

- 8 [25-0845](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for Adobe Software Licenses Subscription Renewal in an amount not to exceed \$80,688.45, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1648068

Approved

- 9 [25-0852](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Hey and Associates, Inc. for Contract 24-CON-03 Professional Engineering Services for Project 25-800-5F Riparian Area Improvements at Multiple Locations in Cook County, in an amount not to exceed \$2,291,377.39, Accounts 501-50000-612440 and 612450, Requisition 1648263

Attachments: [Contract 24-CON-03 \(Project 25-800-5F\) Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Hey and Associates, Inc.](#)

Approved

- 10 [25-0863](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 26-632-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hypochlorite, to Rowell Chemical Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$4,046,363.30, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623560, Requisitions 1640938, 1641444, and 1641687

Attachments: [Contract 26-632-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Award Contract

- 11 [25-0862](#) Authority to award Contract 25-617-11, Power Distribution Equipment Inspection and Repairs, to Siemens Industry, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$735,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612650/623070, Requisitions 1641184, 1641186, and 1641187 (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [Contract 25-617-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 12 [25-0850](#) Authority to increase Contract 07-027-3SR North Side Sludge Pipeline Replacement - Section 1, NSA, Rebid, to Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp. in an amount of \$3,887,183.92, from an amount of \$28,506,018.50, to an amount not to exceed \$32,393,202.42, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000091

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000091](#)

Approved

- 13 [25-0851](#) Authority to increase Contract 21-091-3P Phosphorus Removal Modifications to Battery D, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$17,715.74, from an amount of \$15,511,121.96, to an amount not to exceed \$15,528,837.70, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000099

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000099](#)

Approved

- 14 [25-0858](#) Authority to decrease the agreement with Schneider Electric Systems USA, Inc., to Provide Services for a Secure Upgrade to the DCS at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$384,006.80, from an amount of \$4,292,721.00, to an amount not to exceed \$3,908,714.20, Account 101-68000-612650, Purchase Order 3132614

Approved

- 15 [25-0873](#) Authority to increase Contract 08-174-3D Battery A Improvements and Battery B Installation of Mechanical Mixers, SWRP, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$1,120,000.00, from an amount of \$56,449,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$57,569,000.00, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000122

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000122](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 16 [25-0869](#) Authority to transfer 2025 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$50,000.00 in the Corporate Fund

Attachments: [11.20.25 Board Transfer for Board Approval.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 17 [25-0865](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of October 2025

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report October 2025 5% Contingency - Final.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report October 2025 - FINAL.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 18 [25-0866](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions from July through September 2025 for Contract 11-187-3F Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report for 11-187-3F July to September 2025.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report for 11-187-3F July to September 2025.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 19 [25-0853](#) Authority to enter into an agreement with the Village of Schaumburg to share Geographic Information System data for underground facilities.

Approved

Industrial Waste & Water Pollution Committee

Report

- 20 [25-0868](#) Report on Public Notification of Dischargers found in Significant Noncompliance with Pretreatment Standards or Other Requirements

Attachments: [Attachment 1 - SNC 2024.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 - SNC 2024.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 21 [25-0860](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Scott Bresnahan vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 14WC023745, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$465,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090 (As Revised)

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 22 [25-0855](#) Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease approximately 9 acres of District real estate located at 6400 Canal Bank Road in Forest View, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 37.07

Attachments: [RE - Commence Statutory Procedures 6400 Canal Bank Road, Forest View MCP 37.07 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 23 [25-0856](#) Authority to grant to the Village of Skokie a 25-year, approximately 304.5' by 10' non-exclusive easement to continue to install, operate, maintain, repair and remove a water main on District real estate located across the North Shore Channel and along the north side of Touhy Avenue in Skokie, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Easement to Skokie for Water Main Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [25-0857](#) Authority to issue a 5-year permit to the Illinois State Water Survey for continued access to the District's monitoring well located at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, 400 E. 130th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - ISWS 5-year Permit Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 6 and 26

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

26 [25-0875](#) MOTION to appoint an Executive Director

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

Executive Session

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 2.06(D) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss one matter of pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:20 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

Miscellaneous & New Business

1. Sharon Waller requested the District's assistance to find re-housing options for encampment residents, shelter placement for couples, use housing first model, to enforce park curfew, press Chicago Public Schools to expedite approval of construction of the path extension, and the City can not wait for the shelter to be closed to start bank stabilization and path extension
2. Patricia Theresa Flynn requested a memo on the history of the District's correspondence with the Park District or alderman

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2025, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: November 21, 2025.

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., November 25, 2025

Adjournment

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. and also move that today's meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this November 20, 2025, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

President Board of Commissioners of the
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