

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2026

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:** 7 - Yumeka Brown; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 2 - Precious Brady-Davis; and Cameron Davis

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that the minutes from the last meeting of June 4, 2026 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of June 18, 2026 was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:55 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

## Memorial Resolution

- 1 [26-0416](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Spencer Leak, Jr.

**Adopted**

### Ordinance - Right of Way

- 2 [R26-001](#) Adopt Ordinance R26-001 amending Ordinance R25-002 Establishing the Right-of-Way for the design, construction, land acquisition, maintenance, operation, and ownership of the Flood Control Project on Prairie Creek in Maine Township and Park Ridge, Illinois (Contract 12-056-5F) in parts of Sections 15 and 22, Township 41 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois

**Attachments:** [MISC NB - R26-001 ROW Ordinance Prairie Creek - Board Letter.pdf](#)  
[MISC NB - R26-001 ROW Ordinance Prairie Creek - Ordinance.pdf](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Yumeka Brown, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 2 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis

### Resolution

- 3 [26-0435](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing June 19th as Juneteenth

**Adopted**

- 4 [26-0446](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America

**Adopted**

### Finance Committee

#### Report

- 5 [26-0418](#) Report on the investment interest income during April 2026

**Attachments:** [Inv Int Inc 2026-04 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 6 [26-0419](#) Report on investments purchased during April 2026

**Attachments:** [Inv Purch 2026-04 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 7 [26-0420](#) Report on the investment interest income during May 2026  
**Attachments:** [Inv Int Inc 2026-05 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 8 [26-0421](#) Report on investments purchased during May 2026  
**Attachments:** [Inv Purch 2026-05 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 9 [26-0440](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of May 2026, in the amount of \$47,915,802.25  
**Attachments:** [May 2026 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)  
**Published and Filed**

## Procurement Committee

### Authorization

- 10 [26-0431](#) Authorization to enter into agreements for contract 25-RFP-04, Financial Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program, appointing Acacia Financial Group, Inc., as Financial Advisor, and PFM Financial Advisors, LLC, as Co-Financial Advisor, in a total amount not to exceed \$235,000.00, in connection with the sale of up to a total of \$475,000,000 of General Obligation Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Accounts 401-50000-767300 and 397-11000-767400  
**Attachments:** [Contract 25-RFP-04 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Acacia Financial Group, Inc.](#)  
[Contract 25-RFP-04 2026 Eligible Financial Advisors](#)  
**Approved**
- 11 [26-0437](#) Authorization to enter into agreement for Contract 25-RFP-19, Legal Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program, with Nixon Peabody LLP, as Disclosure Counsel, in connection with the sale of up to a total of \$475,000,000 of General Obligation Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Accounts 401-50000-767300 and 397-11000-767400  
**Attachments:** [Contract 25-RFP-19 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Burke Burns Pinelli Ltd.](#)  
[Contract 25-RFP-19 Counsel Eligible Firms List](#)  
**Approved**

- 12 [26-0448](#) Authorization to execute a bond purchase agreement for contract 25-RFP-05 Professional Underwriting Services for District Bond Sales with BofA Securities, Inc., and to appoint BofA Securities, Inc. as Senior Managing Underwriter and Book-runner; Samuel A. Ramirez & Co., Inc. as Co-Senior Managing Underwriter; and FHN Financial Capital Markets, PNC Capital Markets LLC, Rice Financial Products Company, Siebert Williams Shank & Co., LLC, and Stern Brothers & Co. as Co-Managing Underwriters, in a total amount not to exceed \$430,000.00 in connection with the sale of up to a total of \$475,000,000 of General Obligation Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Accounts 401-50000-767300 and 767400

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-RFP-05 Underwriter Eligible Firms.pdf](#)  
[Contract 25-RFP-05 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Ramirez Co. Inc.](#)  
[Contract 25-RFP-05 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Rice Financial Products Company](#)  
[Contract 25-RFP-05 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Siebert Williams Shank Co. LLC](#)  
[Contract 25-RFP-05 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Stern Brothers Co.](#)

**Approved**

#### Authority to Advertise

- 13 [26-0424](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-654-11, Furnish and Deliver Parts and Repair Services for Sluice Gate Valve Actuators, estimated cost \$1,227,700.00, Accounts 101-66000/67000/68000/69000-612600/623070/623270, Requisitions 1628821, 1632615, 1632616, and 1632617

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-654-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.](#)

**Approved**

#### Issue Purchase Order

- 14 [26-0414](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with AT&T Enterprises, LLC, for Phone for Business Services in an amount not to exceed \$327,939.39, Account 101-27000-612210, Requisition 1658070

**Approved**

- 15 [26-0415](#) Issue purchase order to Insight Public Sector, Inc. for renewal and new Steelray Delay Analyzer and Steelray Analyzer for P6 software subscriptions, in an amount not to exceed \$80,370.00, Accounts 101-27000-612820 and 623800, Requisition 1660017

**Approved**

- 16 [26-0425](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Cisco SmartNet Hardware/Software Support for Routers, Switches and Firewalls, in an amount not to exceed \$450,694.84, Accounts 101-27000-612820 and 612840, Requisition 1659769

**Approved**

- 17 [26-0438](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 26-636-11, Furnishing and Delivering Hydrogen Peroxide to Evoqua Water Technologies LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$408,840.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1653821

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-636-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### Award Contract

- 18 [26-0432](#) Authority to award Contract 21-092-3P, Battery E Activated Sludge Facility, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant (OWRP), to Michels Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$389,933,408.76, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$19,496,670.44, for a total amount not to exceed \$409,430,079.20, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1639807 (As Revised)

**Attachments:** [Contract 21-092-3P - Affirmative Action Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report \(Revised\) - Michels Const., Inc..pdf](#)  
[Contract 21-092-3P - Affirmative Action Appendix V Report - Michels Construction., Inc.](#)

**Approved**

- 19 [26-0436](#) Authority to award Contract 26-713-11, Scavenger Services at the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, to Allied Waste Transportation, Inc. dba Republic Services of Chicago, in an amount not to exceed \$1,423,000.00, Account 101-67000-612520, Requisition 1652776

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-713-11 Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report -Allied Waste Transp., Inc. dba Republic Services of Chicago.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 20 [26-0426](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Corrosion Probe, Inc., for professional engineering services for Contract 24-891-2C Welding Inspection and Consultation and Inspections for Corrosion and Protective Coatings in an amount of \$150,000.00, from an amount of \$435,137.22, to an amount not to exceed \$585,137.22, Account 201-50000-612240, Purchase Order 3131641

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3131641.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 21 [26-0430](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-186-3F Addison Creek Reservoir, Bellwood, Illinois, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C., in an amount of \$552,226.21, from an amount of \$81,304,221.95, to an amount not to exceed \$81,856,448.16, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000068

Attachments: [Change Order Log - PO 4000068](#)

Approved

## Budget & Employment Committee

### Authorization

- 22 [26-0444](#) Authority to transfer 2026 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$40,000.00 in the Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [06.18.26 Board Transfer for Board Approval](#)

Approved

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 23 [26-0447](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of May 2026

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report May 2026 Contingency.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 CO Status Report May 2026.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

### Authorization

- 24 [26-0427](#) Authority to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Agreement with the Village of Tinley Park, Illinois to include a property with approximately 80 acres within the Village of Tinley Park in Will County

Approved

## Judiciary Committee

### Report

- 25 [26-0428](#) Report on the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting (“Executive Session”) Minutes

Published and Filed

- 26 [26-0429](#) Report on the Approval of Closed Meeting (“Executive Session”) Minutes

Published and Filed

**Authorization**

- 27 [26-0443](#) Authority to settle administrative proceedings related to A-F Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Pullman Innovations, including the Show Cause Proceedings captioned *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. A-F Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Pullman Innovations*, Case No. 25B-005, and the Administrative Appeal captioned *In re: A-F Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Pullman Innovations' Appeal of Denial of Discharge Authorization Request*, Case No. 25B-006, and approve the Agreed Order of Settlement issued by the Board-appointed Hearing Officer

**Attachments:** [JUD - Pullman Innovations Settlement Agreement.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Maintenance & Operations Committee****Report**

- 28 [26-0417](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of May 2026

**Attachments:** [R-98 Report May 2026.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

**Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee****Authorization**

- 29 [26-0422](#) Authority to amend health insurance benefits for represented and non-represented employees and non-Medicare eligible retirees effective January 1, 2027

**Approved**

**Real Estate Development Committee****Authorization**

- 30 [26-0441](#) Authority to approve, execute, and make payment to the property owners of 1129 32nd Avenue in Bellwood, Illinois, for a temporary easement extension in connection with the Addison Creek Channel Improvements Project (Contract 11-187-3F). Consideration shall be a one-time fee of \$500.00, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

**Approved**

- 31 [26-0442](#) Consent to assignment of easement agreement dated March 24, 1949, from ISF Chicago LLC and Byline Bank to 46th Street Property Owner, LLC and Associated Bank, National Association, as co-grantees, to use and maintain the District-owned portions of Edmier Road between Cicero Avenue and Ridgeland Avenue in Stickney and Forest View, Illinois. Consideration shall be a document preparation fee of \$5,000.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Easement Assignment to 46th Street Property Owner LLC Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 32 [26-0445](#) Authorization to declare as surplus and not required for corporate purposes, and to sell to the United States of America, 106.63± acres of District land located east and west of the Main Channel near Romeo Road/135th Street in Will County, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcels 18.03, 19.01, 19.02 and 19.04. Consideration shall be \$6,250,000.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Army Corps Real Estate Sale Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 2

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Yumeka Brown, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 2 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis

#### Miscellaneous and New Business

#### Meeting Summary

#### Speakers

None

#### Summary of Requests

##### *Budget & Employment Item 22*

1. Marcelino Garcia requested the Executive Director to provide when there is a funding shortage for the Rain Barrel Program

2. Sharon Waller requested the Green Neighbor Guide be tied in with the Rain Barrel Program

3. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested if additional survey emails can be sent to participants in the Program at the 1 to 2 year mark and the possibility of adding the option to subscribe to the District Newsletter at the time of rain barrel purchase

**Study Session**

*None*

**Announcements**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2026, 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: July 2, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., July 8, 2026

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, July 16, 2026, 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:** 7 - Yumeka Brown, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 2 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis

**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 June 18, 2026, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

June 18, 2026