

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 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: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Theresa Patricia Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that the minutes from the last meeting of February 19, 2026 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

Joseph McArthur addressed the Board to give thanks and provide an update regarding the encroachment issues

Bob King Israel, President of Save Our Community Coalition, addressed the Board regarding the status of a bid opening for a construction project

Ken Kline, Mayor of Crestwood, Burt Odelson, Village of Crestwood attorney, Tessa Murray, Friends of the Chicago River, and Michael Volpentesa, Crestwood Resident, addressed the Board regarding concerns for agenda item 29

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

A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Cameron Davis, to defer Agenda Item #11 to the Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, to move Agenda Item #29 to the Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

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 March 5, 2026 was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:20 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Motion

- 1 [26-0149](#) MOTION to Approve Funds for 2026 District-wide Picnic

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

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Resolution

- 2 [26-0153](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of March as Women's History Month
Adopted
- 3 [26-0154](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade
Adopted
- 4 [26-0155](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band
Adopted
- 5 [26-0156](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the contributions of Irish Americans
Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 6 [26-0162](#) Report on the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the District for the 2025 Budget and Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the District, the MWRD Retirement Fund, and to the MWRD Retiree Health Care Trust for the Fiscal Year 2024
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 7 [26-0141](#) Authority to Transfer \$10,000,000.00 of excess revenues to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund pursuant to the provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/5.9
Approved

Procurement Committee

Report

- 8 [26-0143](#) Report on the amendment to the agreement for Contract 20-RFP-24, Supply of Electricity, with MP2 Energy NE LLC, for a One (1) Year Extension, starting December 2026 and ending December 31, 2027
Published and Filed
- 9 [26-0163](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 10 [26-0147](#) Authorization to exercise an option to extend and amend agreement or administer a reverse auction to procure natural gas under Contract 23-RFP-02, Procurement of Natural Gas Services, for up to 36 months, subject to obtaining pricing that is favorable to the District

Approved

- 11 [26-0159](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of November 6, 2025, regarding Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-21 Rebuild of Dewatering Facility, CWRP, estimated cost between \$67,925,000.00 and \$82,225,000.00, Accounts 401-50000-612450, 645650, and 645750, Requisition 1647436 Agenda Item No. 16, File No. 25-0826

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of November 6, 2025 - Contract 25-RFP-21](#)

Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda lifted her earlier deferral

A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Abstain: 1 - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Authority to Advertise

- 12 [26-0140](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-847-11, Truck Hauling of Liquid Sludge from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$612,000.00, Account 101-68000-612520, Requisition 1650511

Attachments: [Contract 26-847-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 13 [26-0144](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-03, Request for Qualification to Participate in a Reverse Auction to Supply Electricity to the MWRD

Attachments: [26-RFP-03 Affirmative Action Goal Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 14 [26-0145](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-01, Energy Curtailment Services

Attachments: [Contract 26-RFP-01 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 15 [26-0146](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-04, Environmental Attributes Services Provider

Attachments: [Contract 26-RFP-04 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 16 [26-0148](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-901-31, Aeration Blower Improvements at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost between \$14,725,000.00 and \$17,825,000.00, Account 401-50000-645750, Requisition 1654433

Attachments: [24-901-31 Aeration Improvements Project View](#)

[24-901-31 ATA Exhibit Photos](#)

[Contract 24-901-31 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 17 [26-0142](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 25-RFP-08 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Assessment with Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker LLC in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1629468

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-08 Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Berry Dunn, McNeil & Parker LLC.](#)

Approved

Award Contract

- 18 [26-0157](#) Authority to award Contract 12-369-3S, Upper Des Plaines Intercepting Sewer 11D Rehabilitation, NSA, to Inliner Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$17,494,987.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$874,749.35, for a total amount not to exceed \$18,369,736.35, Account 401-50000-645700, Requisition 1640399

Attachments: [Contract 12-369-3S Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Reports - Inliner Solutions, LLC.pdf](#)

Approved

- 19 [26-0161](#) Authority to award Contract 25-721-22 (Re-Bid), Restoration of Egan WRP Permeable Paver Parking Lot, to C.R. Schmidt, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$208,700.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisition 1638047

Attachments: [Contract 25-721-22 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - C.R. Schmidt, Inc..pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 20 [26-0138](#) Authority to increase purchase order and extend agreement for a one (1) year period with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., Enterprise FM Trust under Sourcewell Contract 030122-EFM, to provide fleet vehicle services, in an amount of \$1,176,855.54, from an amount of \$4,351,080.24, to an amount not to exceed \$5,527,935.78, Accounts 101-15000-612330 and 612860, Purchase Order 3126843

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3126843](#)

Approved

- 21 [26-0139](#) Authority to increase the purchase order to AT&T Corp., to Furnish and Deliver POTs Local and Long Distance Services, in an amount of \$330,768.00, from an amount of \$631,816.15, to an amount not to exceed \$962,584.15, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3129654

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3129654](#)

Approved

- 22 [26-0150](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-083-3P Upgrade Wilmette Lift Station, NSA, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$67,125.49, from an amount of \$1,898,324.20, to an amount not to exceed \$1,965,449.69, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000110

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000110](#)

Approved

- 23 [26-0160](#) Authority to increase Contract 25-004-11, Furnish and Deliver Steel & Stainless Steel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A, B, C, D, E, to Super Roco Steel and Tube, LTD. II, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00, from an amount of \$162,354.92, to an amount not to exceed \$200,354.92, Accounts 101-20000-623030, 623090, 623130, Outline Agreements 7002275, 7002276, 7002277, 7002278, and 7002279

Attachments: [Outline Agreement Log - Contract 7002278.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [26-0169](#) Authority to increase Contract 14-111-5FR Flood Control Project on 1st Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Cermak Road, SSA, to Rausch Infrastructure, LLC in an amount of \$704,335.49, from an amount of \$10,195,326.09, to an amount not to exceed \$10,899,661.58, Accounts 501-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000090

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000090](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 25 [26-0167](#) Authority to transfer 2026 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$111,900.00 in the Corporate Fund

Attachments: [03.05.26 Board Transfer for Board Approval](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee**Report**

- 26 [26-0152](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of January 2026

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report January 2026 5% Contingency.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report January 2026 - Final](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee**Report**

- 27 [26-0166](#) Report on a Miscellaneous Claim under \$10,000.00

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 28 [26-0158](#) Authority to settle the Bodily Injury Claim of Kevin Gilliam, Claim No. A/P 1562 in the sum of \$67,000.00 arising from a May 28, 2025, vehicle accident, Account 901-30000-667220

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 11, and 29

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

Aye: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Real Estate Development Committee**Authorization**

- 29 [26-0132](#) Consent to a partial assignment of lease from the Village of Crestwood, to the Village of Crestwood and 4Crestwood LLC as co-tenants, with respect to 1.01 acres of the Village's 7.61-acre leasehold located south of the Cal-Sag Channel and west of Cicero Avenue in Crestwood, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 11.04 (eastern portion), and to allow for the sale and consumption of alcohol and video gaming on the 1.01 acres. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$4,572.00 (*Deferred from the February 19, 2026 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [RE - Partial Assignment of Lease - CSC 11.04 \(Eastern Portion\) Aerial.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion failed. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Nay: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Abstain: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Patricia Theresa Flynn

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

James Coyne, Business Manager of Plumbers Local 130, Claire Cahill, Parade Queen, and Marty McAndrew, Shannon Rovers, addressed the board regarding the resolutions recognizing the 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade, the 100th Anniversary of the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band, and the contributions of Irish Americans (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Items 3, 4 and 5)

Andrew Dziadkowiec, Comptroller, presented the GFOA awards (Re: Finance Committee Item 6)

Summary of Requests

*Procurement Items 8, 10, and 13
Marcelino Garcia requested a new biogas study*

*Procurement Item 11
Sharon Waller requested looking into how to monetize the benefits for the return on investment*

*Procurement Item 20
1. Sharon Waller requested consideration to allow staff to use the District charging stations
2. Cameron Davis requested the projected timeline to meet the 2030 electric vehicle goal
3. Cameron Davis also requested if goal is not met, what other options does the District have to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to make up for the loss in reductions*

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 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: March 6, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 11, 2026

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 19, 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: 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

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 March 5, 2026, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

March 5, 2026