

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 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 Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last meeting of March 5, 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 for progress and his intent to cooperate with the IGA

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, 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 Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of March 19, 2026 was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:00 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [26-0171](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring the elevation of Pastor John F. Harrell to the office of Bishop
Adopted
- 2 [26-0199](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing March 22nd as World Water Day
Adopted
- 3 [26-0200](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring the Westside Long-Term Recovery Group
Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 4 [26-0183](#) Report on the investment interest income during January 2026
Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2026-01 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 5 [26-0184](#) Report on investments purchased during January 2026
Attachments: [Inv Purch 2026-01 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 6 [26-0185](#) Report on the investment interest income during February 2026
Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2026-02 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 7 [26-0186](#) Report on investments purchased during February 2026
Attachments: [Inv Purch 2026-02 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 8 [26-0203](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of February 2026, in the amount of \$28,398,909.52
Attachments: [February 2026 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)
Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 9 [26-0192](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Published and Filed
- 10 [26-0193](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, February 27, 2026
Published and Filed
- 11 [26-0202](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Published and Filed
- 12 [26-0207](#) Report on Request for Proposal 25-RFP-05 Professional Underwriting Services for District Bond Sales
Attachments: [Attachment A - Eligible Firms 2026 - Contract 25-RFP-05](#)
Published and Filed

Authority to Advertise

- 13 [26-0172](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-103-11 Laboratory Analysis of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, estimated cost \$93,000.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1654793
Approved
- 14 [26-0175](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-653-11, Underground Infrastructure Cleaning at Various Locations, estimated cost \$2,809,800.00, Account 101-66000-612600, Requisition 1653284
Attachments: [Contract 26-653-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)
Approved
- 15 [26-0180](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-636-11, Furnishing and Delivering Hydrogen Peroxide, estimated cost \$441,200.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1653821
Attachments: [Contract 26-636-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)
Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 16 [26-0182](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC for Microsoft Unified software and directory services support, in an amount not to exceed \$614,098.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1655317
Approved

- 17 [26-0191](#) Issue purchase order to Altorfer Industries Inc., to Furnish and Deliver one (1) New Caterpillar Model 980-14C High Lift Reach Configuration Medium Wheel Loader to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell Purchasing Contract No. 011723-CAT, in an amount not to exceed \$569,610.00, Account 101-68000-634760, Requisition 1654602

Approved

- 18 [26-0194](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Bluff City Construction, LLC., to Furnish, Deliver, and Install two (2) GeoPools for the CALSMA East Site, in an amount not to exceed \$1,932,005.60, Account 201-50000-645790, Requisition 1653659 (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [Aerial Views - GeoPools at CALSMA](#)

Approved

- 19 [26-0197](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 26-935-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hydroxide, to Rowell Chemical Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$1,302,208.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1648719

Attachments: [Contract 26-935-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Award Contract

- 20 [26-0188](#) Authority to award Contract 26-028-11, Furnish and Deliver Paper Filters, Crucibles, and Petri Dishes to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, Group A to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$67,032.76, and Groups B and C to Taylor Distribution Group LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$125,129.19, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [Contract 26-028-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)
[Contract 26-028-11 Item Descriptions](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 21 [26-0176](#) Authority to decrease Contract 01-103-AS 39th Street Conduit Rehabilitation - Phase II, SSA, to Michels Trenchless, Inc. in an amount of \$701,319.74, from an amount of \$41,134,581.90, to an amount not to exceed \$40,433,262.16, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000119

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000119.](#)

Approved

- 22 [26-0177](#) Authority to increase Contract 06-360-3SR Upper Des Plaines Intercepting Sewer 14B Rehabilitation, NSA, Rebid, to Michels Trenchless, Inc. in an amount of \$51,878.80, from an amount of \$36,327,513.61, to an amount not to exceed \$36,379,392.41, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000100

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000100.pdf](#)

Approved

- 23 [26-0178](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-159-3P Chemical Addition Backup System, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC. in an amount of \$52,411.60, from an amount of \$8,886,162.96, to an amount not to exceed \$8,938,574.56, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000085

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000085](#)

Approved

- 24 [26-0179](#) Authority to increase Contract 20-RFP-28R Biogas Combined Heat and Power System, Egan WRP, to Baxter & Woodman/Boller Construction, LLC in an amount of \$127,086.21, from an amount of \$14,691,666.01, to an amount not to exceed \$14,818,752.22, Accounts 101-50000-612490, 201-50000-612450, 201-50000-645650, Purchase Orders 3130589, 3130593, and 4000112

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Orders 3130589, 3130593, and 4000112](#)

Approved

- 25 [26-0195](#) Authority to decrease Contract 07-027-3SR North Side Sludge Pipeline Replacement - Section 1, NSA, Rebid, to Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp. in an amount of \$6,872.05, from an amount of \$32,393,202.42, to an amount not to exceed \$32,386,330.37, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000091

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

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 26 [26-0204](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of February 2026

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

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 27 [26-0181](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Keith Zirbes vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 19WC034845 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$30,886.36, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 28 [26-0205](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Peter Hopp vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 19WC6924, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$163,628.84, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 29 [26-0174](#) Authority to purchase 15.82 acres of real estate and acquire a 0.91-acre temporary easement located west of the Ridgewood Memorial Cemetery at the intersection of Dee Road and Central Road in Maine Township, Illinois for the construction of the Flood Control Project on Central Road from the Des Plaines River to Glenwood Lane in Maine Township and Northfield Township, Illinois (Contract 14-065-5F), and authority for payment to the owner, Ridgewood Cemetery Company, Inc., in an amount of \$8,150,000.00, plus closing costs. Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund *(As Revised)*

Attachments: [RE - Purchase of Real Estate West of Ridgewood Cemetery Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 30 [26-0198](#) Authority to issue a five-year permit to the Village of Forest View for the continued use of the District's truck scale located north of the Main Channel and west of Harlem Avenue in Forest View, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 35.08. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

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

Approved

- 31 [26-0201](#) Authority to issue a 6-month permit extension to the Grand Prairie Water Commission on District real estate located along the north and south sides of the Cal-Sag Channel in the City of Palos Hills and the Village of Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcels 7.01, 7.02, 8.03 and 8.09. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Grand Prairie Water Commission Permit Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, 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

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

Finance Item 12

Marcelino Garcia requested a timeline for the next bond sale and requested the Board be updated on the OPEB Trust and Deferred Compensation Investment Plan programs

Procurement Item 13

- 1. Patricia Theresa Flynn requested an update on the status and results of the industrial hemp study*
- 2. Sharon Waller requested consideration for PFAS data to be provided to IEPA and posted on the District's website*

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 2, 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 20, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 25, 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, April 2, 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 19, 2026, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

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