

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 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: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele
Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown; and Marcelino Garcia

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 October 2, 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of October 16, 2025, was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Executive Session

None

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 [25-0764](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing
"Imagine a Day Without Water"
Adopted
- 2 [25-0781](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the
America 250 Project
Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 3 [25-0768](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of September 2025, in the
amount of \$46,233,088.47
Attachments: [September 2025 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)
Published and Filed
- 4 [25-0771](#) Report on the investment interest income during September 2025
Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2025-09 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 5 [25-0772](#) Report on investments purchased during September 2025
Attachments: [Inv Purch 2025-09 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 6 [25-0775](#) Report on investment inventory statistics at September 30, 2025
Attachments: [Inv Stat 2025 Q3 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 7 [25-0779](#) Authority to approve Travel Expenses for Members of the Board of
Commissioners and the Acting Executive Director in the amount of \$7,242.12,
Accounts 101-11000-612010, 612030 and 101-15000-612010, 612030, 612050
**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy
Kirkwood, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the
following roll call vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy
Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele
- Absent:** 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

Procurement Committee**Report**

- 8 [25-0758](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Published and Filed
- 9 [25-0759](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 25-635-21, SEPA 3 Paver Walkway Improvement, estimated cost between \$190,000.00 and \$230,000.00
Published and Filed
- 10 [25-0760](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 25-922-21, Specialized Railroad Car Rehabilitation in the Stickney Service Area, estimated cost between \$1,710,000.00 and \$2,070,000.00
Published and Filed
- 11 [25-0763](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, October 3, 2025
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 12 [25-0739](#) Authorization for payment to National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for 2025/2026 membership dues in the amount of \$107,125.00, Account 101-15000-612280
Approved
- 13 [25-0743](#) Authorization to extend the current Eligible Underwriters List through September 30, 2026, or until a new list is generated.
Attachments: [Contract 20-RFP-04 Eligible Firms List](#)
Approved
- 14 [25-0744](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of September 18, 2025, regarding Authority to advertise Request for Proposal 25-RFP-19 Legal Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program for a five-year period, estimated cost \$235,100.00, Account 101-11000-612430, Requisition 1645302 (*As Revised*), Agenda Item No. 18, File No. 25-0700
Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of September 18, 2025, Agenda Item No. 18, File No. 25-0700](#)
Approved

- 15 [25-0752](#) Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 25-361-11 Proposal to Lease 12.91± acres of District real estate located north of the Main Channel between Central and Laramie Avenues in Stickney, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 39.02, for a 39-year term from Sanchez Group in the amount of \$396,084.00

Attachments: [Contract 25-361-11 Aerial View - 12.91± acres, Stickney, IL - Main Channel Parcel 39.02](#)

Approved

- 16 [25-0762](#) Authorization for payment to the U.S. Water Alliance for the 2026 annual membership dues in the amount of \$40,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Approved

- 17 [25-0774](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of August 14, 2025, regarding Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-14 Professional Services for TARP Mainstream Tunnel Inspection from DS-M114N to CS-ADD, estimated cost \$1,200,000.00, Account 201-50000-612440, Requisition 1643102, Agenda Item No. 19, File No. 25-0594

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of August 14, 2025, Agenda Item No. 19, File No. 25-0594](#)

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 18 [25-0741](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-22 Legal Services for Workers' Compensation Defense for a three-year period, with an option to extend for an additional two years, estimated cost \$750,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1645179

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-22 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 19 [25-0751](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-362-11 for public tender of bids the sale of approximately 0.14± acres of District land located at 6861 North Milwaukee Avenue in Niles, Illinois. The minimum sale price shall be established at \$92,130.00 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Contract 25-362-11 Aerial View - 0.14± acres - 6861 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois](#)

Approved

- 20 [25-0766](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-002-11 Furnish and Deliver Bulk Liquid Argon to various locations, estimated cost \$86,000.00, Account 101-20000-623840

Attachments: [Contract 26-002-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 21 [25-0742](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with PTS, Professional Technical Services, Inc. d/b/a EST Analytical for preventive maintenance, repairs and consumable supplies for Skalar analyzers, in an amount not to exceed \$141,725.00, Accounts 101-16000-612970 and 623570, Requisition 1645158

Approved

- 22 [25-0748](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC and amend an agreement with Microsoft Corporation for Microsoft software and software maintenance for a two-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$3,130,376.46, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1646264

Approved

- 23 [25-0750](#) Issue purchase order to KARA Company, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver one Self-Leveling Robotic Total Station, two GPS Antennas, and related accessories, in an amount not to exceed \$88,869.09, Account 101-50000-634990, Requisition 1645822

Approved

- 24 [25-0753](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 25-630-11, Furnishing and Delivering Ferric Chloride, to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$21,599,835.80, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623560, Requisitions 1638638, 1636892, and 1636980

Attachments: [Contract 25-630-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [25-0755](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for License Renewal of Autodesk AutoCAD Software, in an amount not to exceed \$109,547.48, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1646167

Approved

- 26 [25-0756](#) Issue purchase order to Emerson Process Management Power and Water Solutions, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Equipment required to Upgrade DCS Hardware at the Kirie, Egan, and Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount of \$183,751.00, Account 101-67000-623070, Requisition 1644908

Approved

- 27 [25-0757](#) Issue purchase orders to W.W. Grainger, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver Maintenance, Repair and Operating Catalog Products, under the Sourcwell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), Cooperative Purchasing Contract #091422-WWG, in an amount not to exceed \$403,700.00, Accounts 101, 501-15000, 16000, 20000, 25000, 27000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623030, 623070, 623090, 623110, 623130, 623190, 623270, 623570, 623660, 623680, 623780, 623810, 623860 and 623990, Requisitions 1644459, 1644511, 1644524, 1644532, 1645215, 1645532, 1645547, 1645700, 1645791

Approved

- 28 [25-0773](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Bowman Consulting Group Ltd. for Contract 24-CON-03, Professional Engineering Services for Project 14-065-5F Flood Control Project on Central Road from the Des Plaines River to Glenwood Lane, NSA in an amount not to exceed \$2,204,293.84, Account 501-50000-612450, Requisition 1644812

Attachments: [Contract 24-CON-03 \(Project 14-065-5F\) Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd.](#)

Approved

- 29 [25-0777](#) Issue purchase orders to Staples Contract and Commercial, LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Non-Stock Office Supplies to various locations under the Sourcwell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), Purchasing Co-operative Contract Number 070924-SCC, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000.00, Accounts 101, 501-11000, 15000, 16000, 20000, 25000, 27000, 30000, 40000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623520, Requisitions 1462110, 1643419, 1643494, 1643497, 1643500, 1643506, 1643519, 1643612, 1643685, 1644196, 1644521, 1644650, and 1644651

Approved

Award Contract

- 30 [25-0754](#) Authority to award Contract 25-605-21, Lockport Powerhouse Tailrace Barrier, to Global Infrastructure LLC dba Chicago Underwater, in an amount not to exceed \$203,946.00, Account 201-50000-645620, Requisition 1635910

Attachments: [Contract 25-605-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 31 [25-0767](#) Authority to award Contract 25-624-21, Sludge Pump Improvements at Various Locations, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$6,850,000.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisition 1626921

Attachments: [Contract 25-624-21 Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report -Independent Mechanical.pdf](#)

Approved

- 32 [25-0770](#) Authority to award Contract 25-056-11, Furnish and Deliver Hardware to Various Locations for a one (1) year period, to Liberty Fastener Company, in an amount not to exceed \$68,644.55, Account 101-20000-623110

Attachments: [Contract 25-056 -11 Item Descriptions](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 33 [25-0745](#) Authority to increase Contract 25-105-11 Laboratory Analysis of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Adsorbable Organic Fluorine in Wastewater Samples to Enthalpy Analytical, LLC in an amount of \$36,300.00, from an amount of \$63,500.00, to an amount not to exceed \$99,800.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Purchase Order 3136074

Approved

- 34 [25-0746](#) Authority to decrease the purchase order with CDW Government, LLC, and amend an agreement with Microsoft Corporation for Microsoft Software and Software Maintenance in an amount of \$2,682,241.76, from an amount of \$4,023,362.64, to an amount not to exceed \$1,341,120.88, Account 101-27000-612820, Purchase Order 3132582

Approved

- 35 [25-0747](#) Authority to increase agreement with ABB, Inc., to provide replacement parts for the ABB Industry Care Select Coverage of distribution control systems at various locations, in an amount of \$42,000.00, from an amount of \$250,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$292,000.00, Account 101-67000-623070, Agreement 7002257

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 36 [25-0780](#) Authority to transfer 2025 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$13,105,300.00 in the Capital Improvements Bond Fund, and Bond Redemption and Interest Fund

Attachments: [10.16.25 Board Transfer for Board Approval.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 37 [25-0776](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of August 2025

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report August 2025 5% Contingency - Final.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report August 2025 - FINAL.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3 CO Report August 2025 5% Contingency.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 38 [25-0761](#) Final Report for Emergency Contract 25-800-01, Emergency Work to Rehabilitate the Calumet WRP Digester Facility Main Switchgear, Account 201-50000-645750, Purchase Order 3134962

Published and Filed

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

- 39 [25-0778](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with and make payment to the City of Markham for the Acquisition of Flood-Prone Property in Markham (25-IGA-22), in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 7

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

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

None

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 6, 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: October 24, 2025

Date all agenda items are due to the Acting Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., October 29, 2025

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, November 6, 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: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

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 October 16, 2025, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

October 16, 2025