

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 6, 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: 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 Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that the minutes from the last meeting of February 20, 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 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 with the exception of Item: 25

Item # 25 was deferred by Cameron Davis

A motion was made by Sharon Waller, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, to move Agenda Item # 17 to 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 Sharon Waller, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, to move Agenda Items # 18 and # 19 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 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 6, 2025, was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:50 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [25-0162](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 70th Anniversary of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band
Adopted

- 2 [25-0163](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the contributions of Irish Americans
Adopted

- 3 [25-0186](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of March as Women's History Month (*As Revised*)
Adopted

Finance Committee

Authorization

- 4 [25-0172](#) Authority to Transfer \$30,000,000.00 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

- 5 [25-0169](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Published and Filed

- 6 [25-0181](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 7 [25-0156](#) Authorization to adopt a policy increasing the mandatory competitive bid threshold to \$60,000.00 for all contracts in accordance with Section 11.3 of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 8 [25-0155](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-13, Professional Legal Services for Bankruptcy and Collection Matters, estimated cost \$75,000.00. Account 101-30000-612430, Requisition 1634399

Attachments: [Contract 25-RFP-13 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 9 [25-0157](#) Authority to advertise Contract 19-375-3P Chemical Addition Backup System, KWRP, estimated cost between \$5,130,000.00 and \$6,210,000.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1634764

Attachments: [Contract 19-375-3P Fact Sheet](#)
[Contract 19-375-3P Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 10 [25-0159](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-988-11, Specialty Railroad Grade Crossing Signal System Services in the Stickney Service Area, estimated cost \$950,000.00, Account 101-69000-612670, Requisition 1621812

Attachments: [Contract 24-988-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 11 [25-0160](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-727-21, Roof Replacement at Egan Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$2,300,000.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisition 1633427

Attachments: [Contract 25-727-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 12 [25-0161](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-986-11, Locomotive Repair Services at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$585,000.00, Accounts 101-69000-612670/623270, Requisition 1632597

Attachments: [Contract 25-986-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 13 [25-0165](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-017-11, Furnish and Deliver Electrical Supplies, Wire, and Cable to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$423,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623070, 623170, 623190, 623250, 623680, 623850 (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [Contract 25-017-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 14 [25-0164](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with AT&T Enterprises, LLC for Point-to-Point DS1 Telemetry Services (known as T1 lines) in an amount not to exceed \$213,600.00 Account 101-27000-612210, Requisition 1634787

Approved

- 15 [25-0167](#) Issue purchase order to and enter into an agreement with Rexa, Inc., to Furnish, Deliver, and Commission a Hydraulic Cylinder and Associated Parts at the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, in a total amount not to exceed \$20,362.00, Account 101-67000-612650, 623270, Requisition 1629459

Approved

- 16 [25-0171](#) Issue purchase order to Bloomberg Finance L.P. for the ongoing Maintenance and Provision of a Real-Time Financial Information Network, Providing News, Data, Analysis, Straight-Through Processing, and Electronic Trading Tools, in an amount not to exceed \$99,800.00 for a three-year period, Account 101-11000-612280, Requisition 1634767

Approved

Award Contract

- 17 [25-0118](#) Authority to award Contract 25-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, Groups A and B to Synagro Central, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$3,778,388.15, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-612520, Requisitions 1621439 and 1621818 (*Deferred from the February 20, 2025 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [Contract 25-692-11 \(Group A\) Affirmative Action Goals Report - Synagro Central, LLC.pdf](#)
[Contract 25-692-11 \(Group A\) Revised Appendix D Report - Synagro Central, LLC.pdf](#)
[Contract 25-692-11 \(Group B\) Affirmative Action Goals Report - Synagro Central, LLC.pdf](#)
[Contract 25-692-11 \(Group B\) Revised Appendix D Report - Synagro Central, LLC.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Sharon Waller, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Kari K. Steele

Nay: 1 - Sharon Waller

- 18** [25-0166](#) Authority to award Contract 25-699-11, Services of Heavy Equipment with Operators, to McGill Construction, LLC, Group A and B, in an amount not to exceed \$3,775,803.00, Accounts 101-68000,69000-612520, Requisitions 1610008, 1610249

Attachments: [Contract 25-699-11 \(Groups A and B\) Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - McGill Construction, LLC.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Sharon Waller, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Agenda Item be Approved. 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

- 19** [25-0168](#) Authority to award Contract 25-690-11, Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, Groups A and B, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$29,134,900.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1621438 and 1621816

Attachments: [Contract 25-690-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report \(Groups A and B\).](#)

A motion was made by Sharon Waller, 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, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Kari K. Steele

Nay: 1 - Sharon Waller

- 20** [25-0176](#) Authority to award Contract 25-012-11, Furnish and Deliver Paint, Brushes, Solvents and Stains to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and B, to The Sherwin-Williams Company, in an amount not to exceed \$44,712.21, Account 101-20000-623190.

Approved

- 21** [25-0185](#) Authority to award Contract 25-646-51, Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, to J & L Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,890,000.00, Accounts 101/501-50000/66000-612620/612420, Requisition 1624775

Attachments: [Contract 25-646-51 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - J&L Contractors, Inc..pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 22 [25-0158](#) Authority to increase the purchase order and extend the agreement with AT&T Corp. for Telemetry Services, in an amount of \$1,840,672.77, from an amount of \$4,323,365.28, to an amount not to exceed \$6,164,038.05, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3128311

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3128311](#)

Approved

- 23 [25-0173](#) Authority to increase Contract 01-103-AS 39th Street Conduit Rehabilitation - Phase II, SSA, to Michels Trenchless, Inc. in an amount of \$445,289.00, from an amount of \$39,418,164.03, to an amount not to exceed \$39,863,453.03, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000119

Approved

- 24 [25-0174](#) Authority to increase Contract 20-161-3S Salt Creek Intercepting Sewer No. 3 Rehabilitation, SSA, to Inliner Solutions, LLC in an amount of \$115,000.00, from an amount of \$19,872,654.00, to an amount not to exceed \$19,987,654.00, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000120

Approved

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 25 [25-0154](#) Authority to approve Amended Agreed Order of Settlement issued by the Board-appointed Hearing Officer in the reinstated Show Cause proceedings of *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Electronic Plating Co.*, Case No. 22B-003

Attachments: [JUD - Amended Agreed Order of Settlement \(Electronic Plating Co.\) - Order.pdf](#)

Deferred by Cameron Davis

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 26 [25-0177](#) Authority to grant the City of Evanston a 75-year, approximately 6,098± sq. ft. non-exclusive easement to construct, operate, and maintain a storm sewer, outfall, and appurtenances thereto on the west side of the North Shore Channel extending from Bryant Avenue and Chancellor Street in Evanston, Illinois; North Shore Channel Parcel 2.07. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Evanston 75-year Easement NSC 2.07 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 27 [25-0178](#) Authority to grant a 25-year, approximately 20' x 1,026' non-exclusive easement to the Village of Forest View to operate, maintain, repair, and remove a 15-inch diameter sanitary sewer along Forest View Terminal Drive in Forest View, Illinois; Main Channel Parcels 37.02 and 37.11 (portion). Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Village of Forest View 25-year Easement MC 37.02 and 37.11 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 28 [25-0179](#) Authority to grant Cook County School District 130 a 25-year, approximately 15' x 76' non-exclusive easement to continue to operate and maintain a 12-inch storm sewer outlet pipe on District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel and east of Chatham Street in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.04. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Cook County School Dist. 130 25-Year Easement CSC 15.04 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 29 [25-0182](#) Authority to issue a 12-month permit to the Grand Prairie Water Commission to perform soil borings, wetland studies, and soil sampling 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

- 30 [25-0183](#) Authority to issue a one (1) day permit to Friends of the Chicago River to access District real estate at 25 locations along the North Branch of the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Main Channel, and Cal-Sag Channel in Cook County, Illinois for its annual Chicago River Day cleanup event on May 10, 2025. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - FOTCR 1-day Permit Chicago River Day Aerials.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

- 31 [25-0175](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the City of Northlake for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of Wiltse Parkway and East Drive Stormwater Storage in Northlake (25-IGA-02), in an amount not to exceed \$335,820.00

Attachments: [Attachment 1 Northlake Project Plan Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 17, 18, 25, and 32

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

- 32 [25-0196](#) MOTION to appoint John Murray as Acting Executive Director

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Pension, Human Resources, and Civil Service to discuss one matter involving the deliberations concerning salary scheduled for one or more classes of employees pursuant to section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: 9:0

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 1:00 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

James Coyne, Business Manager of Plumbers Local 130, and Cara Walsh, Parade Queen, addressed the board regarding the resolutions recognizing the 70th Anniversary of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band, and the contributions of Irish Americans (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Items 1 and 2)

Summary of Requests

Procurement Committee Item #11

- 1. Marcelino Garcia requested a general facility assessment study on the lifespan of all District infrastructure*
- 2. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested more information be included in the board letter on how roofs are assessed*
- 3. Sharon Waller requested the design guidelines for minimum requirements that would qualify as a green roof*

Procurement Committee Items #17, 18 and 19

- 1. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested the recommendations of the biosolids study be provided to the board*
- 2. Kari K. Steele requested a report on the current information regarding the District's biosolids*

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 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: March 7, 2025

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 12, 2025

Adjournment

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 20, 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/ Kristen Johnson, Assistant 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 6, 2025, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

March 6, 2025