

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Cameron Davis

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that the minutes from the last meeting of March 19, 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 Yumeka Brown, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, 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 Items: 4, 6, and 7

Agenda Items #4, #6 and #7 were deferred by Marcelino Garcia

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 April 2, 2026 was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:25 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [26-0232](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing April as National Arab American Heritage Month
Adopted

Procurement Committee

Report

- 2 [26-0213](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Published and Filed
- 3 [26-0214](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, March 13, 2026 (*As Revised*)
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 4 [26-0235](#) Authorization to revise the Contract Change Order Policy for Capital Improvement Construction Projects (*As Revised*)
Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of November 15, 2012 - Agenda Item No. 4, File No. 12-1537](#)
Deferred by Marcelino Garcia

Authority to Advertise

- 5 [26-0212](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-915-11, Furnish, Deliver, and Change Out Media in the Hydrogen Sulfide Removal Vessels at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$1,370,000.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisition 1654025
Attachments: [Contract 26-915-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)
Approved
- 6 [26-0216](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-023-11, Furnish and Deliver Lab Chemicals to various locations, estimated cost \$82,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570
Attachments: [Contract 26-023-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)
Deferred by Marcelino Garcia

- 7 [26-0217](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-025-1H Furnish and Deliver Stem Gate Valves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$108,000.00, Account 101-20000-623090
- Attachments:** [Contract 26-025-1H Revised Appendix D Report.pdf](#)
- Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**
- 8 [26-0222](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-633-11, Furnishing and Delivering Polymer, estimated cost \$39,266,980.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623560, Requisitions 1655694, 1655290, and 1655789
- Attachments:** [Contract 26-633-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised](#)
- Approved**
- 9 [26-0225](#) Authority to advertise Contract 18-249-BF Demolition for Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin and Separate Storm Sewer Improvements in Harvey, estimated cost between \$893,112.10 and \$1,081,136.70, Account 501-50000-645620, Requisition 1655625
- Attachments:** [Contract 18-249-BF Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)
[Contract 18-249-BF Project Fact Sheet](#)
- Approved**

Issue Purchase Order

- 10 [26-0218](#) Issue purchase order to Flow-Technics Inc., to Provide two (2) ITT Goulds Model #3196 XLTi Centrifugal Pumps to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in a total amount not to exceed \$104,886.00, Account 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1655691
- Approved**
- 11 [26-0220](#) Issue purchase order to Polydyne Inc., to Furnish and Deliver two (2) Polymer Dosing Systems at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$276,000.00, Account 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1655802
- Approved**
- 12 [26-0223](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for LogicMonitor Infrastructure Monitoring Solution, in an amount not to exceed \$135,280.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1655896
- Approved**

- 13 [26-0224](#) Issue purchase orders and enter into agreements for Contract 25-RFP-22 Legal Services for Workers' Compensation Defense for a three-year period, with the option to extend for an additional two-year period, with Dennis Noble and Associates, P.C. in an amount not to exceed \$401,500.00, Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry P.C. in an amount not to exceed \$295,000.00, and Rusin Law, Ltd. in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. Account 101-25000-612430, Requisitions 1645179, 1655700, and 1655791 (*As Revised*)

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

Approved

- 14 [26-0226](#) Issue purchase order to DLT Solutions, LLC for Autodesk Technical Support for AutoCAD, Autodesk AEC Collection, and Autodesk Revit software applications, in an amount not to exceed \$234,099.12, Account 101-50000-612430, Requisition 1610124

Approved

- 15 [26-0229](#) Issue purchase order to West Side Tractor Sales Co., to Furnish and Deliver one (1) New John Deere 210 P Excavator to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell Purchasing Contract No. 011723-JDC, in an amount not to exceed \$209,983.13, Account 101-69000-634760, Requisition 1655800

Approved

- 16 [26-0230](#) Issue Purchase Order and Enter into an Agreement with ABB Inc., for a Multi-Year Industry Care Priority Agreement to Provide Telephone Support, Online Support, and Software Maintenance for the ABB DCS System at O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,803,985.00, Account 101-67000-612650, Requisition 1649597

Approved

Award Contract

- 17 [26-0215](#) Authority to award Contract 26-612-11, Street Sweepers at Various Locations, to Advance Sweeping Services, Inc., Groups A and B, in an amount not to exceed \$271,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612420, Requisitions 1646951 and 1647199

Attachments: [Contract 26-612-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 18 [26-0221](#) Authority to award Contract 26-972-11, Furnishing and Delivering Tires for Heavy Equipment to the Stickney Service Area, to Chicago Tire, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, Account 101-69000-623250, Requisitions 1649126

Approved

- 19 [26-0238](#) Authority to award Contract 25-730-21, HVAC Improvements at the Egan & Kirie Water Reclamation Plants, Groups A and B, to John Burns Construction Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$17,961,000.00, Account 401-50000-645780, Requisitions 1626920 and 1638370

Attachments: [Contract 25-730-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - Groups A and B -JBCC.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 20 [26-0227](#) Authority to decrease Contract 11-404-3S Upper Des Plaines Intercepting Sewer 11D, Ext. C Rehabilitation, NSA, to Benchmark Construction Co., Inc. in an amount of \$1,125,983.84, from an amount of \$8,470,659.74, to an amount not to exceed \$7,344,675.90, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000105

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000105](#)

Approved

- 21 [26-0228](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-187-3F Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA to Judlau Contracting, Inc. in an amount of \$461,624.33, from an amount of \$78,698,502.04, to an amount not to exceed \$79,160,126.37, Account 501-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000103

Attachments: [Change Order Log - PO 4000103.](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Report

- 22 [26-0239](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2025

Attachments: [2025 Q4 Budget Summary Report.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 23 [26-0237](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Alberto Saenz vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 25WC027661 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$74,851.50, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 24 [26-0211](#) Authority to issue a five-year permit to the City of Chicago Department of Public Health to continue to access the District's Intercepting Sewer Systems in Chicago, Illinois to install, maintain, monitor and remove sampling devices to collect wastewater samples as part of its wastewater surveillance project for pathogens of public health concern. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Chicago Department of Public Health Permit Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [26-0233](#) Authorization to declare District real estate as surplus and not required for corporate purposes, and to enter into a 50-year lease with the Village of Lemont for municipal and public recreational use of two parcels owned by the District located at 11 and 13 Stephen Street in Lemont, IL. Consideration shall be a one-time fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - 11 and 13 Stephen Street Lemont Lease Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 26 [26-0234](#) Authorization to declare as surplus and not required for corporate purposes, and to sell to the Village of Lemont, two parcels of District real estate located at 19 Stephen Street and 21 Stephen Street in Lemont, Illinois. Consideration shall be \$165,700.00

Attachments: [RE - 19 and 21 Stephen Street Lemont Sale Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 27 [26-0236](#) Authority to purchase the real estate commonly known as 14259 Linder Avenue in Midlothian, Illinois for the construction of the Flood Control Project on Calumet-Sag Tributary C in Midlothian and Crestwood, Illinois (Contract 21-IGA-18) and authority for payment to the owner, Zachary Hettinger, in an amount of \$101,000.00, plus closing costs. Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - Purchase of 14259 Linder Ave in Midlothian Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 4, 6, and 7

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Cameron Davis

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

Procurement Item #5

- 1. Marcelino Garcia requested the District include, in addition to the City of Chicago, database searches for Cook County and State of Illinois WBE and MBE certified firms*
- 2. Marcelino Garcia requested a report on the number of vendors recruited from outreach events and the technical assist program*
- 3. Kari K. Steele requested Marcelino Garcia email his list of questions to the Executive Director and for the Executive Director to send the response to all Board members*
- 4. Sharon Waller requested the number of minority firms that were added from the Small Business Summit mentoring event*

Procurement Items #6 and #7

Marcelino Garcia requested an analysis regarding one year contracts vs. multi-year contracts

Procurement Item #9

Precious Brady-Davis requested a memo from the Executive Director providing information on how the Environmental Justice Unit is involved in communications with residents

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 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: April 3, 2026

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

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, April 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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - 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 April 2, 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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