

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that the minutes from the last meeting of February 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 regarding executing a master intergovernmental agreement

Ken Kline, Mayor of the Village of Crestwood, addressed the Board regarding agenda item 25 lease agreement

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, 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 with the exception of Items: 11, 21, and 25

Item # 11 was deleted by the Executive Director

Item # 21 was deferred by Cameron Davis

Item # 25 was deferred by 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 Yumeka Brown. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of February 19, 2026 was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:15 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [26-0127](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Engineers Week

Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 2 [26-0128](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of January 2026, in the amount of \$70,883,676.68

Attachments: [January 2026 Cash Disbursement Report.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 3 [26-0116](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of November 20, 2025, regarding Resolution sponsored by the Board of Commissioners congratulating the Leo High School Choir for its performance on the television show America's Got Talent, Agenda Item No. 2, File ID No. 25-0871

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of November 20 2025, Agenda Item No. 2, File No. 25-0871](#)

Approved

Procurement Committee

Report

- 4 [26-0114](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Published and Filed

- 5 [26-0115](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, January 30, 2026

Published and Filed

- 6 [26-0124](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, January 9, 2026
Published and Filed
- 7 [26-0125](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 26-659-11, Agricultural Management, Agricultural Fieldside Mowing, and Fence Installation and Removal at Fulton County, Illinois, estimated cost \$1,260,000.00
Published and Filed
- 8 [26-0130](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Published and Filed
- 9 [26-0135](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 25-654-13 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Parts and Repair Services for Sluice Gate Valve Actuators, estimated cost \$1,077,700.00
Published and Filed

Authority to Advertise

- 10 [26-0119](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-602-21, Underground Storage Tank Improvements at Various Locations, estimated cost between \$1,197,000.00 and \$1,449,000.00, Account 201-50000-645790, Requisition 1653283

Attachments: [Contract 22-602-21 Project View](#)
[Contract 22-602-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 11 [26-0123](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-006-11, Furnish and Deliver Janitorial Supplies to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$181,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623170, 623660

Attachments: [Contract 26-006-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Deleted by the Executive Director

Issue Purchase Order

- 12 [26-0122](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Thermo LabSystems Inc. to conduct a redeployment of SampleManager for the Laboratory Information Management System to the most current version, in an amount not to exceed \$634,628.22, Accounts 101-16000-612430, 612820, and 634820 Requisition 1653824

Approved

Award Contract

- 13 [26-0120](#) Authority to award Contract 24-384-3D, Rehabilitation of Service Tunnel Expansion Joints and Replacement of Road E, Kirie Water Reclamation Plant (KWRP), to John Burns Construction Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$9,549,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$477,450.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,026,450.00, Account 401-50000-645750, Requisition 1642951

Attachments: [Contract 24-384-3D Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - John Burns Co.pdf](#)

Approved

- 14 [26-0121](#) Authority to award Contract 26-674-11, Furnish and Deliver Repair Parts and Services for Trucks and Trailers at Various Locations, to URT E&R Towing, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$482,700.00, Accounts 101-66000/67000/68000/69000-612860/623250, Requisitions 1638648, 1639053, 1639420, and 1639431

Attachments: [Contract 26-674-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report - URT E&R.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 15 [26-0111](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-542-3MR Central Boiler Facility and Electrical Updates, Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, Rebid, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$39,217.43, from an amount of \$14,478,975.88, to an amount not to exceed \$14,518,193.31, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000081

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000081.pdf](#)

Approved

- 16 [26-0112](#) Authority to increase Contract 21-091-3P Phosphorus Removal Modifications to Battery D, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$37,226.47, from an amount of \$15,528,569.30, to an amount not to exceed \$15,565,795.77, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000099

Attachments: [Purchase Order 4000099 Change Order Log.pdf](#)

Approved

- 17 [26-0117](#) Authority to increase Contract 22-614-11, Elevator Maintenance at Various Locations, Group A to Mid-American Elevator Company, Inc., in an amount of \$161,000.00, from an amount of \$540,780.00, to an amount not to exceed \$701,780.00, Accounts 101-69000-612600/612680, Purchase Order 5001898 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5001898.pdf](#)

Approved

- 18 [26-0118](#) Authority to increase Contract 22-614-11, Elevator Maintenance at Various Locations, Groups B and C to Parkway Elevators, Inc., in an amount of \$51,000.00, from an amount of \$1,041,480.32, to an amount not to exceed \$1,092,480.32, Accounts 101-67000/68000-612680, Purchase Order 5001896

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5001896.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Authorization

- 19 [26-0113](#) Authority to enter into an agreement with the City of Evanston to share Geographic Information System data for underground facilities

Approved

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 20 [26-0110](#) Authorization to amend the settlement and add extra expense to the Property Damage Claim of American Family Mutual Insurance Company on behalf of Makayla Boykin, Board Meeting of December 4, 2025, Agenda Item No 29, File No. 25-0918, in an amount of \$624.58 from an amount of \$13,496.42 for a total amount of \$14,121.00, Account 901-30000-667220 (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [Am Fam Legislation Details \(With Text\) \(3\) 12-4-2025](#)

Approved

- 21 [26-0134](#) Authority to settle lawsuit in *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Electronic Plating Co.*, Case No. 2025L006657, seeking an injunction to keep sewer plugged and to impose additional civil penalties for violations of a final Board order entered in prior Show Cause proceedings, and to collect other amounts owed by Electronic Plating pursuant to the District's ordinances

Cameron Davis lifted his earlier deferral

Approved

Public Information & Education

Authorization

- 22 [26-0105](#) Authorization to allow participation in 2026 parades

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 23 [26-0126](#) Authority to grant a 25-year, approximately 63,078 sq. ft. non-exclusive easement to Commonwealth Edison Company to install, construct, operate, maintain, repair, remove, and replace poles, electrical transmission lines, and related facilities over and across District property at the Cal-Sag Channel and Cal-Sag Channel Parcels 13.01, 13.03 and 13.04. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$39,740.00

Attachments: [RE - ComEd 25-year Easement Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [26-0129](#) Authority to issue a 5-year permit to Ford Motor Company for the continued use of District real estate located at 122nd Street and Stony Island Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, known as the Stony Island Drying Beds, for the temporary storage of newly manufactured vehicles and related purposes. Consideration shall be a monthly permit fee of \$111,430.00, subject to upward adjustments in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein

Attachments: [RE - Ford Motor Co. 5-year permit Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [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

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

Deferred by Kari K. Steele

- 26 [26-0133](#) Authority to amend easement agreement dated May 8, 1958, between the District and Enterprise TE Products Pipeline Company, LLC on approximately 3.59± acres of District real estate for a petroleum products pipeline in Forest View, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 37.05

Attachments: [RE - Enterprise TE Easement Amendment Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 27 [26-0136](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr. *(As Revised)*

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 11 and 25

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

Absent: 2 - Marcelino Garcia, Sharon Waller

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 March 5, 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: February 20, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., February 25, 2026

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 5, 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: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Marcelino Garcia, Sharon Waller

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 February 19, 2026, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

February 19, 2026