

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 4, 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; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that the minutes from the last meeting of May 21, 2026, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Tessa Murray, Friends of the Chicago River, addressed the board to give thanks regarding Chicago River Day and asked if green infrastructure is being considered for agenda item 32*

## 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 with the exception of Item: 21

A motion was made by Kari K. Steele, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, authorizing the Executive Director to Delete Agenda Item # 21. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, to defer Agenda Item #11 to the Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to defer Agenda Item #16 to the Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - 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 Beth McElroy Kirkwood. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

A motion was made to correct the items on the Committee of the Whole agenda to bring forth to the Regular Board Meeting, Items 1 - 32 with the exception of Item 21. Moved by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

The Committee of the Whole meeting of June 4, 2026 was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:40 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

**Motion**

- 1 [26-0404](#) MOTION to extend the term of Patrick Blanchard as Interim Inspector General of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Cameron Davis, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

**Resolution**

- 2 [26-0394](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing June as Pride Month and honoring Mary DeBacker

**Adopted**

- 3 [26-0395](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing June as a month of celebration of Puerto Rican pride

**Adopted**

- 4 [26-0396](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing June as Caribbean American Heritage Month

**Adopted**

**Finance Committee****Report**

- 5 [26-0388](#) Report on the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Trust

**Published and Filed**

- 6 [26-0391](#) Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds due on June 1, 2026

**Attachments:** [DS 2026-06 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

**Procurement Committee****Report**

- 7 [26-0379](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
**Published and Filed**
- 8 [26-0402](#) Final Report for the declaration of an emergency affecting public health and safety at Main Office Building Annex, 111 E. Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611  
**Published and Filed**

#### Authorization

- 9 [26-0372](#) Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 26-361-11 Proposal to Lease approximately 860 sq. ft. of District real estate located at 100 E. Erie Street in Chicago, Illinois, for a 10-year term from Credit Union 1 in the amount of \$8,600.00

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-361-11 Aerial View - 860 sq. ft. of District real estate, Chicago, IL](#)

**Approved**

- 10 [26-0373](#) Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 26-362-11 Proposal to Lease approximately 525 sq. ft. of District real estate located at 6001 W. Pershing Road in Cicero, Illinois, for a 10-year term from Credit Union 1 in the amount of \$5,000.00

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-362-11 Aerial View - 525 sq. ft. of District real estate - SWRP](#)

**Approved**

- 11 [26-0389](#) Authorization to enter into agreements for Contract 25-RFP-19, Legal Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program, with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP for Bond and Tax Counsel Services, and with Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd., for Issuer's Counsel Services, for a five-year period, in connection with the sales of General Obligation Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Accounts 401-50000-767300 and 401-50000-767400

**Attachments:** [ATTACHMENT A 25-RFP-19 Counsel Eligible Firms 2026](#)  
[Contract 25-RFP-19 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

*A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to lift her earlier deferral of this Agenda Item. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:*

*Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele*

*Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia*

**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 12 [26-0337](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-10 Family Medical Leave Act and Americans with Disabilities Act Administrative Services, for a four-year period, effective on or about February 1, 2027, estimated cost \$365,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1657013 (*Deferred from the May 21, 2026 Board Meeting*)

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-RFP-10 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 13 [26-0375](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-624-11, Main Street Bridge Expansion Joint Replacement, estimated cost \$220,000.00, Account 101-66000-612620, Requisition 1653931

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-624-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 14 [26-0381](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-08 Pre-employment Physical Examinations, Post-offer Physical Assessments and Related Services, for a three-year period, effective January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029, estimated cost \$150,000.00, Account 101-25000-612260, Requisition 1658974

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-RFP-08 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 15 [26-0369](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 25-RFP-11 Custom Application Development Consulting & Database Support Consulting with V3iT Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, Account 101-27000-612340, Requisition 1635926

**Approved**

- 16 [26-0390](#) Issue purchase orders and enter into agreements for Contract 25-RFP-19 Legal Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP for General Legal Advisory Consulting Services, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, and with Chapman and Cutler LLP for SRF/WIFIA Loan Program Legal Advisory Services, in an amounts not to exceed \$205,650.00, Accounts 101-11000-612430, and 401-50000-612430, 767300, Requisitions 1645302 and 1645792

**Attachments:** [ATTACHMENT A 25-RFP-19 Counsel Eligible Firms 2026](#)  
[Contract 25-RFP-19 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

*A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to lift her earlier deferral of this Agenda Item. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:*

*Aye: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele*

*Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia*

**Approved**

- 17 [26-0397](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 26-103-11, Laboratory Analysis of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, to Pace Analytical Services, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$58,555.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1654793

**Approved**

- 18 [26-0399](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 26-633-11, Furnishing and Delivering Polymer, to Polydyne, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$21,227,180.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623560, Requisitions 1655694, 1655290, and 1655789

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-633-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised 03-20-2026.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 19 [26-0400](#) Issue purchase order and enter into a co-funding agreement with the Water Research Foundation for the Research Priority Program Project #5362 “Quantifying Point Source Mitigation-Ready Methane Emissions at Water Resource Recovery Facilities” in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1658600

**Approved**

- 20 [26-0401](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Interior Alterations Inc., for HVAC work, in an amount not to exceed \$523,598.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Requisition 1658409

**Approved**

**Award Contract**

- 21 [26-0365](#) Authority to award Contract 21-092-3P, Battery E Activated Sludge Facility, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant (OWRP), to Michels Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$389,933,408.76, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$19,496,670.44, for a total amount not to exceed \$409,430,079.20, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1639807 (*Deferred from the May 21, 2026 Board Meeting*)

**Attachments:** [Contract 21-092-3P - Affirmative Action Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - Michels Const., Inc..pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Kari K. Steele, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, Authorizing the Executive Director to Delete this Agenda Item. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

- 22 [26-0383](#) Authority to award Contract 26-847-11, Truck Hauling of Liquid Sludge from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, to Anthem Excavating & Demolition, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$611,940.00, Account 101-68000-612520, Requisition 1650511

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-847-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report](#)

**Approved**

#### **Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 23 [26-0370](#) Authority to decrease Contract 25-699-11, Services of Heavy Equipment with Operators, Groups A and B, to McGill Construction, LLC, in an amount of \$261,344.50, from an amount of \$3,637,006.00, to an amount not to exceed \$3,375,661.50, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Purchase Orders 5002017 and 5002018

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Orders 5002017 and 5002018](#)

**Approved**

- 24 [26-0374](#) Authority to increase Contract 17-135-3V Roof Replacement of the Lue-Hing M&R Complex, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C. in an amount of \$2,734.69, from an amount of \$11,901,090.72, to an amount not to exceed \$11,903,825.41, Account 401-50000-645780, Purchase Order 4000094

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000094](#)

**Approved**

- 25 [26-0377](#) Authority to Increase Contract 26-021-11, Furnish and Deliver Unleaded Gasoline to Various Locations, Group A to Petroleum Traders Corporation, in a total amount not to exceed \$110,000.00, from a total amount of \$267,858.24, to a total amount not to exceed \$377,858.24, Account 101-20000-623820, Outline Agreement 7002314

**Approved**

- 26 [26-0378](#) Authority to Increase Contract 26-021-11, Furnish and Deliver Unleaded Gasoline to Various Locations, Group B to Avalon Petroleum Company, in a total amount not to exceed \$46,000.00, from a total amount of \$68,530.46, to a total amount not to exceed \$114,530.46, Accounts 101-16000, 20000, 69000-623820, Purchase Orders 3138132 and 3138133, and Outline Agreement 7002315

**Approved**

- 27 [26-0380](#) Authority to decrease Contract 24-670-11, Inspection and Repair of Cranes and Hoists at Various Locations, to Sievert Electric Service & Sales Co., in an amount of \$67,250.92, from an amount of \$953,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$886,649.08, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612240/612680, Purchase Orders 5001945, 5001946, 5001947

**Approved**

- 28 [26-0384](#) Authority to increase purchase order with WM Reply, Inc., for Contract 22-RFP-13, Intranet Development and Platform Support, in an amount of \$65,000.00, from an amount of \$645,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$710,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Purchase Order 3125792

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3125792](#)

**Approved**

- 29 [26-0405](#) Authority to Increase purchase order and amend agreement with attorney Patrick Blanchard to continue his service as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Interim Inspector General, in an amount of \$150,000.00 from an amount of \$279,137.50, to an amount not to exceed \$429,137.50. Account 101-11000-612430, Purchase Order 3135089

**Attachments:** [PMM - Increase PO and amend Agreement with interim IG - Change Order Log - 3135089.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 30 [26-0371](#) Authority to enter into a settlement agreement resolving a dispute with AGC Liquidation Corporation f/k/a American Gases Corporation arising from Contract 22-641-11 in the amount of \$301,316.58

**Approved**

- 31 [26-0408](#) Authorization to amend the Resolution (R98-017), authorizing the Director of Engineering (formerly Chief Engineer) and the Director of Maintenance and Operations (formerly Chief of Maintenance and Operations) to approve change orders which cumulatively, but not Individually, increase or decrease the cost of contracts by \$25,000.00 or more

**Attachments:** [Authorization to Amend Resolution R98-017 - 11.02.2006 Report.pdf](#)

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

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 32 [26-0393](#) Authority to purchase the real estate commonly known as 14279 Linder Avenue, 14250 Long Avenue, and 14256 Long 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, Marquette Bank f/k/a Marquette National Bank, as trustee under Trust Agreement dated October 3, 1985 and known as Trust No. 11176, in an amount of \$339,000.00, plus closing costs, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

**Attachments:** [RE - Purchase Parcels 3, 4 and 5 Marquette Bank Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 21, and 32

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

## Executive Session

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 2.06(D) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:05 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Meeting Summary

#### Speakers

*Adam Pulley, Principal, and Ben Packett, Manager, from CliftonLarsonAllen gave a presentation to the Board on the 2025 Audit Results of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Trust Fund (Re: Finance Item #5)*

#### Summary of Requests

##### *Procurement Item 20*

*1. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested a report on the minority, women, and veteran owned businesses that have been hired to do the work on the annex*

##### *Procurement Item 25*

*1. Kari K. Steele requested the past research comparing electric versus gas vehicles to be shared with the board*

*2. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested a report on the recent activity the Task Force has conducted*

*3. Kari K. Steele requested Sharon Waller send an email with her suggestions*

#### Study Session

*None*

#### Announcements

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 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: June 5, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., June 10, 2026

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, June 18, 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, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - 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 June 4, 2026, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

June 4, 2026