

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 7, 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: 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 Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last meeting of April 16, 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 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: 15

Item #15 was deleted by the Executive Director

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 May 7, 2026 was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss one matter of pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(C)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. 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

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 [26-0315](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and honoring Don V. Villar
Adopted

- 2 [26-0316](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month
Adopted

- 3 [26-0317](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Chicago Water Week *(As Revised)*
Adopted

Finance Committee

Authorization

- 4 [26-0321](#) Authority to Transfer \$5,000,000.00 from the Capital Improvements Bond Fund to the Stormwater Management Fund
Approved

Procurement Committee

Report

- 5 [26-0274](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, April 10, 2026
Published and Filed

- 6 [26-0302](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Published and Filed

- 7 [26-0303](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, April 24, 2026
Published and Filed

- 8 [26-0319](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 9 [26-0301](#) Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 26-360-11 Proposal to Lease approximately 2.5 acres of District real estate located at 15680 Canal Bank Road in Lemont, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 23.10, for a 14-year term from DCC Propane, LLC in the amount of \$152,003.00

Attachments: [Contract 26-360-11 Aerial View - Main Channel Parcel 23.10, Lemont, IL.](#)

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 10 [26-0284](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-RFP-09 Claims Management Services for a three-year period, estimated cost \$150,000.00, Account 901-30000-667220, Requisition 1656081

Attachments: [Contract 26-RFP-09 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 11 [26-0289](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-936-11, Furnishing and Delivering Citric Acid, estimated cost \$345,000.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1656819

Attachments: [Contract 26-936-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 12 [26-0295](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-673-11, Heavy Equipment Maintenance at Various Locations, estimated cost \$802,200.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612760, Requisitions 1655274, 1655803, and 1655281

Attachments: [Contract 26-673-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 13 [26-0299](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-641-11, Furnishing and Delivering Liquid Carbon Dioxide to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$1,975,200.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1656820

Attachments: [Contract 26-641-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 14 [26-0300](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-614-11, Elevator Maintenance at Various Locations, estimated cost \$4,736,320.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600/612680 and 201-50000-645780, Requisitions 1653682, 1653693 and 1655519

Attachments: [Contract 26-614-11 Groups A, B, C, D, and E Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)
[Contract 26-214-11 Project Views](#)
[Contract 26-614-11 201 Project Fact Sheet](#)

Approved

- 15 [26-0324](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-006-11, Furnish and Deliver Janitorial Supplies to Various Locations, 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

- 16 [26-0275](#) Issue purchase order to Schneider Electric USA, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver One (1) Distributed Control System (DCS) Test Cabinet to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (CWRP), in an amount not to exceed \$221,817.45, Account 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1654520

Approved

- 17 [26-0276](#) Issue purchase order to Stevenson Crane Service, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver One (1) New 2026 Genie GS-3232 Electric Slab Scissor Lift and Two (2) New 2026 Genie GS-1932 Electric Slab Scissor Lifts, to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (CWRP), under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 020923-TER, in an amount not to exceed \$79,180.00, Account 101-68000-634990, Requisition 1656715

Approved

- 18 [26-0282](#) Issue purchase order for Contract, 26-709-11, Furnishing and Delivering Calcium Nitrate to the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant to Alexander Chemical Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, Account 101-66000-623560, Requisition 1648693

Attachments: [Contract 26-709-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 19 [26-0283](#) Issue purchase orders to Deere & Company, to furnish and deliver nine (9) 2026 John Deere Gator all-terrain utility vehicles to the North, Calumet and Stickney Service Areas, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 112624-DAC, in an amount not to exceed \$178,443.70, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-634860, Requisitions 1656191, 1657016, and 1657141

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 20 [26-0273](#) Authority to increase purchase orders and amend agreement with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, to Provide a Maintenance and Repair Services Agreement for Fire Detection Systems at the Stickney, Hanover Park, Kirie, Egan and O'Brien Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount of \$88,590.54, from an amount of \$1,057,507.98, to an amount not to exceed \$1,146,098.52, Accounts 101-67000/69000-612780, Purchase Orders 3118316 and 3118317

Attachments: [Change Order Log - POs 3118316 and 3118317.pdf](#)

Approved

- 21 [26-0296](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-159-3P Chemical Addition Backup System, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C., in an amount of \$10,376.96, from an amount of \$8,938,574.56, to an amount not to exceed \$8,948,951.52, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000085

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000085](#)

Approved

- 22 [26-0297](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-542-3MR Central Boiler Facility and Electrical Updates, Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, Rebid, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C., in an amount of \$9,436.76, from an amount of \$14,518,193.31, to an amount not to exceed \$14,527,630.07, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000081

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

Approved

- 23 [26-0298](#) Authority to decrease Contract 20-161-3S Salt Creek Intercepting Sewer No. 3 Rehabilitation, SSA, to Inliner Solutions, LLC in an amount of \$1,168,620.56, from an amount of \$20,079,177.33, to an amount not to exceed \$18,910,556.77, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000120

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000120](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Report

- 24 [26-0314](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the first quarter of 2026, ended March 31, 2026

Attachments: [2026 Q1 Budget Summary Report.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Engineering Committee

Authorization

- 25 [26-0290](#) Authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise compliance under an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Red Line Extension
- Approved**

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 26 [26-0277](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claims of Chaz Payne vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 24WC17726 and 24WC17729, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$400,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090
- Approved**
- 27 [26-0293](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Jose Escobedo vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number 24WC026579, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$20,918.40, Account 901-30000-601090
- Approved**
- 28 [26-0294](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Donald Schufman vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 23WC26480, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$76,865.25, Account 901-30000-601090
- Approved**

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Authorization

- 29 [26-0278](#) Request for advice and consent to the reappointment of Jose A. Lopez as Commissioner on MWRD's Ethics Commission for a two-year term pursuant to the Ethics Ordinance
- Approved**

Public Information & Education

Authorization

- 31 [26-0291](#) Authority to participate in 2026 WEFTEC Operations Challenge
- Approved**

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 32 [26-0313](#) Authority to approve, execute, and make payment to four property owners for temporary easement extensions in connection with the Addison Creek Channel Improvements Project (Contract 11-187-3F). Consideration shall be a combined total amount of \$23,889.89, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Approved

- 33 [26-0318](#) Authorization to: (1) declare as surplus and not required for corporate purposes, and to sell to the Chicago Transit Authority, 14.29± acres of District real estate located at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant in Chicago, Illinois; and (2) enter into permanent and temporary easement agreements with the Chicago Transit Authority in connection with Red Line Extension Project. Consideration shall be \$4,490,000.00

Attachments: [RE - CTA RLE Project Sale of Real Estate Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

- 34 [26-0304](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Dolton for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Green Alley Project in Dolton (26-IGA-01), in an amount not to exceed \$556,100.00

Attachments: [26-IGA-01 Dolton IGA Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 35 [26-0305](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Forest Park for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Green Alley Project 4 in Forest Park (26-IGA-02), in an amount not to exceed \$224,300.00

Attachments: [26-IGA-02 Forest Park IGA Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 36 [26-0306](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Maywood for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Green Alley Project in Maywood (26-IGA-03), in an amount not to exceed \$1,005,400.00

Attachments: [26-IGA-03 Maywood IGA Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 37 [26-0307](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Norridge for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Green Alley Project in Norridge (26-IGA-04), in an amount not to exceed \$410,000.00

Attachments: [26-IGA-04 Norridge IGA Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 38 [26-0308](#) 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 the Grant Park Recreation Center Permeable Parking Lots in Northlake (26-IGA-05), in an amount not to exceed \$263,600.00

Attachments: [26-IGA-05 Northlake IGA Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 39 [26-0309](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of River Forest for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Village Hall Permeable Parking Lot 2 in River Forest (26-IGA-06), in an amount not to exceed \$195,600.00

Attachments: [26-IGA-06 River Forest IGA Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 40 [26-0310](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Riverdale for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Green Alley Project in Riverdale (26-IGA-07), in an amount not to exceed \$449,900.00

Attachments: [26-IGA-07 Riverdale IGA Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 41 [26-0311](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Skokie for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Green Alley Project 3 in Skokie (26-IGA-08), in an amount not to exceed \$464,500.00

Attachments: [26-IGA-08 Skokie IGA Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 15

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

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 May 21, 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: May 8, 2026

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., May 13, 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, May 21, 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: 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 May 7, 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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