



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Meeting Minutes Special Meeting

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611

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

Thursday, December 11, 2025

10:30 AM

Board Room

TO ADOPT THE 2026 BUDGET

Call Meeting to Order

President Kari K. Steele presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Yumeka Brown provided notice requesting remote attendance. The Board determined that the notice for remote attendance complies with the requirements and allowed Yumeka Brown to attend the meeting remotely.

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

Public Comment

George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the board regarding the 2026 budget

Clerk to Read Call of the Meeting

- 1 [25-0940](#) At the direction of President Kari K. Steele, a Special Meeting will be held Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2026 Budget.

/s/ Jacqueline Torres
Clerk

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation.
Chorus of ayes - No nays

- 2 [25-0934](#) Authority to Amend the Tentative 2026 Budget

Attachments: [2026 Consolidated BF-20 Packet.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that this Agenda Item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Yumeka Brown

- 3 [25-0935](#) MOTION to consider the report of the Committee on Budget and Employment regarding the budget of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the fiscal year 2026

Attachments: [Motion A Attachment.pdf](#)

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

- 4 [25-0936](#) MOTION to move that the budget be further revised to grant a general salary increase to all TAM, HP, GS, PM, and EX employees

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, 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

- 5 [25-0937](#) MOTION to consider the report of the Committee on Budget and Employment regarding the budget for the fiscal year 2026 and the adoption of budget items

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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

- 6 [25-0938](#) MOTION to increase the Reserve Claim Fund

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, 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

- 7 [O25-004](#) Adopt Ordinance O25-004, the Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, effective for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026

Attachments: [Ordinance O25-004 BTL.pdf](#)
[Ordinance O25-004 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.pdf](#)
[O25-004 Approp Ord Attachment Part 1](#)
[O25-004 Approp Ord Attachment Part 2](#)
[O25-004 Approp Ord Attachment Part 3](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Ordinance 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

- 8 [O25-005](#) Adopt Ordinance O25-005, of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the levy of taxes for 2026 to provide revenues for the Retirement Fund and Corporate Fund, effective for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026

Attachments: [Ordinance O25-005 BTL.pdf](#)
[Ordinance O25-005 Retirement and Corporate Tax Levy Ordinance.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Ordinance 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

- 9 [O25-006](#) Adopt Ordinance O25-006, of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the levy of taxes for 2026 to provide revenues for the Construction Fund, effective for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026

Attachments: [Ordinance O25-006 BTL.pdf](#)
[Ordinance O25-006 Construction Fund Tax Levy Ordinance.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Ordinance 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

- 10 [O25-007](#) Adopt Ordinance O25-007, of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the levy of taxes for 2026 to pay the interest on outstanding bonds and to discharge the principal thereof, effective for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026

Attachments: [Ordinance O25-007 BTL.pdf](#)

[Ordinance O25-007 Bond Interest and Principal Tax Levy Ordinance.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Ordinance 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

- 11 [O25-008](#) Adopt Ordinance O25-008, of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the levy of taxes for 2026 to provide revenues for the Reserve Claim Fund, effective for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026

Attachments: [Ordinance O25-008 BTL.pdf](#)

[Ordinance O25-008 Reserve Claim Fund Tax Levy Ordinance.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that this Ordinance 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

- 12 [O25-009](#) Adopt Ordinance O25-009, of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the levy of taxes for 2026 to provide revenues for the Stormwater Management Fund, effective for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026

Attachments: [Ordinance O25-009 BTL.pdf](#)

[Ordinance O25-009 Stormwater Management Fund Tax Levy Ordinance.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Ordinance 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

Open Discussion

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, that this Special 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 December 11, 2025, 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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